



The City of London Law Society

Taylor Wessing trainee wins 2023 City of London Solicitors' Company Prize

Amie-Louise Corry, a trainee solicitor at Taylor Wessing, has been selected as the winner of the 2023 City of London Solicitors' Company Prize, awarded every year to an up-and-coming City law firm trainee.

This year's prize saw dozens of strong applications judged on the basis of a 500-word essay titled 'What should diversity in law firms look like by 2040'. A shortlist of finalists was then invited to attend an interview with the Master of the City of London Solicitors' Company (CLSC), Tony King, and the Vice-Chair of the City of London Law Society Training Committee, Julia Robinson of Ropes & Gray LLP.

Amie's winning essay argued that we must fundamentally change the way we look at diversity from simply an initiative to something that is 'ingrained in the DNA of all City law firms'. It is only at this point, she argues, when diversity becomes part of a firm's culture that they are on the way to long-term permanent change.

A first generation, state-school educated law student, Amie is now a second year trainee at Taylor Wessing with ambitions of qualifying into Private Equity. She has also dedicated herself to providing mentoring to aspiring solicitors via her online platform, The Legal Path, which offers free guidance to those seeking to break into the profession.

"As a working class woman and the first generation of my family to attend university, diversity and inclusivity across City law firms is of particular significance to me and it took little persuasion to enter CLSC's competition as an opportunity to explore a topic extremely close to my heart.

It is a privilege to have received this year's award and I am extremely grateful for the support I have received throughout the process. I would like to thank Tony King and Julia Robinson for the opportunity to explore this topic during our insightful conversation and partner Matthew Jones at Taylor Wessing for his encouragement and supervision throughout." – **Amie-Louise Corry**

Look out for Amie's full essay in the upcoming edition of *CitySolicitor* magazine.