**MSC**

**Matthew West (LLB Hons Law with Business 2015)**

I have just finished my MSc degree in Enterprise and Business Creation at the University of East Anglia (UEA) and I'm trying to create my business in my spare time! At the moment, I work at the Careers Service at UEA as a Business Engagement Intern.

**LLM**

**Natalie Golding (LLB Law with Business 2015)**

After graduating from Brighton, I started a masters in Medical Law and Bioethics at King's College London, also working full-time at a West End theatre for the year, finishing just a few weeks ago in September 2016. Shortly before finishing I secured a place on the Civil Service Graduate Internship scheme and I now work for the Cabinet Office, based in Whitehall. I plan to complete my 2 years in Cabinet Office before moving over to the Department of Health to work on end of life care policy, particularly regarding children.

**Rebecca Wiles (LLB Hons Law with Criminology 2016)**

I am now studying a Masters in Human Rights at one of the Top 20 Universities for Research. The University of Brighton broadened my prospects and the module choices allowed me to choose a point of focus for further studies.

**LPC/LLM**

**James Davies (LLB Hons Law with Business)**

Thanks for contacting me with regards to the blog. Since I graduated as of July 2015, I have been doing a little travelling around with all the money I had saved up. This has always been a personal goal of mine once I completed my Bachelors. My reasoning behind the move was to explore new cultures, traditions and gain new insights. Once I returned from my travels as of August 2016, I enrolled at Nottingham Law School to study a LLM Legal Practice Course. My reasoning for the course I have chosen is upon completion, I would hold a full Masters degree and I would also be a fully qualified Solicitor which is my childhood dream. I would also like to add that my undergraduate studies has really bolstered my opportunities within the Job Market, I have had various interests from Financial institutions, Recruitment Agencies, and Law firms. I am very excited to see what the future holds for me but in the meantime I am focused on my Master qualifications.

**Sanah Jazzan Yazzan (PGDip Law 2016)**

My experience in Brighton University was very good. I was pregnant at the time and all the team was really helpful. I am currently doing my LPC-LLM with the University of law in London. With a different back round, was a big challenge and good opportunity to learn how the legal system in England function and also how to apply the law to the different areas available.

**Sheila Boadu (LLB Hons Law with Business 2013)**

After graduation, I worked in the NHS as an Administrator for three years to save up money.

But I am currently studying LPC/LLM at University of Law (College of Law) in Birmingham

**LPC**

**Stephanie Preece (LLB HONS Law with Business 2012)**

Since graduating from Brighton I went on to study the LPC at the University of Law, Bloomsbury. During my studies I also worked at a city law firm as a legal assistant and then went on to work as a paralegal at Kennedys Law. I am now looking to further my work experience in order to apply for training contracts. The experience required to apply for training contracts has increased dramatically over the past few years and I feel any student looking to study law needs to understand the importance of gaining work experience prior to their graduation.

**Jennie Apsey (PGDip Law 2016)**

Not much to report career-wise I’m afraid as I have embarked on the Legal Practice Course at the University of Law in Guildford with a view to obtaining a training contract.

**Law (Solicitor)**

**Rebecca Fjeld (LLB Hons Law with Business 2013)**

The day before graduation I accepted a training contract with Rosenblatt Solicitors in London, a full service commercial law firm. I have followed a very traditional career path and qualified as a corporate solicitor. However, in September, I decided to change firms and moved to LOGOS, an Icelandic law firm with offices in London. Being Norwegian it felt natural to focus on more international work. I now work with a lot of Nordic clients investing in the UK but also advise UK and US clients on investments in Nordic markets. I know how competitive the training contract market is but it is important to find a firm that can offer you the career you want. I have learned it is important not to settle and make sure you love what you do, whatever that is!

**Joe Pullen (PgDip Law 2011)**

I worked at Martin Cray & Co. Solicitors before I started the CPE and I still do. I finally qualified in April last year. I started with a week of work experience. I enjoy working here - the approach suits me - so I have no plans to move on.

**Nikita Rusakov-Harrison (LLB Hons Law with Business 2013)**

I graduated from Brighton University with an LLB, Law with Business degree. Since then, I have worked in Switzerland as an International Corporate Law Intern for a multinational drilling company and also as a Junior Lawyer for an arbitration boutique law firm. I now work as a Project Coordinator for a multinational tourism operator and in the following year will be doing my Training Contract with a top 10 UK law firm. I strongly believe my experiences and achievements to date have been a direct result from the teachings, support and opportunities provided at Brighton University.

**Chaitali Naik (LLB Hons Law with Business 2014)**

Since graduating from Brighton, my legal education has taken me further than I could have imagined. In September 2014 after applying everywhere for Paralegal jobs in the south coast, I landed a role as a Paralegal for The Mortgage Claims Bureau, based in Littlehampton, West Sussex. I moved to Littlehampton to embark on my first legal job. The experience was invaluable, I was given real hands on responsibility and my own caseload of over 70 clients. I gained immense pride when I learnt that the majority of my claims had paid out for the clients, many for sums over £100,000.

After working as a Paralegal, in September 2015 I then began my Legal Practice Course at the University of Law, Guildford. It was a tough course and very different from my undergraduate studies at Brighton, but the excellent teaching and friendly campus environment assisted greatly with my studies. Overall after a hard slog of 9 months, I successfully completed the course and gained a commendation. During my LPC in March 2016 I gained a training contract in central London and as you can imagine after years of hard work and relentless training contract applications, I was over the moon. This October I moved to London and am currently working as a trainee Solicitor in a regional firm in the heart of London on Chancery Lane.

I loved every minute of my studies at Brighton and am so thankful to the amazing standard of legal teaching I received during my time there.

**Polly Jackson (LLB Hons Law with Business 2016)**

Since graduating with my First back in June 2016, I had several interviews, some where I was not successful, and some where I was but did not take the job for various reasons. Since then, I have moved to London and, rather than going on holiday over the summer, I stacked up back-to-back Internships and Summer Vacation Schemes, namely;

1 week work-experience with DMH Stallard LLP (Banking Litigation and Insolvency);

4 week internship with Enterprise Holdings in their Legal and Contracts Department;

1 week Vacation Scheme with Fox Williams LLP (assessment);

1 week Vacation Scheme with Memery Crystal LLP (Real Estate); and

1 week Vacation Scheme with Addleshaw Goddard (Intellectual Property).

Off the back of this, I was offered a place on the Paralegal to Trainee scheme with Fox Williams LLP in Moorgate and am currently spending 6 months in their Real Estate department in a mock-training seat. I am also self-funding the LPC and studying on a part time at the weekends with BPP Law School in Holborn. I am also set to undertake training with the National Crime Agency to become a Legal Industry Cyber-Security ambassador.”

I realise it sounds a bit smug but I think it would be good for the current students to realise how much you actually need to do to get noticed!!

**George Stead (LLB Hons Law with Business 2014)**

I have gone the conventional route and am now training as a corporate lawyer at a city firm.

**Law (Barrister)**

**Tapiwa Moffatt (PGDip Law 2016)**

I am currently training as a barrister- studying the BPTC part time at City Law School, University of London. I am hoping to secure a pupillage for 2018 and would like eventually to specialise in clinical negligence/personal injury.

**Leila Mezoughi (LLB Hons Law with Business 2013)**

I’m a pupil barrister at 25 Bedford Row.

**Law (Other)**

**Mahmoud Hamed (PGDip Law 2013)**

Since graduating, I worked for 2 different law firm in London. I am now working for Leigh Day in their International Group Claims as paralegal

**Annabel Corcoran (LLB hons Law with Business)**

Instead of taking the LPC and going into a legal role, after completing my LLB I secured employment with a specialist and international legal recruitment firm called G2 Legal. I assist leading law firms in the City and West End of London find high calibre individuals to match their staffing requirements. My role is diverse, covering not just general recruitment duties (which is a sales/target driven environment), but also business development and social media marketing.

**David Woodall (PGDip Law 2013)**

Since I graduated from Brighton, my law qualification landed me a role at IMG Media, handling a lot of the legal & admin work that goes on behind the scenes. After two years there, I moved to a new International Arabic-language broadcaster in West London called Alaraby Television. Supporting & leading the Operations side of the broadcaster as it seeks to turn itself into one the premiere broadcasters to Arabic speakers globally.

In my spare time, combining my work & legal experience, I have found time to produce my own show online;

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCaFSoa0mUAYzeeT9WGU6Ywg>

**Clara Perry (LLB Hons Law with Criminology 2016)**

Since graduating university this year I went back to my job at an oil refinery in the Inspection department. Fortunately I happened to meet a Partner of a law firm at a business opening event. I sent him my CV the following day and was later offered an interview. I got the job and I am now a legal assistant in residential conveyancing at Bridge McFarland solicitors. I intend to begin my LPC next year, which I have discussed with Bridge McFarland and I will be staying working whilst studying part-time.

**Non-Law**

**Cindy-Temi Martins (LLB Hons Law with Business 2011)**

Whilst at Brighton I was one of the students lucky enough to land a role within Lloyds Banking Group so after graduation I actually transferred into a retail banking role.  Given my Law with business studies background it then made sense to move onto commercial banking within Lloyds. It's safe to say my Law background secured me a role at the Financial Conduct Authority where I used my knowledge to dabble in the world of regulation. It wasn't until my current role my lessons in equity trusts etc really made sense. I'm part of a growing compliance team within a Development Finance Institution. I focus on the groups compliance in accordance with the regulation and also on Anti money laundering and corruption. Its a very interesting role and something I enjoy a lot

**Roxanne Scott (LLB Hons Law with Business 2016)**

That's a great idea to let them know as, by my second year I, myself, had realised that I didn't want to pursue a career in law, and was scared of what opportunities there were outside of law.

Since graduating this summer, I was lucky to obtain a graduate position in business development at American Express in Brighton, and I work in the corporate team looking after corporate cards. The role is a great stepping stone into Amex, as me and the other graduates in the department will be working here for 9 months before being placed or choosing other departments or areas in Amex we would like to go in. The one thing Amex really liked about me was the I had done a placement year whilst at university, as they only wanted graduates who had gone out and got some great work experience before coming to them. So I am grateful to have the foundation that Brighton uni helped me establish!

**Yaseer Al Lawati (LLB Hons Law with Business)**

The same day I arrived in Oman after my final year exams, I was working in a law firm as a lawyer.

After 5 months, I got an offer from one of the biggest group private companies to work with them as a Legal advisor. I worked with them for 4 months then I got an offer from state audit institution which is a department under his Majesty that look at anything that belong to the government or the government have more than 40% share in it.

It is one of the best options and highest paid across the country so I moved straight away.

Currently, I am auditing investment companies.

**Tallia Burgess (LLB Hons Law with Business 2016)**

Through networking at law firms throughout my degree I got exposure to various professional industries. I had decided what dynamic I was looking for and soon faced skype, phone and video interviews for various companies, with an 8 hour assessment day and psychometric tests that eventually led me to where I am now (you don’t tend to hear about the rigorous interview stages as a student). I had chosen to apply my legal and business acumen to the financial services industry and I am now working as a Global Graduate Trainee for MS Amlin, a leading global speciality insurer based in London. I am on a two year scheme whereby I do four, six month rotations, including an international assignment in a chosen office (of which there is 18 choices globally). I am currently in a project management role in Business Operations which involves coordinating a variety of projects from new business strategy alignment, new regulatory requirements set by the FCA or PRA, to working on robotic development! I’m amongst a group of 12 graduates chosen globally out of over 600 applications, and the diversity of academic backgrounds makes it so interesting. From a Cambridge History graduate to fellow Law graduate from Cardiff, I work with a team of young professionals who I can count to lean on if I need to! The company are sponsoring me to attain  post-graduate qualifications, (Chartered Insurance Institute Diploma (which would cost thousands otherwise) whilst supporting my own innovation, work-life balance, travel opportunities, charity work and personal preferences.

**Letitia Green (PgDip Law 2016)**

Since I graduated I have got a job as a Prisoner Custody Officer so I can learn more about the criminal justice system.

I hope to go on to work as a probation officer or do further training in counselling to potentially be a counsellor in prisons to aid rehabilitation.

**Bekithemba Mhlanga (LLB Hons Law with Business 2012)**

My LLB studies paid off immediately in my case. I was offered a job by my employer in a new department working in a team overseeing an outsource contract between West Sussex County Council  and Capita. I am a Business  Manager responsible for overseeing contract performance , service design and growing other business channels.

**Sarah Torabi (LLB Hons Law with Business 2015)**

following graduation, I decided to try different opportunities within different areas to see whether I could enjoy something else other than law. So, I started off by being a public defender for asylum seekers - by being their lawyer at their hearings. But I found out quite quickly that was not interested in that type area. I have always been extremely business-minded so I knew from the start that I wanted to work somewhere where I can handle business related questions. However, after leaving the public defender role, I had different jobs within both marketing and administration. But even then, I knew that I was in the wrong place . So I started to second guess my academic choices since I was either being judged as being over qualified or not qualified enough to be a lawyer, especially since I live in Sweden where they prefer their own law degree.

But I continued my search and found a company, called Awa Patent, which has always been interesting to me since I love IP and the business mind of the company. Awa patent is currently one of Europes biggest IP firms. So I tried to find a way on how I could get a job there, and thats when I found out that roughly 90% of their employees are engineers. This came as a shock to me then, but now it makes sense, since you need to have a technical background in order to deal with IP. However, I did not give up. I actually went on LinkedIn and searched for the employees that work at AWA and I found the CEO of their sister company called AWA IPRO. I was so impressed by his CV that decided to connect with him even I though I had never met him before. A few hours later, however, he messaged me and said that I had an interesting CV and would like to set up an interview. At this stage, I had no idea what AWA IPRO did nor what the job would be. Following this, may be 1,5 month, four interviews and three tests later, I was offered the role as a “business advisor”. My role is to commercialise innovations for big companies and start ups - and I love it! The work varies from reading and writing contracts to negotiating collaborations and deals.

However, going back to beginning of the year 2016, I even applied for an LLM in European Business law at Lund university thinking that it would be my plan B if nothing happened. But, here I am today, almost 7 months in as a business advisor, just finalised a big commercial deal AND studying the LLM at full-time speed. This was not my ideal plan but when both opportunities arose I thought that I cannot rejected either of them. To conclude, my career has so far taken a lot of steps after graduating from BBS and there are more to come! :)

**Selina Tamrat (LLB Law with Business 2012)**

Unfortunately despite the good grades and work experience, I was unable to secure a training contract following on from my degree and then LPC. I was out of work for almost a year during which I applied for numerous training contracts and paralegal roles to no avail. I subsequently ended up working for the NHS and now work as a project support officer in programme and project management for my local community Trust. I am just about to start my PRINCE2 qualification so I can apply for project manager roles outside of the NHS.

**Harrison Dark (LLB Hons Law with Business 2015)**

I am currently working for an FX Broker as an account executive. In this role I manage retail and corporate trading accounts. My main responsibilities include: building lasting relationships with clients, creating new business and discussing market developments with clients.

**Ravnisha Mato (LLB Hons Law with Business 2013)**

Since I graduated in 2013, I was persistent and I found a job within 7 months at a Asset Management firm in London. It was great exposure to learn different elements of a business. From there I have moved onto another financial services company again in finance. However in the last year I have found a interest in compliance, financial crime & regulation and I am looking to pursue my career further in this field. My advice for any graduates is to take a job in the field they would like to get into, I think it's important to emphasize it's about getting your foot in the door and taking baby steps to find out what you really like, enjoy and thrive on, after all university is very different to the working world.

**Joshua Broadway (LLB Hons Law with Business 2011)**

Studying Law with Business at Brighton opened the way for many opportunities outside the traditional legal environment. Having spent a number of years working for a Member of Parliament, I am now working in finance and building on the knowledge and skills gained at Brighton to further my development and career.

**Raavi Grewal (LLB Hons Law with Business 2011)**

I graduated in 2011, complete the LPC in June 2012, started my training contract in January 2013, and upon qualification I started at McMillan Williams. At the start of this year they made me the head of property law for my office and this week they made me their youngest partner. All in all, I've made a great life stemming from my law degree at Brighton Uni and would recommend their course to anyone!

**Richard Meakins (LLB Hons Law with Business 2016)**

I am currently paralegalling at a niche start up law firm doing corporate and commercial work for healthcare industries. I'm studying the PLP LLM and I supervise the the Wills  and Trust paralegals.

**Azeena Rajap (PGDip Law 2012)**

Since I graduated, I am managing a specialist dermatology doctors clinic. Which we opened last year. My PG dip in law has helped me greatly when I interview employees and offer contracts. Generally even day to day running of the clinic, Law is so relevant in every aspect in business. Makes it possible for me to carry out my duties without having to consult anyone. As I understand law of contract and Tort.

**Paul-Henry Kayuki (LLB Hons Law with Business 2014)**

I am pursuing an LLM in international finance law at the University of Sussex

 **Chloe Brewster (LLB Hons Law with Business 2013)**

As soon as I graduated I worked as a Senior Lettings Negotiation for 1 year. I then moved into a career to utilise my Law degree and I have been working at BAE Systems for just over 2 years as a Commercial Officer. This mainly entails writing proposals for software for all maritime platforms (ships, submarines etc), reviewing and negotiating Terms and Conditions for Contracts and securing a satisfactory Intellectual Property position to ensure that BAE Systems background IP is protected.

 **Jennifer Cove (PGDip Law 2012, LLM Law 2013)**

After graduating, I began volunteering as an advocate in pro bono programmes before working as a freelance county court advocate. I'm now a trainee solicitor at a firm specialising in litigation. All in, I've appeared at over 100 hearings throughout the south east over the last few years. The range of matters keeps it challenging and interesting, and I've gotten to meet a lot of colourful characters.

**Kevin Bowles (LLB Hons Law with Business 2012)**

Since graduating I have completed the LPC, qualified as a criminal defence solicitor, represented somebody on murder at the Old Bailey, many gangs conspiring to import and supply large quantities of drugs, a couple of minor celebrities, a premier league footballer and have taken up squash.