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Welcome to Main Campus

WELCOME

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At Lancaster we believe in offering those studying for a degree in Law a broad learning experience. This is why we have made a wealth of opportunities available to our students; from gaining practical experience by being part of our Law Clinics, or opting for a placement year; to travelling overseas as part of our study abroad programme.

During their time with us, we support and encourage all of our students to consider and develop their career prospects; and to explore the many opportunities both within and beyond the legal sector. Those wishing to pursue a legal career can benefit from our strong links with the legal professions and begin to establish links of their own.

Teaching on our Law modules at Lancaster we have a world-leading team of researchers, who train judges, prosecutors and police officers from all over the world; shaping both law and policy. Our staff advise the United Nations, the OSCE, the EU, national and local criminal justice agencies; which means that at Lancaster you would be learning from those who are experts in their field.

We are also proud of our international links, being a founding member of Lancaster University Ghana, the first campus in West Africa to be established by a UK university. We welcome students from all across the world to study with us and also provide outgoing international travel opportunities for our Lancaster based students; helping them to broaden their horizons to an increasingly globalised world.

I hope that you decide that Lancaster University Law School is somewhere you would like to study. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me or my Admissions team.

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Professor Alisdair A. Gillespie
Head of Lancaster University Law School

LIFE AT A TOP LAW SCHOOL

We are a global Law School with a sister department in LU Ghana and students and staff from around the world.

You'll be taught by academics conducting world leading, impactful research which informs your learning.

We have strong links with the legal professions including reserved work experience placements for students.

You'll learn through practice opportunities with our Law Clinic, Miscarriages of Justice Clinic, and StreetLaw programme.

We have an active student-run Law Society who organise mooting and negotiation competitions, and a range of careers and social events.

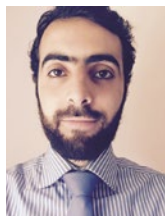
Dedicated careers support is given by practising lawyers who provide support for applications, and with preparation for interviews.

Thanks to the generosity of our alumni, we have a fund dedicated to enhancing our students' employability, through an access to the professions scheme.

We have excellent facilities including a brand new £250,000 state-of-the-art Mock Court Room.

INTERNATIONALLY RENOWNED STAFF

We are a research intensive Law School and over 80% of our research has been rated as internationally excellent or world leading. All of our staff research and teach undergraduate students.



Dr Amin Al-Astewani, Lecturer in Law

Amin focuses on the role played by religious tribunals in Western legal systems. Over the last year, he has led cutting-edge research on a novel type of religious tribunal in the UK, namely Islamic Shariah tribunals. After conducting fieldwork research at four of the most prominent of these tribunals, Amin submitted written evidence to Parliament on the legal status of their decisions and practices, as part of the government's first public review of Shariah councils in the UK. His evidence was subsequently cited by over twenty media outlets, including internationally. As part of his engagement with communal organisations and bodies, Amin has also advised the UK Board of Shariah Councils on the legal status of Islamic Tribunals. He continues to offer his expertise and advice to both policy-makers and Shariah councils on the legal status and role of Islamic tribunals in the modern English legal system.



Dr Catherine Easton, Senior Lecturer in Law

Catherine's work focuses on the interaction between law and technology and covers aspects of data protection, accessibility and intellectual property. She is a co-investigator on an EU-funded project that examines the use of technology in crisis management and, through this has worked with partners such as Airbus and the cloud computing provider CloudSigma. Catherine also acted as the Chair of the Internet Governance Forum's Internet Rights and Principles Coalition and, through this, organised a number of workshops such as one in Istanbul on the right to online freedom of expression. She was recently awarded a British Academy small grant to investigate the regulation of driverless cars from a disability-rights perspective.



Professor Sigrun Skogly, Professor of Human Rights Law

Sigrun specialises in human rights obligations, particularly related to economic, social and cultural rights; she is currently focusing on two areas: extraterritorial human rights obligations, and business and human rights. Sigrun has worked actively with organisations outside of academia, including the human rights organisations FIAN-International (focusing on the right to food as a human right). She is a founding member of the International Consortium on Extraterritorial Human Rights Obligations, gathering together several hundred individuals and non-governmental organisations to promote universal protection of human rights. She has also worked closely with the UN human rights system, including the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.

DEGREES AND ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Our LLB degrees are qualifying law degrees in England, Wales, and with the Law Society of Northern Ireland. This means that you can gain full professional exemptions to qualify as a solicitor or barrister, provided you successfully complete the core courses that satisfy the requirements of the professional bodies. We are accredited by both the Bar Standards Board and the Solicitors Regulation Authority.

Degree title	Duration	UCAS code	Typical offer
LLB Law	3 years	M100	AAB
LLB Law (International Law)	3 years	See website	AAB
LLB Law (Clinical Learning)	3 years	See website	AAB
LLB Law (Study Abroad)	4 years	M101	AAB
LLB Law (Placement year)	4 years	See website	AAB
LLB Law with Criminology	3 years	MM12	AAB
LLB Law with Politics	3 years	M1L2	AAB

LLB Law Pathways

For those taking the LLB Law, if you choose to do so, you can, from your second year, opt to specialise in one of three pathways, after which you will be awarded a named degree (see pg 16 for more information). The pathways enable you to pursue your own interests and specialise from an early point in your studies; and the in-depth knowledge you'll gain will help you to stand out from the crowd when applying for graduate roles.

LLB Law
(Commercial Law)

LLB Law
(Human Rights)

LLB Law
(Criminal Law
and Justice)

LEARNING THROUGH PRACTICE

At Lancaster University Law School, we believe that one of the best ways for students to learn is through practice and we offer all students the chance to embed this either into their studies or as an extracurricular activity.



Miscarriages of Justice Clinic

Students can be involved with the Miscarriages of Justice Clinic as both an extra-curricular activity and as an assessed, optional module. Students investigate 'real life' cases where there has been a potential miscarriage of justice with a view to referring the case to the Criminal Cases Review Commission. This experience gives students an excellent opportunity to work on real criminal cases as an undergraduate, and is run by solicitors and barristers who supervise the work. The Clinic and the assistance it provides is undertaken on a Pro Bono basis to persons convicted of a crime but who have maintained their innocence and exhausted their appeals process.

Students gain an understanding of the process involved in handling a case file as well as the appeals procedure. They are encouraged to think 'outside of the box' and exercise analytical skills which are beneficial not only for a legal career but can be transferred to any profession. They are presented with the opportunity to make a real difference to the lives of those involved in the criminal justice system.

The Clinic has close links with the Centre for Criminal Appeals (CCA). The CCA is a charity run by lawyers and investigators dedicated to freeing innocent prisoners and preventing future miscarriages of justice; each year clinic students work on a case with the CCA team providing further invaluable experience. The Clinic also collaborates with criminal solicitors who work on criminal appeals and has been invited to assist on cases by appeal teams.

LAW CLINIC

Students can work in the Law Clinic as part of their degree or as an extra-curricular activity. Being involved in the Law Clinic enables students to gain invaluable experience delivering legal advice to clients, developing their communication skills, practising interviewing, drafting advice and managing case files.

The Law Clinic provides legal advice and information on a range of issues including family, employment, consumer, and tenancy issues. In addition, by working in partnership with North Lancashire Citizens Advice Bureau, we can provide legal advice to people from across Lancaster and Morecambe. A pop-up clinic moves around organisations within the community, including a local food bank, a supported housing project, and a youth organisation.

The aim of the Clinic is to provide high quality legal advice and information while offering practical experience to our Law students. The advice is supervised by qualified barristers and solicitors and the Clinic works closely with local firms of solicitors who also provide supervision to students. The Law Clinic is committed to sustaining and developing its links with other advice agencies, local firms and individuals. It is also a member of LawWorks and adheres to their Protocol on Pro Bono work.

Case Study

Lancaster University Law Clinic recently assisted a client with a problem with her telephone and broadband provider. The client had signed up to a package to receive broadband and line rental from a new provider. She was promised that the broadband would be available within 30 days. When the broadband was not available, the telecommunications company agreed to cancel the broadband contract, but refused to cancel the line rental contract which had been taken out at the same time and which the client had paid for in advance.

Unsure of what to do the client attended the Law Clinic and met with two student advisors. They interviewed the client, researched the problem, and wrote a letter providing advice and a series of steps that the client needed to take. As a result of this advice, the client successfully resolved her issue with her broadband provider and received a refund of the pre-paid line rental.

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I am just writing to say thank you for the advice I received from the Law Clinic. The student advisors were professional and the information I received at the end was very clear and understandable. With their advice, I have now resolved my legal issues. ”

Law Clinic Client

“ The Law Clinic is an important opportunity for all those who are aspiring to be solicitors and barristers.

From seeing the client's file, to meeting the client in person; the Law Clinic allows you to develop your client-care and communication skills. The legal research and the drafting of letters of advice, alongside my peers, built upon my team working skills. Being involved in the Law Clinic was a great opportunity to see how the Law taught in lectures is communicated and applied in practice. The meetings with my supervisor, a practising barrister, helped me to develop my legal and critical thinking.

It taught me that cases may not always be what they initially seem, and gave me the drive to apply my own sense of judgement through strong legal research. ”

Sunjay Issur

LLB Law, 3rd year student



LEARNING FACILITIES

New Mock Court Room

This brand new, £250,000, state-of-the-art, Mock Court Room is a dedicated space for Law students to practise their adversarial skills. The room is fully equipped as a digital court room for paperless trials, preparing students for working in an increasingly digitalised legal system. Simulated witnesses are able to give evidence over live video link, allowing students to practise examining witnesses who deliver their evidence in this way.



Dedicated Law Library Provision

Students have access to a range of specialist resources, including textbooks, journal articles, Hansard reports, and statute books. Silent working spaces and group work areas are available. Students also have access to online databases where they can read case law, statutes, and legal journal articles online.

The University's Library was ranked as the Best in the UK in the Times Higher Education Student Experience Survey 2017. It is open 24/7 in term time.

Law School 'breakout' spaces and meeting rooms

The Law School contains several 'breakout spaces' and meeting rooms which can be booked by students for group work.

Law School 'Hub'

This is stocked with up-to-date legal reading materials for students, including legal magazines and newspapers, as well as the updated annual training contract and pupillage handbook. It's a great resource for students who want to stay up to date with the latest news from the legal world and plan for their future career.

The Learning Zone

A more informal learning space, the Learning Zone has individual working spaces as well as group 'pods' which can be reserved in advance for group projects. A laptop loaning service is available, as well as a service desk for students who need support or advice with technology issues.



LLB CORE MODULES

Students on all of our LLB programmes and pathways will take the following core modules during the course of their degree. A qualifying Law degree or LLB will introduce you to technical legal topics and help you to understand the ways that law shapes society.

ENGLISH LEGAL SYSTEM AND METHODS

Introduces you to the central tenants of the English Legal System and supports the development of the legal skills that will see you through your degree. Substantive topics include: the structure of the courts and tribunals, legal precedent, the legal professions, the judiciary and lay justice.

PUBLIC LAW

Introduces you to constitutional law, administrative law, and human rights law. You will explore, key constitutional principles, the legal framework underpinning the UK judiciary, executive and parliament, judicial review, inquiries, tribunals, and the Human Rights Act 1998, and the question of a British Bill of Rights.

LAW OF CONTRACTS

Focusing on the purpose of Contract Law, you begin by looking at resolution for breach of contract; before moving on to study the formation of contracts, terms of contract, and their interpretation and enforceability. The historical and theoretical aspects of contract law are also considered.

CRIMINAL LAW

Immerses you in a broad investigation of criminal law, including legal rules, substantive crimes, the conditions of criminal responsibility, and law in practice. You also explore the scope of law, and its enforcement in a political, economic, moral and social context.

LAW OF TORTS

Provides students with an understanding of the rules contained in, and underlying philosophies behind, tort law. Topics covered include trespass, negligence, vicarious liability, defamation, and privacy.

EU LAW

Gives you a basic understanding of the European Union including its institutions, the creation and development of law, and the principles governing relations between the EU and its member states. You are also introduced to substantive law relating to the free movement of goods and persons.

LAND LAW

Immerses you in real life scenarios to promote an understanding of how the law actually works. Topics covered include: co-ownership of family homes and division of property between cohabitantes, mortgage law, landlord and tenant law and squatters' rights.

EQUITY AND TRUSTS

Covers the major types of trust and the key elements required for their validity and operation; as well as relevant aspects of equitable remedies. You will draw upon key current developments in relation to the law of trusts.

LLB LAW PATHWAYS

For those students choosing to graduate with a specific pathway, they will select a minimum number of credits from modules relevant to their pathway to build up their expertise in a focused area:

LLB Law (Commercial Law)

- Company Law
- Competition Law
- Intellectual Property Law
- Principles of Commercial Law
- Principles of Employment Law

LLB Law (Human Rights)

- Family Law
- Forgotten Trials of the Holocaust
- Gender and the Law
- Human Rights and Civil Liberties
- Immigration and Asylum Law

LLB Law (Criminal Law and Justice)

- Crime and Criminal Justice
- Evidence
- Issues in Cybercrime
- Youth Justice
- Sex Crimes and Sexual Offending

LLB LAW (INTERNATIONAL LAW)

This degree gives students an international and comparative perspective on the Law. Alongside their LLB core modules, students will select options from:

- International Human Rights Law
- International Law
- Private International Law
- Responses to Massive Violations of Human Rights
- Human Rights and Civil Liberties

LLB LAW (CLINICAL LEARNING)

This degree has two specialisms within it. Students can either choose to work with the Lancaster University Law Clinic throughout their degree; or they can to commit to three-years of work with the North Lancashire Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB). Through engaging in the work of the CAB they can gain official recognition as an advisor. Students undertake the following modules in addition their LLB core modules (see page 14):

Lancaster University Law Clinic specialism

YEAR 1

Introduction to the Law Clinic

YEAR 2

Legal Advice Clinic

+ Optional module*

YEAR 3

Law Clinic
+
Optional Law Modules*

*See page 15

Citizens Advice Bureau specialism

YEAR 1

Citizens Advice Bureau training

YEAR 2

Citizens Advice Bureau service

+ Optional module*

YEAR 3

Citizens Advice Bureau placement
+
Optional Law Modules*

*See page 15

LLB LAW WITH CRIMINOLOGY/LLB LAW WITH POLITICS

Alongside their LLB Core Modules, students on these degrees will also study modules in their second subject:

Law with Criminology

YEAR 1

Introduction to Criminology and Criminal Justice

Provides a foundation for understanding the social, cultural, political and economic processes associated with crime and the criminal justice system.

YEAR 2

Criminological Thought

Introduces and examines theories that have sought to explain crime, criminality and social control.

YEAR 3

Optional modules in Criminology.

Law with Politics

YEAR 1

Understanding Politics and Governance

Introduces students to some of the key areas of politics and international relations, exploring events and ideas that have transformed societies in complex ways.

YEAR 2

Politics of the EU

Examines the origins, workings and policies of the EU, including the treaties that led to the contemporary union and key strains of thought that have given rise to contemporary debates about the form the EU ought to take through which they are secured and protected. Specific areas are considered, including the right to life, freedom from torture, and freedom of expression.

YEAR 3

Optional modules in Politics.

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My experience of a joint Law and Criminology degree has been excellent. With the core law modules I have been able to gain a solid foundation of various areas of law. With each module being so different, you are able to experience different aspects to law, discovering topics that you may wish to enter into in the future for a career. Aspects of criminology go hand in hand with a law degree therefore allowing for a diverse and enjoyable degree with lots to offer. My first year in the Law School has been an exciting one. I've also had great support from the School from academic advisors, seminar tutors, and drop in sessions so I've never been left without the opportunity for help.

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Adam Ramsden

First year, LLB Law with Criminology

LLB LAW (PLACEMENT YEAR)

On this four-year degree, students spend their third year on placement with a public, private, or voluntary organisation in the UK or overseas. The placement will be a real, responsible job for which students are paid a salary. Students gain work experience, apply academic ideas in practice, and develop a network of professional contacts. Our placements team work with students to help them to find the right role and will prepare them for their placement through a mixture of workshops and coaching. During the placement they visit students to make sure that everything is going well.

Students can apply to work in companies such as:

- British Airways
- L'Oréal
- Deloitte
- PricewaterhouseCoopers
- Johnson and Johnson

Our placement students find themselves in a broad range of organisations, they could be working within large multinational organisations around the world or in smaller SME's here in the North West.



LLB LAW (STUDY ABROAD)

On this four-year programme, students spend their third year at one of our highly-regarded partner universities. Students follow the same structure of study as those on the three year LLB Law degree. Whilst abroad at one of our partner universities they continue to study Law or Law-related subjects, providing insight into the way law impacts on societies around the world.



Our current partner institutions:

Europe (students taught in English)

- University of Bergen (Norway)
- Charles University Prague (Czech Republic)
- Louvain University (Belgium)
- Maastricht University (The Netherlands)
- University of Groningen (The Netherlands)
- University of Trento (Italy)
- Uppsala University (Sweden)
- University of Zagreb (Croatia)

USA

- Iowa State University
- Michigan State University
- North Carolina State University
- University of Missouri - St Louis
- State University of New York Binghamton

Australia

- La Trobe University
- Murdoch University

Canada

- University of Ottawa

“ Studying at Charles University, Prague, was the best thing I have ever done! It was slightly daunting at first when the realisation hit that I was moving to a country where I couldn't speak the language and knew nobody, but I settled in within days and fell in love with the city. There are so many beautiful things to see during the day, from the historic old town, to exploring neighbouring towns. Moving with three other people from my course in Lancaster, we all shared a flat together and we would go travelling at the weekends.

Studying at Charles University I met so many different people from around the world, and it gave me a really different perspective on life as I learned about different cultures and people. The experience not only gave me a greater understanding of people, but developed my confidence massively.

Before I went to Prague, I emailed law firms out there, and managed to secure an internship with Bird & Bird for one day a week. This was great, as it allowed me to learn about the Czech legal system, and see Prague in a way I wouldn't have before. The staff there were lovely and took me out to different restaurants where I would try the local Czech cuisine, which was an added bonus! My role there consisted of proof-reading Czech legal documents in English and delivering presentations to the partners on the English legal system, which was a rewarding and beneficial experience for both parties.”

Charlotte Davis

4th year student, LLB (International Law)

Other opportunities to go abroad

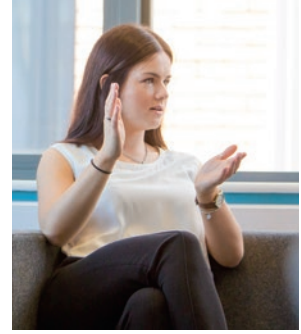
Each September the Students' Union offers all students the chance to travel to one of our partner campuses across the world. On these trips students have a huge number of opportunities, including networking with local businesses, getting involved in community group projects, enjoying home stays with host families, and meeting with academics from the partner institutions to discuss contemporary issues. It goes without saying that students will make new friends from Lancaster and overseas and create unforgettable memories. Students can visit:

- India
- Malaysia
- China
- Ghana

WEEK IN THE LIFE

Amie Boothman

Amie Boothman is a third year Law student, the Mooting Officer of the student Law Society, and an aspiring barrister. When she graduates she will be taking the Bar Professional Training Course (BPTC) at BPP University Manchester, supported by three prestigious scholarships; The Hardwicke and Mansfield Scholarships from the Honourable Society of Lincolns Inn, and a scholarship awarded for her outstanding performance in the 'BPP National Advocate of the Year Competition 2016'.



Day	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Monday	9am start- Seminar preparation for Intellectual Property Law	Research for Company Law Coursework	Gym
Tuesday	9am start- Dissertation work (redrafting amendments made by supervisor) 11am- Medical Law Lecture	Lunch with friends on campus at The Deli Research for Company Law Coursework 3-5pm- Evidence Law Lecture	5KM run around campus woodland trail and along cycle path into town centre
Wednesday	10am start- Company Law Coursework research and reading	Seminar preparation for Evidence Law	Law Society Executive Meeting to discuss upcoming events, including the Mooting Competition semi-final in two weeks
Thursday	8:30am start- Dissertation work	1pm- Intellectual Property Law seminar Company Law Coursework planning	Attend quarter final of Law Society Negotiations Competition
Friday	9am start- Company Law Coursework planning Email Judges for the Mooting Competition semi-final in two weeks and finalise details with the venue. Release the problem scenario to teams	2-4pm- Company Law Lecture	Drinks with friends in Lancaster
Saturday	Lie-in before doing some dissertation work	Coffee with friends at Costa in Alex Square	Gym and then pizza and film night with friends
Sunday	11am start- catch up on readings from the week (Medical Law topics and further readings from the Intellectual Property Law seminar)	Finish planning and begin writing Company Law Coursework Finish making amendments to dissertation, to submit to supervisor Monday morning	Cook dinner with flatmates

PREPARING YOU FOR A LEGAL CAREER

While we recognise that not everyone studying for a qualifying Law degree will choose to pursue a legal career; we do believe that everyone should be given the opportunity to explore that option during their time here. There are many ways that the Law School helps students to do this.

WORK EXPERIENCE AND VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

Reserved work experience placements

The Law School's strong links with the professions means that students are able to apply for work experience placements exclusively reserved for those in the Law School. Placement opportunities include those at local, national, and regional solicitors' firms and barristers chambers; and judicial marshalling, an opportunity rarely afforded to students, where you sit alongside a judge in the Crown Court.

Access to the professions placement scheme

Alumni generosity has allowed us to provide a scholarship fund to assist students in gaining work experience in the legal profession. Students can apply for money to support themselves whilst on placement, through assisting with accommodation fees, travel costs and the like.

Citizens Advice Bureau

The Law School works in partnership with the Citizens Advice Bureau as part of the Law Clinic scheme. However other general volunteering opportunities are available for students to work directly within the organisation. Whether it's providing the relevant assistance to clients as an Advisor, or taking on an administrative role as a Casework Assistant, the Citizens Advice Bureau gives students the chance to give back to the local community using the skills obtained from their degree, as well as obtaining practical experience working with clients.

Work experience bursaries

The Law School provides bursaries to support students who secure other work experience opportunities, covering living costs, the costs of travel and accommodation for the duration of their placements.

RESERVED WORK EXPERIENCE PLACEMENT SCHEME

**Aisha Bhailok,
3rd year student, LLB Law**

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I recently completed a placement with Pannone Corporate LLP via the Access to the Professions scheme. During my placement I, like a trainee solicitor, experienced work in four seats, namely that of, corporate, real estate, employment and dispute resolution. Every day I was challenged to do something out of my comfort zone, by being given high quality work in areas I was unfamiliar with. It was a very realistic insight into what life as a trainee solicitor would be like at Pannone Corporate LLP and I was given plenty of responsibility from day one, which made me feel like a valued part of the team.

I primarily applied for the Access to the Professions scheme in order to capitalise on my education and legal work experience.

The scheme is a great opportunity to gain legal work experience because of your exposure to a broad range of interesting work and opportunities for career progression. I would definitely recommend all law students to apply for the Access to the Professions scheme; not only does it give you a foot up when applying for vacation schemes and training contracts, but it also allows you to truly experience life as a trainee solicitor. By both studying Law at Lancaster University and gaining relevant legal work experience via the Access to the Professions scheme; I believe that you gain valuable insight on how hard work, focus and determination can decisively bring about the realisation of your ambitions. ”





ACCESS TO THE PROFESSIONS SCHEME

**Matthew Hince,
3rd year, LLB Law student**

“ During the summer between my second and third years at Lancaster, I was fortunate enough to spend my time working as a legal intern for Immigration Equality in New York. Immigration Equality is a law clinic dedicated to providing legal services to less privileged members of the LGBTQ members of Manhattan and surrounding areas.

Immigration Equality, and the wonderful supportive attorney staff, began my experience with clerical tasks which provided me with foundational skills to utilise and develop as my time there unfolded. It was not long before I was fortunate enough to undertake duties such as sourcing evidence, managing Pro Bono outreach, creating case documents and holding client meetings. Here, I learnt a lot and acquire a new perspective about the legal profession.

One of the most productive tasks during my time at Immigration Equality featured drafting of legal documents. This type of work was something I was completely unfamiliar with. There was definitely a sense of value and importance placed on my work, as on several occasions it was used within client meetings and even provided as part of a case packet during a trial I worked on.

The team at Immigration Equality focused a lot on developing my potential as a legal professional. They offered constant support and advice on projects, with check-ins and opportunities for feedback.

Without the Access to the Legal Professions Scheme I definitely would not have been able to enjoy this experience and, as such, I am wholeheartedly grateful to the Law School for supporting me in this opportunity. For me, my experience at Immigration Equality carried significant personal benefit. As a gay male from a low-income background, I firmly believe that it is vital to give back at every opportunity possible. From meeting and helping clients I gained a sense of accomplishment and self-fulfilment and this experience has further fuelled my conviction to proceed into a legal career. ”

ESTABLISHING LINKS WITH THE PROFESSIONS

Liaising with Lawyers event

This event welcomes practising solicitors and barristers from around the country to the Law School to give a series of talks on life in legal practice. Students are given the opportunity to network and to ask questions, providing a real insight into the profession.

Judicial Lecture Series

Members of the judiciary regularly visit the Law School to discuss their work and meet with students. Most recently, Lord Justice Ryder, Senior President of the Tribunals and a Court of Appeal judge, gave a lecture to students on his career and the role of tribunals in forging a path for lawyers seeking judicial office.

Law Clinic supervision

Those students who secure a place working at the Law Clinic are supervised by practising solicitors and barristers. Not only are students given a practical insight into the work undertaken as a lawyer, but this provides a unique experience to work alongside these professionals as an undergraduate.

FOR THOSE SEEKING A CAREER AT THE BAR

Inns of Court trip

For those students seeking a career at the Bar, the Law School runs an annual trip to the Inns of Court. Students can experience life as a barrister and talk with current BPTC students as well as practising barristers about choosing this career path.

Inns of Court scholarship assistance

As part of the BPTC application process, many students apply for a scholarship to support them during their studies. The Law School works with the student to review the application and to provide general advice on the most appropriate scholarship available for them.

EXPLORING YOUR CAREER OPTIONS



Law Careers Fair

The fair, which takes place annually, is aimed specifically at students seeking to enter legal practice. Representatives from Law firms across the country attend and provide students with the opportunity to network and learn more about firms they are considering applying to. Regular attendees include Ashurst, Pinsent Masons, and Bird & Bird.

Careers Dinner

This annual event allows students to dine with partners and trainees from law firms. The dinner is a unique opportunity for students to chat informally about their chosen career path, network with key contacts, and receive tips on the application process from the firms themselves. Regular attendees include DLA Piper, White & Case, and Allen & Overy.

Career Mentoring Scheme

This university scheme assigns student participants with a mentor who is an established professional in the students' career of choice. Students have a dedicated mentor who they can reach out to for advice, receive application assistance and CV review.

Careers Clinic

Practising lawyers run the School's careers clinic, assisting students on a one-to-one basis with their applications and CVs, running mock interviews, and providing general careers advice and guidance. Students can make appointments to attend the clinic which runs every week.

OUR ALUMNI

Her Honour Judge Carol Atkinson Deputy High Court Judge and Designated Family Judge for East London LLB Law at Lancaster, graduated 1984

Carol graduated from the Law School in July 1984 and moved to London to sit her Bar Exams. She secured pupillage in a general common law set and was offered a tenancy immediately. She moved chambers once, before leading a merger between the family team at her chambers and the family team at another set, becoming a founding member in 1999 of the busy successful set at Coram Chambers in London, specialising in family law, but also experiencing a truly common law practice.

She was appointed a Recorder in the Crown Court in 2000. Returning to the criminal law after nearly 15 years was both exciting and challenging. She was given civil and private law family tickets and in 2005 was one of the few part-time judges at that time to be given a ticket to hear public law cases.

Rather than apply for Silk, she decided to apply for judicial appointment, and in 2007 was appointed to the Circuit Bench sitting across three jurisdictions – family, crime and civil. In 2010 she was appointed to the Judicial College as a Tutor on the Family Course, where she still lectures.

In October 2013, in anticipation of the implementation of the Family Justice reforms and the division of London into three family justice regions, Carol was appointed Designated Family Judge for East London. She was given a unique opportunity to create the new East London Family Court from scratch across four local county courts with a brand new court building in Canary Wharf, London Docklands. East London now has the largest number of public law cases across the London region and across the country. They also take one half of all of London and Greater London private law and injunction cases. Carol leads a team of 8 Circuit Judges, 20 District Judges, 8 District Judges (Magistrates Court), and many legal advisors and Magistrates.

She was appointed a Deputy High Court Judge in 2011, sitting for a number of weeks a year in the Family Division. She also has a Court of Protection ticket and maintains her sittings in the Crown Court for a number of weeks a year.

Her husband is also a member of the judiciary and together they have happily managed busy careers with family life and their three children.



OUR ALUMNI

**Andrew Leatherland,
Managing Partner (DWF LLP)
LLB Law at Lancaster, graduated in 1991**

After joining the Manchester-based law firm, DWF LLP, Andrew became one of the youngest Managing Partners in the UK's legal sector aged only 35. His combination of innovative leadership and focus on values saw DWF LLP named Legal Business, National Law Firm of the Year in 2011, when the firm also topped the Legal Week client satisfaction report for the quality of its legal and commercial advice. Andrew's energy, drive and vision and his focus on people, profitability and profile; have helped to take DWF from 52nd largest UK law firm in 2006 to the threshold of the Top 20. Andrew was recently elected by a unanimous vote to a further three-year term as DWF's Managing Partner. It is in recognition of DWF's stellar growth since 2006; which has seen the firm expand into Leeds, Glasgow, Edinburgh, Birmingham and London.



Catherine Hughes LLB Law, graduated 2015

“ During my time at Lancaster I developed all of the skills and attributes to form the perfect base for a future professional life. The wide options available to specialise in second and third year, means that you get a good varied knowledge of a number of areas of law. There are plenty of extra-curricular activities to get involved with, which I urge everyone to embrace. The Law Society and the Miscarriages of Justice Clinic are great to get involved with and are always talking points in interviews and during assessment days.

Above everything, I found the support by the staff in the Law School to be a huge bonus of studying at Lancaster. Very few universities have a department where almost all of the tutors know you individually. I always felt comfortable approaching anyone in the department if I had any questions or queries about anything.

Through all of these things, Lancaster provided me with the best possible university experience and a strong platform to go into a number of different graduate jobs. I am about to start a training contract with one of the top American law firms based in London. Getting this 'dream job', would never have been possible without studying in the Law School at Lancaster. ”

LANCASTER UNIVERSITY LAW SOCIETY

Our student-run Law Society organises a range of extra-curricular activities, as well as a platform from which members can launch their careers. The activities on offer will help to make any aspiring professional stand out from the crowd.

The Society runs a number of events including:

- In-house Mooting Competitions with questions set by both the Society and lecturers, and judged by local solicitors, barristers, and judges. The Society also participates in the inter-varsity Lawyers Aware competition and in the Willem C. Vis Moot, one of the largest mooting competitions in the world.
- An annual Negotiation Competition, judged by local lawyers, for students with a more commercial focus.
- Pro-Bono activities, which include events and competitions for schools.
- An annual trip to London to visit City law firms and attend workshops. Previous firm visits have included Clifford Chance.
- University of Law and BPP Workshops aimed at increasing students' skills to prepare them for the job market. These include application workshops as well as CV assistance. One day intensive courses are also organised in which students attend the law centres in Manchester to develop a range of skills in preparation for a legal career.
- Law Firm Talks with representatives from law firms across the country giving talks on life in the profession as well as topical issues in legal practice. Most recently, a partner from White & Case discussed the impact of Brexit, and the Government Legal Service ran a workshop on judicial review.
- Regular social events, including the annual Law Ball, a summer BBQ to celebrate the end of exams, and the annual overseas trip, which in previous years has visited Berlin, Barcelona, and Amsterdam.



The Law Society also runs a football and netball team; both of which compete in the university leagues, as well as against teams from law firms.



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