

Southampton Law School Careers Programme

15th – 19th November 2021

Welcome to the 2021 Careers Programme.

This is a unique programme designed specifically for Southampton Law students to improve your understanding of the range of careers open to you following your degree course.

Many of the sessions are led by graduates of our Law School and you will not only learn from their experience but also get the opportunity to network and broaden your range of contacts.

We are sure that each of you will make the most of this fantastic range of opportunities, as part of the unparalleled career support provided by Southampton Law School.

Jan Steele, Senior Tutor and Careers and Employability Co-ordinator, School of Law

PLEASE NOTE

- On **Monday 15th November** and **Friday 19th November** sessions will be held **virtually** via Microsoft Teams.
- On **Tuesday 16th November** and **Thursday 18th November** sessions will be held on Highfield Campus **in person in the Senate Room, Building 37, Room 4049**. These sessions will be streamed via Microsoft Teams for those not attending in-person.
- The Law School Careers Fair will take place virtually (via Careers Fair Plus) on **Wednesday 17th November** – no Careers Programme Sessions will be held on this day.
- There are no lectures or tutorials for Year 2 students who are expected to sign-up for a **minimum** of five sessions over the week; this will be monitored.
- To register for a session, please click on the title of session and this will take you to the relevant registration page.

Quotes from Year 2 students attending previous Programmes

“I really enjoyed the week and it gave me some clear direction on where I wanted to work and which departments I’m interested in.”

“The quality and range of speakers and sessions was excellent as there was something for everyone and the option to choose which sessions to attend was nice.”

“I believe the programme is essential for helping students to explore their options for the future.”

“Thoroughly enjoyable. Well organised and very motivating to see who our alumni are and how successful they are.”

“The speakers were inspiring, in that they held positions and were the type of person which I aspire to be. Also, they had entertaining anecdotes and the information presented seemed real-world applicable and not classroom-y.”

Monday 15th November

All sessions today will be held **VIRTUALLY VIA TEAMS**.

Please click the title of the session to access the registration page

11.00 – 12.00

An Introduction to Alternative Careers for Law Graduates

This session is aimed at those who want to explore career options other than solicitor or barrister. It will introduce students of the range of careers open to Law graduates, both related to Law and in other fields. Students will also gain an awareness of the skills developed through a Law degree, skills that graduate recruiters seek, see examples of destinations of recent Southampton Law graduates and know what next steps to take in their career planning.

Kelly Cumming, The Careers and Employability Service, University of Southampton

12.00 – 13.00

Working in Employment Law

There is no typical day in Employment law - that's one of the things that makes it such an interesting area of law to specialise in. But this talk by Andrew Crudge, an Employment solicitor at Trethowans, will aim to give you an insight into some of the main aspects of the role. It will set out the issues and the challenges that can arise, so that you will be better informed as to whether Employment law would be of interest to you.

Andrew Crudge, Associate, Trethowans

14.30 – 15.30

How to Boost your Commercial Awareness

During this session Jade and Samantha will discuss how you can show commercial awareness when applying for a vacation scheme and training contract – what firms are looking for from you, what you can do now to increase your understanding of commercial issues and explore what questions you might be asked and how to answer them effectively. They will also discuss what commercial awareness look like in practice as a lawyer and how to grow your commercial awareness in the context of a client's business and their market, how it is applicable in your own firm and share their own experience of 'LA' commercial awareness.

Jade Hawsworth, Solicitor and Samantha Smith, Solicitor, Lester Aldridge

15.30 – 16.30

A Seat at the Top Table: Life as a Company Secretary

Charlotte Maybury graduated from the University of Southampton with a first in Law in 2012 and is now a Chartered Secretary working for Nationwide Building Society. This session will describe her career path to date, the role of the company secretary and path to qualification and why she loves having a seat at the top table.

Charlotte Maybury, Assistant Company Secretary, Nationwide Building Society

16.30 – 17.30

A Career in Marine and International Trade with a Global Law Firm

During this session Ivan will discuss what a typical day in marine and international trade law involves, what he finds fascinating about the role as well as the difficulties and how to adapt. Ivan will talk about his studies and training contract and what advice he would give himself as a graduate. He will also give some top tips and hints for applying in this area.

Mr Ivan Valkov, Stephenson Harwood LLP

Tuesday 16th November

All sessions today will be held **IN PERSON** in the Senate Room, Building 37, Room 4049

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10.00 – 11.00

From Law Graduate to Partner

This session will look at how you can successfully make the transition from law graduate to trainee and partner in a leading regional law firm, Paris Smith. A partner and two trainees from the firm will share their personal experiences and explain how they succeeded in training and qualifying in a competitive legal market. They will outline what the firm is looking for and how they met these expectations. They will pass on their top tips for success.

Richard Atcherley, Partner and Trainees, Paris Smith LLP

11.00 – 12.00

The Crown Prosecution Service- Careers at CPS Wessex

The Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) prosecutes criminal cases that have been investigated by the police and other investigative organisations in England and Wales. Our duty is to make sure that the right person is prosecuted for the right offence, and to bring offenders to justice wherever possible.

Suzanne Llewellyn, Chief Crown Prosecutor, Beth Sparks, Inclusion and Community Engagement Manager, Sadie Rizzo, Crown Advocate, Alun Morgan District Crown Prosecutor and Rachel Bailey, Senior Crown Prosecutor, Crown Prosecution Service Wessex

12.00 – 13.00

Working as a barrister/solicitor in family law

This session will look at the challenges and privileges of being a Family lawyer. Amy and Laura will share their experiences and discuss routes into the profession and legal experience students should consider if they are interested in this area. They will also discuss what a normal day in the life of a Family Law Solicitor/Barrister is like.

Amy Oke, Barrister, College Chambers and Laura Payne, Solicitor, Swain & Co

14.30 – 15.30

The Journey from Southampton Law Student to International Commercial Lawyer

Having studied law at the University of Southampton, Stephanie will be discussing her career as a litigation and international arbitration lawyer, what day to day work is like and how she got to where she is today. Stephanie will also be discussing the differences in working for two very different types of employers, Herbert Smith Freehills LLP, in both London and Singapore, and Signature Litigation LLP.

Stephanie Eaton, Associate Solicitor, Signature Litigation LLP

15.30 – 16.30

Life as a Healthcare Lawyer

Max Slinger is a member of the Clinical Risk team where he conducts litigation on behalf of private medical indemnifiers, NHS Trusts and GP beneficiaries at the request of NHS Resolution. Max has conducted a broad range of cases from orthopaedic matters to brain injuries, emergency medicine, vascular and spinal surgery. He deals with a variety of issues including delays in treatment and diagnosis and claims brought under the Fatal Accidents Act 1976.

Having completed the LPC and joined the Clinical Risk department of DAC Beachcroft in August 2016 as a Paralegal, Max progressed via the vocational route to qualification as a Solicitor in December 2020.

Max intends to provide an insight into both qualification via alternative means and the day to day life of an NQ in Defendant based clinical negligence claims.

Max Slinger, Solicitor, DAC Beachcroft LLP

16.30 – 17.30

How to Qualify as a Solicitor and the LPC/SQE Courses

For students intending to train as a Solicitor, our LPC and SQE presentation will outline the current and new route and help students to decide which is best for them. Our team will also lead an interactive taster to demonstrate what Postgraduate legal study will be like.

LPC Tutor, University of Law

Thursday 18th November

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10.00 – 11.00

What does it take to become a barrister?

During this session Christopher will discuss how you can gain and enhance the key skills required for pupillage and success in practice at the Bar of England & Wales.

- What are the key skills required for success at the Bar?
- Getting to know yourself - imposter syndrome and avoiding the pitfall of perfection
- What is involved in Bar training and how do I apply?
- Helping yourself – how to enhance your Bar CV
- Taking the plunge - pupillage applications & interviews.

Christopher Kessling, Vice-Dean, The Inns of Court College of Advocacy (ICCA)

11.00 – 12.00

Work Experience, Internships and Placement Opportunities for Law Students

Your chance to find out about your options for legal work experience opportunities through your Careers & Employability Service. The presentation will look at the Excel Southampton Internships, Year in Employment, Volunteering, Business Innovation Programmes with a focus on the legal industry. This will be followed by a Q&A session.

Kelly Cumming, Careers & Employability Service, University of Southampton

12.00 – 13.00

Studying for an LLM

This session will offer invaluable advice on why you should consider postgraduate study, the different types of courses available, what you should look for and the issues to consider before embarking upon postgraduate study.

Professor Uta Kohl, Southampton Law School

14.30 – 15.30

Make It Count: Careers for Graduates in the Prison Service

For graduates on the Unlocked Leadership Development Programme, two years goes in the blink of an eye in prison. In that time, you'll develop sought-after skills – in settings and situations you wouldn't believe. This isn't your standard graduate scheme. And this isn't for standard graduates.

Jack Palmer, Recruitment Officer, Unlocked Graduates

15.30 – 16.30

A career in commercial property law with a global law firm

The session will give the students an insight into the practice of a city based law firm with both regional and overseas offices, as well as explaining the application process and structure of open days, vacation schemes and training contracts. The session will also provide useful 'hints and tips' about what graduate recruiters are looking for to make your applications stand out from the crowd and give some guidance on how to answer some common questions firms are likely to ask.

Mr Giovanni Castronovo, Managing Associate, Mishcon de Reya LLP

16.30 – 17.30

Case study with Herbert Smith Freehills

Join our Associate and Trainee for a case study negotiation exercise.

Herbert Smith Freehills, Associate and Trainee

Friday 19th November

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10.00 – 11.00

The Local Government Lawyer

An overview of an alternative to traditional high street law - working as an in-house lawyer for an organisation that serves the community but has the staffing and annual budget turnover of a blue chip company, is a regional leader of enterprise, employment and development and requires legal advice and support in dozens of discreet areas of legal practice.

Sarita Riley, Southampton City Council

11.00 – 12.00

Non- Legal careers in the Civil Service – Life in Civil Service Fast Stream

This presentation will provide an in-depth introduction into the vast career options available across the Civil Service for Civil Service Fast Streamers during their time on the leadership development programme and beyond. The presentation will cover key areas – Dimitri's journey from the Southampton Law School to the Civil Service Fast Stream (including a period working in a boutique commercial litigation firm), as well as an introduction to the Fast Stream and its opportunities, and an overview of the application process and the main differences that Dimitri has found between working in the private and public sectors.

Dimitri Vinnikov, Department for International Trade, Civil Service

12.00 – 13.00

Careers at the Law Commission

You have all read Law Commission consultation papers and reports, but have you thought about how the Commission works and how its recommendations become law? This session is an opportunity to find out about the Law Commission and about how you could start your legal career working to reform the law as a Research Assistant.

Professor Sarah Green, Law Commissioner

14.30 – 15.30

Working as a lawyer in Government

This talk will provide an overview of the high profile and stimulating work in the Government Legal Department (GLD) and explain what it does, including our unique function of turning policy into law.

The presentation will also look at the similarities and differences between working as a government lawyer and working in private practice. The application process for a training contract/pupillage, including the skills we look for and how you can acquire or develop them and training with the GLD.

Ben Dean and Stephen Underwood, Senior Lawyers, Government Legal Department

15.30 – 16.30

Data Privacy Lawyers (by accident)

Data privacy has massive importance in the economy and, of course, in our own personal lives. In recent years, there has been an explosion of interest in this area fuelled by high profile events such as the Edward Snowden revelations on mass public authority surveillance and the increased use of technologies such as cookies and facial recognition to track and monitor our behaviour. In this talk, DWF data privacy lawyers Tughan Thuraisingam and Shervin Nahid will provide insight into how they 'fell' into this area and what it's like being a data privacy lawyer in a global provider of integrated legal and business services.

Tughan Thuraisingam (Director) and Shervin Nahid (Associate), DWF

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