Shiv Gupta

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**Education:**

**2021-present: Columbia University, New York City, USA – MA Political Science**

**2018-2021: University of Warwick, Coventry, UK – BA Politics, Philosophy and Law (PPL)**

* First-Class degree classification.
  + Developed ability to evaluate regulations and policy by achieving first-class grade in interdisciplinary PPL Dissertation. This analysed the empirical ineffectiveness of financial regulation in football (soccer) and how they could be better implemented in practice.
  + Demonstrated strong elocution and clear communication skills through mock trials by achieving first-class grade in the module ‘Shakespeare and the Law’.
  + Improved understanding of quantitative methodologies and their applications to political science, through achieving high first-class grade in ‘Experiments in the Social Sciences’.
  + Developed strong interdisciplinary background in international relations by achieving high first-class grades in ‘International Security’ and ‘Philosophy of Terrorism and Counterterrorism’, and a 2:i grade in ‘International Law’.
  + Developed logical reasoning and ability to assess complex arguments across disciplines through studying ‘Political Economy and the Liberal-Democratic State’ and ‘Ethics’, achieved first-class grades in both.

**2011-2018: Reading School, Reading, UK**

* **A-Levels**: 3xA (Economics, English Literature, Biology)
* **GCSEs**: 4xA\*, 7xA (A\*: Maths, English Language (IGCSE), Biology, Chemistry; A: English Literature, Physics, French, Economics, History, Music, Religious Studies)

**Work Experience:**

* **2021: Mini-Pupillage, Two Harcourt Buildings, London, UK**
  + Enhanced effective communication skills by constructing and reviewing complex arguments with a barrister.
  + Efficiently met all deadlines imposed by the chambers, improved time-management skills to meet targets whilst delivering work at a high personal standard.
* **2021: Work Experience, ContentGuru/ Redwood Technologies Group, Bracknell, UK**
  + Improved understanding of intersections between big-tech and government, as well as high-value information security.
  + Reviewed contracts between private and public sector entities in highly regulated markets and areas of critical national infrastructure.
* **2021: Sports Law Academy, Mishcon de Reya, Virtual**
  + Improved ability to apply existing legal knowledge to understand intellectual property and commercial branding in a sports law context.
  + Developed commercial awareness of pandemic-related employment challenges and bubble breaches for commercial and sporting organizations.
* **2019: Work Experience, Yell/Hibu, Reading, UK**
  + Applied existing skills to the specific needs of a specialised industry (digital marketing).
  + Investigated high-value claims and evaluated contracts. Expanded knowledge of data protection law, contract law and civil litigation.
* **2017: Work Experience, Gateley Plc, Reading, UK**
  + Expanded versatile research skills through navigating legal databases.
  + Enhanced self-discipline and attention to detail by proofing long documents in private client law.
* **2017: Work Experience, Hudgell Solicitors, London, UK**
  + Improved quantitative research skills through quantum research into valuations of medical negligence claims.
  + Given responsibility to communicate with barrister chambers on behalf of the firm, demonstrated trustworthiness and ability to forge strong working relationships.
  + Stimulated philosophical interest in ethics, which has proved useful in evaluating policy in subsequent academic and practical legal work.

**Other Relevant Experience:**

* **2019-20: Executive Committee, University of Warwick Men’s Cricket Club (UWMCC), West Midlands, UK**
  + Elected to the executive committee of one of the largest sports cubs at the University of Warwick by over 200 paying clubmen. Responsible for managing all aspects the club’s activity, liaising with the Students Union, University, the media, external sponsors and external coaches.
  + Demonstrated strategic thinking and dependability in personally organising all of the club’s charity work and events, as well as a strong sense of social awareness and commitment to others. Developed robust organisation skills by balancing the high workload with undergraduate degree.
  + Success in this work raised over £7,000 for multiple charities and winning the university’s ‘Charities and Fundraising Award’ as Charities Secretary, for running the most successful charity events and welfare campaigns across university societies and sports clubs.
* **2018-2021: Brand Representative, Hollister Co, Reading, UK**
  + Demonstrated anticipation of managers’ targets by covering for other positions and roles within the business.
  + Enhanced ability to communicated with customers of all ages and social backgrounds, being approachable, outgoing and easy to talk to.
* **2018-2020: Pre-Season Sports Coach and Activities Assistant, Crosfields School, Reading, UK**
  + Trusted with responsibility in crucial and potentially dangerous situations assisting school staff with supervising the swimming of students aged 3-13.
  + Improved identification of problems and solutions, taking initiative to improve the ability of students aged 11-13 during pre-season football training – whilst being both respectful and motivating.
* **2016-2017: Lead Public Speaking Teacher, Oxford Road Primary School, Reading, UK**
  + Managed team of three volunteers to prepare weekly lesson plans and liaising with school senior management. This led to a significant improvement in the students’ speaking and confidence.
  + Adapted elocution and communication skills for work with children, development of these skills have been invaluable in later work experience and academic study.
  + Voluntary nature of the position demonstrates compassion and drive to help others.

**Additional Skills:**

* IT Skills: Experienced with all Microsoft Office packages and quick to learn bespoke databases and software. Competent at dealing with technological challenges since building a computer in 2015.
* Languages: Basic French.

**Interests:**

* Music: Played guitar since age 6, achieving Grade 8 in 2017. Performed in concerts at a high standard. This skill has proven transferable in terms of the self-discipline and perseverance it has instilled within me.
* Sport: Play cricket (including a UWMCC tour to Sri Lanka in 2019, and voluntary coaching at St Paul’s School in Leamington Spa). Competent skier. Fascinated by the business and law of football (wrote dissertation on this).
* Politics: Volunteering with a political party during the 2019 election.
* Charity work: With UWMCC (in Warwickshire and Sri Lanka), in Berkshire, and abroad in Ecuador.

*References are available upon request.*