

# SAADIA SAJID

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## EDUCATION

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### London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)

LLB Law | Predicted grade: 1<sup>st</sup>

Awarded the Making Links Scholarship

Sep 2018 – Present

### Newham Collegiate Sixth Form Centre (NCS)

A-Levels: Economics (A\*), History (A), Government and Politics (A)

Sep 2015 – Jun 2017

### Plashet Secondary School

GCSE's: 8A\*-As including English Language (A) and Mathematics (A)

Sep 2010 – Jun 2015

## LEGAL WORK EXPERIENCE

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### Linklaters, Summer Intern, Summer Intern: September 2019

- Shadowed the tax department and corporate department as a result of being awarded the Making Links Scholarship
- Tax research task to identify the factors that determine central management control, using primarily case law
- Restructuring and insolvency research task, using a combination of the Insolvency Act and case law to answer the questions to decide whether a liquidator could pursue claims identified during an investigation
- Studied a possible DLC Demerger Structure for Project Bethany II

### Herbert Smith Freehills, Summer Intern: September 2019

- Obtained as part of the Roger Leyland Memorial Excel Scholarship application process, sat in the Banking Litigation team and the Public Law team.
- Worked closely with Anisa Kassamali on the prorogation of Parliament case, acting on behalf of John Major.
- Wrote a legal memo for Nic Patmore on the origins, development and exceptions to the rule on reflective loss
- Conducted an investigation into a potential class action regarding TLB loans, against Clydesdale Bank and the National Australian Bank to send to the client
- Conducted an investigation into the Dubai Trading Agency

### Herbert Smith Freehills, Campus Ambassador: September 2019 – July 2020

- In charge of generating attendance to firm events throughout the year, in the firm offices and on campus
- First point of contact for students to ask questions about the application process

### Clifford Chance, Summer Intern (PRIME): August 2017 (1 of 12 students to be selected out of an initial pool of 140)

- Talks by ITV Director of legal affairs, Tanfield Chambers by James Fieldsend, introduction to Finance and capital markets by David Adams, pro-bono introduction by Cathy Jones, and JP Morgan in house lawyers.
- Presented a business challenge to partners, took part in a mock interview and litigation case study with Susan Poffley.

### White & Case Abu Dhabi, Summer Intern: June – July 2016

- Shadowed trainees on a high profile project finance cases such as the FRV solar plant in Jordan.
- Assisted the research on the report for the ABID dispute with BIC Contracting LLC as part of commercial litigation.
- Assisted on proofreading and annotating Facilities and Participation agreements

## NON-LEGAL WORK EXPERIENCE

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### Sutton Trust, Pathways to Law Mentor: September 2018 – July 2020

- Lead regular sessions for sixth form students from disadvantaged backgrounds, in order to increase accessibility to renowned academic institutions
- Run personal statement workshops every week in the lead up to the UCAS deadline

### London Academy of Excellence, Debate coach: November 2018 - Present

- Coach 30 sixth form students as a result of my expertise as a professional debater.
- Independently created sessions to include: 10 minute on current affairs, 40 minute debate and personalised feedback.

### Journalist for Backbench: September 2016 - Present

- I write articles on topics ranging from globalisation, the future of automation and sustainable development.

- Currently writing an article discussing whether or not green bonds are an effective long-term solution.

#### **Bright Network International Women's Day Student Leadership Board: September 2018 – March 2019**

- Out of 86 applicants, I was one of 10 chosen. We organised an event for 100 students consisting of soft skill workshops, keynote female speakers who hold senior roles in their organisations.
- Individual role: liaising with law firms to deliver workshops and leading the Q&A session on the day.

#### **Personal and Business banker at Metro Bank: March 2018 - September 2018**

- Responsibilities: opening personal and business accounts (latter involving due diligence on companies)
- The bank operates on customer service surveys, not targets: awarded employee of the month 3 times.
- I suggested that the mobile app includes consumer spending insights and took part in further consultation sessions to advance ideas which were developed by IT specialists. The bank now uses artificial intelligence to generate spending patterns and financial tips tailored to the customer.

#### **Economics tutor: August 2017 - September 2018**

- Took on 4 C grade A-Level Economics students who went on to achieve 1 A\* and 3 A's between them.
- Created presentations and individualised exam papers, and gave personalised feedback on improvement areas.

#### **Sales Assistant at Topshop: September 2017 - March 2018**

- Dealt with customer complaints and processed sales, exchanges and refunds. I was promoted to 'Denim specialist'.
- On boxing day, I suggested employees have Topshop iPads on the shop floor to check stock and order items, instead of only at the counter. This reduced queues and the number of online sales went up by 22% compared to December 2017.

### **ROLES OF RESPONSIBILITY**

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#### **Careers Officer at LSE SU Law Society: March 2019 – March 2020**

- Liaise with graduate recruitment at law firms, barrister chambers and NGOs to deliver workshops at LSE
- Organised the society's first ever UN Internship Panel, with interns from 5 different departments
- Organised the society's first ever 'BME In the City and Beyond' event, with 450 sign ups
- Contact potential sponsors for the society and arrange sponsorship deals with them
- Manage the Law Society calendar to ensure all members of committee are kept up to date with events
- Organise the 'Law for All' Conference in Lent term by contacting external speakers to attend

#### **Treasurer of the LSE SU Pakistan Society: March 2019 – March 2020**

- Obtained sponsorships for the society worth £4000, compared to £2000 last year
- Issue reimbursements for society expenditure
- Manage the society's £6000 budget

#### **Netball Captain of one of the LSE Netball teams: February 2019 – February 2020**

- Arrange external matches against other Netball teams from other universities
- Organise training sessions with external coaches
- Liaise with sporting grounds to book pitches for the team to train and play matches on

#### **Co-President of the Law Society: September 2016 – June 17**

- Secured a £6000 sponsorship from White & Case
- Organised a careers conference for 3000 students with 3 other sixth forms
- Held drop in CV sessions and interview workshops
- Organised for an external speaker, Shami Chakrabarti to deliver a talk on the changing legal system to students

### **AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS**

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**July 2019:** Awarded the Making Links Scholarship at Linklaters

**December 2018:** Winner of the Commercial Contracts Mooting Competition

**November 2018:** Ranked in top 5 speakers in 3 debate competitions: LSE Women's Open, Cambridge IV and Oxford IV.

**Nov 2017:** Speaker at the HR in Law Conference, 2017, delivered a talk on 'inspiring change' in the legal industry.

**Mar 2017:** 'Point of Light' award by David Cameron and Embassy Coin by Matthew Barzun for political engagement

**Nov 2016:** Delivered a speech from the Despatch box in the House of Commons, live on BBC Parliament.

**June 2016:** Elected as Member of Youth Parliament for Newham: organised a careers conference for 1250 students.