

Intern Article

My internship at the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (**ODPP**) lasted 4 days, on my request, but was the most beneficial experience in all my years of legal work experience. My name is Sasha Arthur, and I am currently a Bar Training Course Student at the Manchester Metropolitan University. I aspire to be a fully qualified barrister, both in the United Kingdom and the Turks and Caicos Islands, with my main area of practice being criminal Law.

My internship was filled with useful experience, advice and talks from fellow prosecutors and employees of the ODPP. I felt welcomed and assisted at every stage of the time I was there. I was involved in shadowing on a multitude of matters and in turn completing legal research, where needed. It was a very hands-on experience where I had the opportunity to sit alongside counsel in court matters.

As a BTC student, I often struggled to choose my area of practice. It would alternate weekly even. However, criminal law has been an interest of mine and a practice area at the top of my list. This was only solidified by the great opportunity to work with the ODPP. I saw everything that I am currently doing on my vocational course playing out on a day-to-day basis. It was rewarding and helpful to be able to relate to the part of the life of a prosecutor that I did get to witness.

In conclusion, I am honoured to have been given the opportunity. My time in the ODPP has even given me clarity on what I would like to pursue in the near future. I will always remember this work experience because of the knowledge I have obtained in such a short time.

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