

# Solicitor

Ciara describes three skills/qualities needed to be a good solicitor. She discusses Communication, Analytical Skills and Resilience.

Research the following terms and explain what they mean:

Communication:



Analytical Skills:



Resilience:



Skill/Quality	What subject/s at KS3 do you think helped you to develop each of these skills?
Communication	
Analytical Skills	
Resilience	

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Ciara explains that she specialised in Family Law in her first job. She goes on to explain that she now specialises in **Defence Litigation**. There are many different areas within law. They are displayed below:

<b>WHAT AREAS OF LAW ARE THERE?</b>  <b>LAWYERS INCREASINGLY SPECIALISE IN SPECIFIC AREAS OF LAW. HERE ARE A FEW EXAMPLES, ALONG WITH SOME IDEAS OF WHAT YOU COULD BE WORKING ON.</b>	 <b>ENVIRONMENT</b> Ensuring businesses understand green laws.	 <b>CONSTRUCTION</b> Doing deals on skyscrapers and other buildings from Manhattan to Dubai.	 <b>COMPETITION &amp; EU LAW</b> Keeping companies on the right side of regulators.		
	 <b>IMMIGRATION &amp; ASYLUM</b> Assisting international business people and upholding rights.	 <b>TAX</b> Making sure the taxman gets his fair share and no more.	 <b>FAMILY</b> Dealing with the trauma of break-up and protecting children.		
 <b>BANKING &amp; FINANCE</b> Arranging multi-million pound deals.	 <b>CONSUMER</b> Making sure that 'buyer beware' is not unfair.	 <b>CIVIL LITIGATION</b> Suing when business deals go wrong.	 <b>HUMAN RIGHTS</b> Fighting the powerful state on behalf of individuals.	 <b>PERSONAL INJURY &amp; CLINICAL NEGLIGENCE</b> Fighting for victims of catastrophic accidents.	
 <b>PROPERTY</b> Helping people buy their dream home or office.	 <b>EMPLOYMENT</b> Drafting contracts that are fair to workers and staff alike.	 <b>SHIPPING &amp; AVIATION</b> Acting for clients on the high seas and at 39,000 feet.	 <b>DATA PROTECTION</b> Protecting the data of individuals and businesses	 <b>CHARITY</b> Advising a whole range of charitable organisations.	 <b>HOUSING</b> Looking after landlords and tenants.

Choose **two areas of law** that you think would interest you the most and explain why.

Area of Law: \_\_\_\_\_

Why:

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Why:

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Ciara explains that she specialises in Defence Litigation. Research the type of work Ciara would be completing as a solicitor working in this area.

Two local universities, Queen’s University Belfast and Ulster University offer undergraduate degrees in Law. Research the entry requirements needed to study Law at university in Northern Ireland.

University	Entry Requirements
University of Ulster	
Queen’s University	

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Can you think of any questions that you would like to ask Ciara?



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