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# LAW SOCIETY

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Welcome Booklet



# Welcome to York!

As a society, we blend career opportunities and social events throughout the year, aiming to both support your career ambitions and help you enjoy your time at the University of York. All of our events/opportunities are member exclusive.

# Member's benefits:

- **1. Exclusive access** to all Law Society events and opportunities.
- **2. Law Society membership card.** £3.00 entry and queue jump before 11.15 for Kuda Tuesdays, Fibbers Thursdays, and Revs Sundays. £3 entry and queue jump before 11.30 for Kuda Friday. Deals with Revolution York: 6 shot sticks £6, 2-4-1 red-hearts cocktails, Magners & Amstel £3.25, cocktail sharers £12, Single vodka & mixer £2.95 (double = £4), Crooked & Hooch £3, regular/diet/zero Coke £1.50, 50% off food. 3. 15% of at T.M. Lewin (from all full price products).

# Social events

This year we're bringing you bigger and better events than ever before! We aim to help connect students in the different years and create some lasting memories for everyone through formal events, film nights and bar crawls. We are also connecting with other societies to maximise the social aspect of the society! We're all about that networking! Here are some events you should keep your eyes peeled for:

The Aces and Diamonds Formal (Spring Term - date tbc): After all the stress of applications, come and join us for a 3 course meal and event set in the 1920s prohibition with casino tables, food and drinks.

Cruise on the Ouse (provisionally 31st May): As the year comes to an end, we're hitting up the Ouse for the last time! This will give you a chance to welcome the incoming committee, say goodbye to the outgoing and, most importantly, say goodbye to the stress of the year!

If you have any questions, please get in touch with our Social Secretaries **Chloe Sarson** and **Yasmin Ghadamian**.

# **Career Events**

In the brand new role of **Commercial Careers Secretary**, **Emma Slater** aims to help all of you decide whether you want to pursue a **career in commercial law** and how to achieve that goal. There will be a variety of exciting opportunities to learn about commercial law, including panels and cocktail classes, as well as a chance to meet professionals from the field.

This year **Daniel Moreton**, your **General Careers Secretary**, aims to increase exposure to **legal careers other than commercial law**. He will be organising an array of events for areas of law including family, human rights, criminal and more! In addition to this, together with the Commercial Careers Secretary and Head of Bar, Emma and Phoebe, we will be continuing and improving on the success of 'AAP'. I am really excited for the year ahead, and am looking forward to working with you all.

### York Law Society Mini Law Fair

This is a fantastic opportunity to meet firms that may not be present at the university law fair. A range of family law, criminal law, medical law and commercial law firms will be attending. The date and time for the fair is the **21st November 1 - 4 PM**. Keep your eyes peeled on social media for more details and confirmed firms!

# **Application Acceleration Programme**

Our first aim for this academic year is to continue the societies' mentoring scheme 'Accelerated Application Programme'. 'AAP' will allow students to be mentored by other students, guiding them through various application programmes, whether it be for training contracts, vacation schemes or first year programmes. As part of the programme, your careers secretaries will be running workshops to help improve your chances of succeeding in law firm application processes. We are currently inviting special guest speakers to join us at these workshops- so it will be a great opportunity for some professional insight!

To make information about the society's careers events more available, we now have a dedicated Facebook page. Please go and like the page!

# Mooting and Bar

The Mooting & Bar Society are a **sub-committee of the Law Society** with a focus on **advocacy** and the career path that leads to the Bar. We are a 6-person committee with varied roles including our newly-appointed Non-Law officer. The creation of a new position reflects the overall aim for the society to be as inclusive as possible.

Our main objective for this year is to increase the opportunities for students considering or undecided about a career in legal advocacy. We aim to run events both on and off campus after the huge success of the Lincoln's Inn Dinner and Information Event in 2019.

Here are some events organised for the upcoming months:

- · Bar panel event given by Lincoln Inn (Date TBC)
- Inns of Court College of Advocacy presentation (20th November 2019) on the changes to the Bar Course and tips for pupillage applications.
- · Presentation given by Mr Justice Snowden on campus (26th November 2019)
- Pupillage Interview Panel with BPP Law School (Date TBC)
- Mini-pupillage application workshops (Spring Term)
- · Lincoln's Inn Dinner and Information Event (2020)
- · Solicitor advocacy seminars (Spring Term )
- Non-law introductory sessions (Date TBC)

We also encourage members to sharpen their advocacy skills with our **mooting** workshops. Advocacy is not exclusive to the Bar: higher advocacy rights now being available for solicitors, alongside advocacy not being law-centric, means our society must be more inclusive of alternative careers. Our mooting workshops will be accessible to those who do not study law or do not necessarily want to be barristers.

Keep an eye out on the **Mooting and Bar and Law Society Facebook** pages for information or contact **Joel Reynolds** (Master of the Moots) or **Phoebe Spencer-Hall** (Head of Bar).

# **Careers Dinner**

The York Law Society Careers Dinner is our flagship event. It is the biggest and most anticipated event on the year for both law and non-law students. Twice as many non-law students attended last year's dinner than in any other previous year, with more than **150** students and **49** law firms and chambers representatives attending.

It is an excellent evening of **informal networking**, with a **champagne reception** and a sit-down, **black tie dinner**. We hope to build on an already successful event by further increasing student numbers and providing them with greater diversity of representatives in attendance.

If you're looking to kickstart your career in law, don't miss this exclusive opportunity to meet Associates, Trainees and members of Graduate Recruitment teams from a variety of firms - this dinner is an excellent way to get yourself noticed. Tickets will be on sale during the Autumn Term, so keep your eyes peeled on the York Law Society Facebook page to avoid missing out!

Please feel free to ask questions, suggest ideas, or anything else related to law and the careers dinner by email (lhsr501@york.ac.uk) or Facebook to **LeRon Hunte-St.Rose.** 

# Pro Bono

Pro Bono work is an excellent way to gain valuable practical experience in law. It enables you to apply and develop your legal skills for the benefit of the public good. From panel discussions with Pro Bono coordinators and presentations by charitable organisations addressing justice issues, to court support training programmes. Our Pro Bono officer, **Genevieve Douglas**, is committed to providing you with a range of opportunities to learn about, and take part in, Pro Bono legal services. Some examples of these opportunities are:

**Global Day of Action (November 18th)**: The Climate Justice Pledge encourages Student Law Clinics to promote discussion on climate justice, especially around the issue of air pollution. For information and updates, please visit the Climate Justice Pledge Facebook page.

# **Aspiring Solicitors**

Also known as just AS, Aspiring Solicitors is an employability platform for students from underrepresented backgrounds entering the legal profession. Their aim is to help students through the application process to law firms and other companies. There is a range of assistance offered to members such as workshops, interview advice, researching skills and preparation for assessment centres.

# Aspiring Solicitors also runs mentoring schemes (AS First, AS Aspire and AS Headstart)

which help give applicants the necessary exposure to resources for helping with the application process. Legal Work Experience is also offered to members through affiliate partners of Aspiring Solicitors. The most unique feature of AS is the **Commercial Awareness Competition**. This is a competition described as a 'golden ticket' to securing a lucrative vacation scheme or training contract at a law firm. Here, you will develop your

commercial awareness skills, get the chance to gain legal work experience and get a tailor- made suit if successful. (**Registrations are open!**)

Lastly, Aspiring Solicitors members can make use of the AS Professional Ambassadors on the website. These are individuals who work within AS affiliate partners to give you the best advice on applications. If you have any questions please get in touch with our Aspiring Solicitors Ambassador **Chidozie Kachi-Agwu**.

# **Ebor Lex**

Ebor Lex is the **official law journal of the Law Society**. We aim to showcase and provide an outlet for the best of student legal scholarship from across all years, and from students of all degree disciplines.

As Editor this year, **Rizwaan Ahmad** has two key aims for Ebor Lex. Firstly, to produce a high quality annual edition of the Journal, that will cover a wide range of interesting and engaging law-related topics. We hope to secure sponsorship from firms and chambers for some essay awards, which will be great to put on CVs!

Secondly, to ensure that **Ebor Brief**, our shorter form student law column, is an accessible platform for students to express their views, and learn more about the law and legal sector. This year we will also be launching a **commercial awareness column**, which will aim to keep members up to date on the latest goings on in the business world, and will be particularly useful for those who want to pursue a career in commercial law.

If you have any queries, suggestions or want to get involved in any way, feel free to contact us **(eborlexjournal@yusu.org)**, and look out for updates on our Facebook page!

# YLS Sports

If you're looking to make friends and keep fit, the York Law Societies' sports teams are definitely for you! We currently have **football and netball teams** that practice every week! Netball practice is held indoors at the sports hall, from 4:30-5:30 and football is still to be confirmed.

We are also planning a fun **rounders session**, which will include drinks, food and a good time guaranteed! Everyone is extremely friendly and accommodating - plus both teams are mixed-gender. Our first netball fixture is a **charity match against Constantine Netball Team**, to raise money for breast cancer. We are also planning **games and networking events** with other University societies as well as law firms/inhouse legal teams.

Not only is this a great excuse to play some sports with your friends, keep fit and meet new people, but it is also free for all law society members. There really are no excuses for not at least trying YLS sports! If that hasn't convinced you, we are also hoping to get customised hoodies for all team members.

If you have any questions, please get in touch with our Sport Secretaries **Lea Levine** and/or **William Johnson**.

# York Law Soc Invades Amsterdam

We are looking to take members on a trip to Amsterdam to gain an insight into the practices of law abroad. We have planned a **trip to the International Court of Justice** in **The Hague** during our time abroad and there might also be a possibility to **visit a commercial law firm in Amsterdam!** 

This trip will also be a great opportunity to **socialise** with other members of the society through **arranged club nights** as well as to **explore the city** during your free time.

The trip will take place between March 24th and 27th and the estimated cost is £220. You can book now through Invasion.com typing YORKLAWDAM as the trip code by **Thursday 14th November**.

If you have any other questions about the trip, please contact **Jamie Tipp**.





# **ALLEN & OVERY**

A&O has been named as the 'Most Innovative Law Firm in Europe' six times at the prestigious Financial Times Innovative Lawyer Awards. Last year we worked for 87% of Forbes' top 100 public companies and we promoted 24 new partners around the globe.

# Firm Profile

- We're one firm structured as seven global practices; over half of our transactions involve three or more jurisdictions, and nearly threequarters of the work we do draws on the resources of two or more of our offices.
- Offices in the UK: London, Belfast
- Overseas offices: 41

Partners: 550Trainees: 160

• Vacation Scheme places per annum: 50

• Minimum required degree grade: 2:1

Minimum required UCAS points or A levels: 340 (AAB)

# **Opportunities**

**A&O First (& Open Day):** first year law students, second year students of a four year degree. Applications open 13/01/20 - 13/02/20

**Winter Vacation Scheme:** Available for penultimate/final year students and graduates. Applications open until 20/10/19.

**Summer Vacation Scheme:** Available for penultimate/final year students and graduates. Applications open until 22/10/19.

**A&O Training Contract:** eligibility = penultimate/final year students and graduates





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# Firm Profile

- Named as the world's strongest law firm brand by Acritas for the last 6 years, Baker McKenzie is a global, dedicated law firm.
- Offices in the UK: London
- Overseas offices: 78
- Trainees: 66
- Training contracts per annum: 33
- Vacation scheme places per annum: circa 40
- Minimum required degree grade: 2:1 or equivalent
- Minimum UCAS points or A levels: 340 UCAS points or equivalent

# **Opportunities**

Open Days: applications open 01/10/19 - 22/11/19

First Year Insight Scheme: applications open 01/10/19 to 01/02/20 Vacation Scheme (Spring): applications open 01/10/19 to 01/12/19 Vacation Scheme (Summer): applications open 01/10/19 to 01/01/20 Training Contract: final year students and graduates - 01/02/20 to

01/04/20; Penultimate year students - 01/06/20 to 01/07/20





# **BPP University**Offers both LPC and GDL courses

### **LPC**

- Start dates: January, February and September
- Duration: 9 months, full-time and 18-24 months part-time, or accelerated LPC in 7 months.
- Delivery: Face-to-face at locations nationwide with additional online
- support
- Locations: London Holborn, Birmingham, Bristol, Cambridge, Leeds, Manchester
- Assessment: Exams and assessments that feature online, written and oral tests
- Qualification achieved: Postgraduate Diploma in Legal Practice (awarded by BPP University)
- To attain eligibility for a postgraduate loan of up to £10,906, you can study their LLM Legal Practice which incorporates the LPC

### **GDL**

- Start dates: January and September
- Duration: 12 months, full-time and 18-24 months part-time
- Delivery: Face-to-face at locations nationwide or online
- Locations: London Waterloo, Birmingham, Bristol, Cambridge, Leeds, Manchester or Online
- Assessment: Examinations, computer-based assessments and an independent research essay
- Qualification achieved: Graduate Diploma in Law (awarded by BPP University)
- GDL is not eligible for postgraduate loan funding, but their LLM [Law Conversion] is an alternative to the GDL and is eligible for a postgraduate loan of up to £10,906.

# How to demonstrate your commercial awareness.

Features an assessment centre group activity that will develop your commercial awareness, negotiation skills and understanding of legal technology.

To register, visit: https://commercialawareness-yorkuni.eventbrite.co.uk

Date: Wednesday, 6 November 2019

Time: 1:30pm - 3:30pm

LMB/139 & 140 - York University

Contact: lawoutreach@bpp.com







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CMS is a future-facing, global law firm well equipped to help clients confront challenges and seize opportunities with confidence. CMS put the interests of clients at the heart of everything they do across their 70+ offices in 40+ countries in the UK, Europe, the Middle East, Asia and South America. With more than 1,000 partners and 4,500 lawyers, CMS work in cross-border teams to deliver top quality, practical advice no matter how complex the situation.

# Firm Profile

- With the coming together of CMS, Nabarro and Olswang on 1 May 2017, we have created a new future-facing firm, one that is well equipped to help our clients face the future with confidence.
- Offices in the UK: Aberdeen, Bristol, Edinburgh, Glasgow, London, Manchester, Reading, Sheffield

• Overseas offices: 64

Partners: 1,100Trainees: 130

Training contracts per annum: 100
Minimum required degree grade: 2:1
Minimum A levels: ABB or equivalent

# **Opportunities**

**CMS First Steps:** applications open until 06/01/2020. See the graduate website for full description of this opportunity for **first year law** students and **second year non-law** students

CMS Academy (Vacation Scheme): applications open until 06/01/2020

**Training Contract (to commence 2022):** applications open until 06/01/2020





DLA Piper is one of the world's leading business law firms. With over 90 offices in more than 40 countries, the firm provides seamless local and cross-border advice. The firm believes great businesses can make a better world. That's why, every day, DLA Piper helps its clients succeed. The firms' entrepreneurial and supportive culture promotes bold, ambitious thinking and a warm, empathetic approach. Trusting, collaborative relationships with clients and each other are at the heart of everything it does.

# Firm Profile

• Offices in the UK: Birmingham, Edinburgh, Leeds, Liverpool, London, Manchester, Sheffield

• Overseas offices: 90+

• Partners: 1,400

• Trainees: Approx. 140

• Training contracts per annum: 65 - 70

• Vacation scheme places per annum: 100

• Minimum required degree grade: 2:1

# **Opportunities**

Open Days: Applications open 07/10/2019 - 22/11/2019

First Year Insight Programme: Applications open 02/12/2019 -

31/01/2020

Summer Internship Programme (Vac Scheme): Applications close

31/12/2019

All Training Contract positions have been filled for this year.





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# Firm Profile

- Our global teams span specialisms, regions and industries to deliver against three fundamental client needs: transactional, regulatory, risk.
- Offices in the UK: London, Manchester
- Overseas offices: 25
- Partners: 427Trainees: 143
- Training contracts per annum: 80
- Vacation Scheme places per annum: 60
- Minimum required degree grade: 2:1

# **Opportunities**

**Freshers meet Freshfields 26/11/2019:** Applications open 01/10/2019 - 05/11/2019

**Vac Scheme Insight Workshop 28/11/2019:** Applications open 01/10/2019 - 05/11/2019

**Final Year Non-Law Workshop 03/12/2019:** Applications open 01/10/2019 - 05/11/2019

Open Day 15/04/2020: Applications open 01/10/2019 - 20/02/2020

Vacation Scheme: 01/10/2019 - 06/01/2020

Training Contract: 01/10/2019 - 06/01/2020 (Spring) 01/06/2020 -

16/07/2020 (Summer)





A truly global law firm is built on a diverse culture, reflective of the societies in which we live and work. That's why inclusivity is key to our success. Here, you'll be part of an open, dynamic workingenvironment where you're accepted for who you are.

# Firm Profile

Herbert Smith Freehills has a key advantage among its competitors: twin lead offices in the UK and Australia. Their positioning at opposite ends of the earth (and in practically oppositetime zones) has proven attractive to clients looking for a 24-hourglobal service.

Offices in the UK: London, Belfast

Overseas offices: 27 Partners: 158 (in UK) Trainees: 134 (In UK)

Training contracts per annum: 65

Vacation Scheme places per annum: 100

Minimum required degree grade: 2:1 (mitigating circumstances are

taken into consideration).

# **Opportunities**

Disputes Open Day: applications open 16/09/2019 - 11/10/2019

IP Open Day: applications open 16/09/2019 - 08/11/2019

Winter Vacation Scheme (finalists and graduates): applications

open 16/09/2019 - 14/10/2019

Spring & Summer Vacation Scheme: applications open 16/09/2019



# Linklaters

We're proud of our 178 year history, a leading global law firm with a reputation for consistent excellence. Our people go further to support our clients, with market-leading legal insight and innovation. And we go further for each other, too. We're people you want to work with, generous with our time and ready to help. So no matter what the future holds, with us you'll be one step ahead.

# Firm Profile

• If you're a globally-minded individual who's passionate about problem-solving, then Linklaters is the right choice for you

Offices in the UK: London

• Overseas offices: 29

Partners: 450Trainees: 230+

• Training contracts per annum: 100

• Applications per annum: 3,500

• Minimum required degree grade: 2:1

# **Opportunities**

**Pathfinder:** A two day insight programme offering a taste of life in a commercial law firm. After the programme you will automatically be given a place on a vacation scheme assessment centre. Eligibility = first year law students, or second year students in a four year degree. Applications open 06/01/2020 - 10/02/2020.

**Vacation Schemes:** winter, spring and summer Vacation Schemes. Eligibility = penultimate/final year students and graduates. Applications open 01/10/2019 - 16/12/2019.

**Training contract:** eligibility = penultimate/final year students and graduates. Applications open 01/10/2019 - 16/12/2019



# SLAUGHTER AND MAY

We put the needs of our clients centre stage and are client, rather than product, focused. Understanding, anticipating and satisfying their individual legal needs is, for us, a priority. This commitment, combined with our in-depth knowledge and experience in each of their industries, allows us to deliver the highest level of service.

## Firm Profile

- Three key features of our approach differentiate us: our client focus, our multi-specialism and our international strategy
- Offices in the UK: London
- Overseas offices: Beijing, Brussels, Hong Kong plus relationship firms in all the major jurisdictions

Partners: 109Trainees: 163

• Training Contracts per annum: 80

• Vacation Scheme places per annum: 160

• Minimum required degree grade: Good 2:1

# **Opportunities**

**1st Year Open Day 2020:** applications open 01/10/2019 - 31/01/2020 **Winter two-day workshop 2019**: finalists and graduates. Applications open 01/10/2019 - 08/11/2019

**Campus event:** TBC. See website, York Law Society and York Law School Promotion

**Easter work experience scheme 2020:** penultimate year students. Applications open 01/10/2019 - 13/12/2019

**Summer work experience scheme 2019:** penultimate year students. Applications open 01/10/2019 - 02/01/2020

**Training Contract:** Applications close 31/01/2020.



# TRAVERS. SMITH

It is not just law at Travers Smith. We treat our clients' business as our business, their dispute as our dispute, their challenges as ours. We act for publicly-listed and private companies, financial services and private equity clients, as well as other business enterprises involved in large and complex UK and cross-border matters, transactions and disputes. Our clients know that wherever in the world they or their ambitions lie, we will work as one of their team to get things done. And they know that we do so in a straight-talking, thoughtful and open way. Diversity and independence of thought are key to our success. We know each other well and we know that we get the best results when we act as a team – not just within our legal teams, but right across our firm where we welcome diversity of thought and views from everyone. This is our difference and we are proud of it.

# Firm Profile

· Offices in the UK: London

Overseas offices: Paris

Partners: 83Trainees: 54

• Training contracts per annum: 25

• Vacation schemes per annum: 72

Minimum required degree grade: 2:1

• Minimum A levels: AAB or equivalent

# **Opportunities**

Winter Vacation Scheme: applications open from 01/10/2019

Summer Vacation Scheme: applications open 01/10/2019 - 17/01/2020

Training Contract: applications open 01/10/2019 - 31/07/2020

### **Dates of Winter and Summer Schemes:**

Winter: 9-20 December 2019

Summer schemes 2020:

Monday 22 June to Friday 3 July

Monday 6 July to Friday 17 July

Monday 20 July to Friday 31 July



The University of Law is one of the UK's longest-established specialist providers of legal education and training in the UK, with campuses in London, Birmingham, Bristol, Chester, Guildford, Leeds, Manchester and Nottingham, as well as our GDL and LPC courses being taught in the University of Exeter, the University of Reading and the University of Liverpool. Previously The College of Law, it was granted university status in November 2012.

The University of Law's dedicated Employability Service gives students access to work experience and pro bono opportunities and legal vacancies as soon as they accept their place. The result is excellent employability statistics: 97% of our full-time 2016/17 and accelerated 2017/17 LPC students graduating in summer 2017 secured employment, a training contract, or further study within nine months of successfully completing their course while 92% of our full-time UK LLB students graduating in 2017 secured employment or further study within six months of successfully completing their course.



# WHITE & CASE

As a White & Case trainee, you'll work on challenging, sophisticated and complex cross-border matters across both the developed and fast growth markets where rules are still being made (often with our help). You'll be an integral member of your team and have genuine responsibility early on in your career.

# Firm Profile

- We value globally-minded citizens of the world who are eager to work across borders and cultures, and who are intrigued by solving problems within multiple legal systems.
- Offices in the UK: London
- Overseas offices: 43
- Partners: 122Trainees: 81
- Training contracts per annum: 50
- Vacation Scheme places per annum: 75
- Minimum required degree grade: 2:1
- Minimum A levels: AAB or equivalent

# **Opportunities**

- Apply online at www.whitecasetrainee.com
- Winter vacation scheme (for finalists and graduates): Monday 9 December –
   Friday 20 December 2019 (deadline 6 November 2019)
- Spring vacation scheme (for penultimate year students, finalists and graduates): Monday 23 March Friday 3 April 2020 (deadline 15 January 2020)
- Summer vacation scheme (for penultimate year students, finalists and graduates): Monday 15 June Friday 26 June 2020 (deadline 15 January 2020)
- Training contracts: The deadline for applications is 15 July 2020
- Open days
- Monday 11 November 2019 Middle Eastern (deadline 1 November 2019)
- Wednesday 13 November 2019 (deadline 3 November 2019)
- Wednesday 27 November 2019 (deadline 17 November 2019)

