

ALEXANDRA WILSON

It's not just Black & White

Alexandra is a junior barrister. She is the eldest of four children. Her paternal grandparents were born in Jamaica and came to England as part of the Windrush generation.

Alexandra's cousin was stabbed and killed in a case of mistaken identity by London gang members. This spurred Alexandra to study at the University of Oxford; even though her teachers told her to apply to more 'suitable' universities.

She passed her undergraduate exams and then went on to study a Master of Laws at BPP University in London.

She has now been a junior barrister for two years, and in 2020 Alexandra published her first book 'In Black and White'.

The book is an inspirational and honest account of her life as a black female junior barrister. It explores the multiple hurdles that a very old fashion elitist profession placed in her way.



WHY ARE THEY IMPORTANT?

Fighting the good fight, every day.

Alexandra is the founder of Black Women In Law. BWIL aims to unite women of colour across the world in the legal profession.

Alexandra is the co-founder of One Case At A Time. OCAAT is an independent, apolitical, non-profit organisation based in the UK. Its mission is to facilitate access to justice. It provides funding and legal representation for disenfranchised minorities with a specific focus on providing help for Black people who may have been victims of racialised injustice in the courts.

Alongside her paid family and criminal law work, Alexandra helps to facilitate access to justice by providing legal representation for disenfranchised minorities and others on a pro-bono basis.

In August of this year, Alexandra was mistaken for a defendant three times in one day while working at a Magistrate's Court. She has now lodged a formal complaint after being challenged by the security officer, a solicitor and a clerk.

It is because of Alexandra's bravery in speaking out against a broken system and championing change in an elitist field that I wanted to showcase Alexandra. Oh, and did I mention - she's only 25!

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FURTHER READING

- In Black and White: A Young Barrister's Story of Race and Class in a Broken Justice System. by Alexandra Wilson
- [iTV interview: Barrister mistaken for defendant reveals prejudice in British legal system](#)