

# U.S. QUALIFICATION DRIVES CAREER FORWARD FOR SOLICITOR ADVOCATE.

Matthew Nash wanted to take his career to the next level and decided to study with BARBRI to pass the California bar exam – on the first try – and is now a successful U.S. qualified attorney.

**MY NAME IS MATTHEW NASH** and there was a point in my career that I knew I needed to push myself. I had qualified as an English solicitor in 2000 and became a solicitor advocate in 2001. For the next 15 years, I did not study intensively apart from continuing professional development courses. I then decided to study for the California bar exam and, with the help of BARBRI, passed it on the first try. Being a U.S. qualified attorney puts an extra “string to my bow” that carries real meaning to people, especially in America.

I had initially considered a Master’s degree to advance my career; however, was worried about the cost and how to do it working full-time. Plus, such a degree would not actually provide me with the ability to do anything more as a solicitor-advocate, pleading cases in front of every court in England and Wales.

With family and friends in the United States, I had always wanted to practice law there in some regard. I decided to study for the California bar exam as I had links to that state. Knowing I had not studied for years and possessed an English – not American – law degree, I would be at a disadvantage compared to U.S. students. If I were to pass a U.S. bar exam, I needed BARBRI. The course was highly recommended and the only one that catered specifically to non-U.S. qualified students.



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Taking the bar is all about passing the bar exam and BARBRI prepares you extremely well. I was most impressed by the BARBRI Personal Study Plan, an online mix of lectures, questions and study aids. Its weekly schedule helped me study as effectively as possible. By the time I took the California bar exam in February 2016, I had taken so many practice tests that the exam itself was completely familiar to me.

In May 2016, I found out that I had passed the bar on my first attempt. I am extremely proud of this achievement as the California bar has the reputation of being the hardest in the United States.

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