

# YORKSHIRE CHAMPIONS GROUP



**John Bottomley**

**Solicitor advocate and director at Petherbridge Bassra**

## Background Information:

I'm a criminal defence solicitor who practises mainly in the Crown Court as an advocate. My day-to-day work involved representing people accused of serious crimes and representing them in Court. As a Solicitor, I also represent clients in the Magistrates Court and police station.

I studied at the University of Huddersfield and completed my training contract at a firm in Halifax.

I was the chair of the Halifax and Huddersfield junior lawyer division and assisted in outreach and networking projects.

I sit on the Law Society's Access to Justice Committee as a committee member, the committee helps direct and inform the Law Society and involves policy influence with the Ministry of Justice.

As a director of Petherbridge Bassra I am leading a modernisation programme to make the firm more efficient and effective.

## Sectors worked in and routes taken:

Law – criminal justice	Secondary school - college – university – training contract – qualification

## What I would like to get involved in: (please tick)

Inspirational Talk	Visits to my place of work	Mentoring / Coaching young people	Other (please state)
✓	✓	✓	