

## Silbene Lott



Information is not knowledge, the only source of knowledge is experience. You need experience to gain Wisdom."

### **Albert Einstein**

How can I describe how working with pro bono changed my career path and personal achievement trajectory? Well, it gave me the information, hence the knowledge and the experience necessary to gain wisdom is this field. Wisdom helps me to overlook the differences in colour, religion, nationality and wealth and instead fight for social justice for all people regardless of the demographic identity. What is the purpose of life if not to help others? As a legal practitioner my purpose in life is to strive for the application of rule of law and fairness, especially for the less fortunate. In developing my pro bono work I have come to a realisation that you don't need to belong to a major, big or wealthy company to contribute with pro bono and charity work. We can all make a difference however small we think the gesture is because it will be appreciated by those who receive the pro bono work. The change starts with you!

"An individual has not started living until he can rise above the narrow confines of his individualistic concerns to the broader concerns of all humanity."

Joseph Uzamere

### **Martin Luther King**

Becoming the best is best achieved by taking the best route; that is what probono does. Probono is not only a great marketing tool but equally provides law students with the opportunity to appreciate the needs of access to justice. It exposes them to the juxtaposition of considerable wealth and severe deprivation and between the theoretical and abstract concepts taught in class and how they apply in a real-life situation' to help vulnerable people. However, probono does not only instil a sense of publicspiritedness and compassion among the student community, of the countless benefits I have derived from the Open Justice activity so far, is that it has mostly humanised the law for me.

# Robert Jolly



*"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."* 

### Nelson Mandela

As an account manager working in London city for many years, I always had a very strong will in my heart to help others. I was constantly asking myself 'how can I do more'? 'How can I, doing what I am doing help others? And those thoughts have never left me. Once I started to study with OU, the module 'Justice in Action' seemed to be the right module to choose, and once the module unfolded itself, I had no doubts in my heart that I had made the right decision. Probono shows you, that whatever you do, whoever you are, you can help others, with a little of your time on a daily basis, you can make a difference in someone's life and that is priceless. This module showed me within the context, that education and knowledge are the bridges that can connect us as one. By helping others to achieve a consensus shows that we are in the right direction and contributing to change the world for a better one.