



WORK INSPIRATION – Law

The Legal sector offers one of the most diverse career options. With a multitude of positions and ever-expanding range of practice areas, law offers you the opportunity to specialise in what you personally find interesting.

General Career Resources/Information:

- **The Lawyer Portal** Decided to study law at university, explore the various law degrees and how they could benefit you. This [article](#) will guide you through a range of law degrees
- **The Lawyer Portal** Legally Pod: The Law [podcasts](#) featuring interviews and insights exploring what makes a successful lawyer
- **The Lawyer Portal** highlights all the [different specialisations](#) of law and has a selection of [quizzes](#) for aspiring lawyers.
- **The Lawyer Portal** How to [decide](#) whether a career as a **solicitor** or **barrister** is for you and what are the [differences](#)
- Students should keep up to date on [@TheLawyerPortal](#)
- **National Careers Service** section on [law and legal](#) careers has a wide range of options, including amongst others:
 - Career as a [solicitor](#)
 - Career as a [barrister](#)
 - Career as a [legal executive](#)
 - Career as a [paralegal](#)
 - Career as a [legal secretary](#)
 - Career as a [crown prosecutor](#)
 - Career as a [coroner](#)
- **NI Careers Service** produces Careers Occupational Information on a range of 'growth' area careers. This provides a Northern Ireland focus to legal [careers](#) (Feb 2021)
- **BBC Bitesize** Careers section [profiles](#) a Coroner Officer, Apprentice Paralegal and Apprentice Solicitor

- **Law Society of Ireland** campaign - trainee solicitors [pen letters](#) to their younger selves
- **The Law Society** - Solicitors represent and defend clients' legal interests and provide advice. [Find out more](#) about the work solicitors do, the skills needed and how to qualify
- **All About The Law** is a useful [resource](#) with information on apprenticeships and degrees. This [article](#) explains a career in law
- **Prospects** section on [law careers](#) and outlines [7 skills required](#) for a successful law careers
- **Future Talent Group** - legal career [case study](#) on a **Pinsent Masons** trainee solicitor
- **Allen & Overy** have a careers podcast '[Launch](#)' which students may find useful. Whilst most of the content may be for higher education students it would still be beneficial
- **NEW – Baker McKenzie** continue to inspire and enthuse students. Explore their [ten career storyboards](#) and [three videos](#) profiling staff.

VIRTUAL OPPORTUNITIES

- **Pinsent Masons** - open access virtual work experience. A 'self-paced' programme that should take 5 – 6 hours to complete. Students must register for this [virtual work experience](#) to access content. It is a behind the scenes look at a law firm and helping you decide if a career in law is for you. Registration [page](#). (Suggested for Undergraduate students but 16-18 year olds may find useful)
- **NEW - Pinsent Masons** were unable to host their [Work Inspiration day](#) and have recorded their sessions. (This is password protected, email workinspiration@bitcni.org.uk to get the password). Content includes; Intro. to Pinsent Masons, Why choose law and routes into law, FAQs with a trainee solicitor on studying law in NI, a day in the life of a solicitor in Pinsent Masons, preparing for an interview, interview

etiquette, a career as a Legal PA and a tour of the Pinsent Masons' London office.

- **Linklater** – open access virtual work experience. A 'self-paced' programme that should take 5 hours to complete. Students must register for this [virtual work experience](#) to access content. This is an opportunity to find out about the world of commercial law. (Suggested for 16-18 year olds)
- **White and Case** – open access virtual work experience. A 'self-paced' programme that should take 5-6 hours to complete. Student must register for this [virtual work experience](#) to access content. An opportunity to gain first-hand insight into life as a lawyer and experience the realities of cross-border law.

UNIVERSITY RELATED

- **Ulster University** – [explore](#) the School of Law and their [undergraduate courses](#)
- **Queen's University** - [explore](#) the School of Law and their [undergraduate courses](#). [Watch](#) the QUB Virtual Law Open Day (Sept. 2020)
- In this article from **The Complete University Guide** they have researched all [law](#) courses available and what grades are needed to apply
- An [example](#) of how **University of York** are conducting interviews
- **The Lawyer Portal** has a [list](#) of the universities offering a law degree and the what you should consider when picking a university.
- **The Lawyer Portal** has a section for students on how to complete a [personal statement](#)
- **All About The Law** has a selection of university [sample questions](#)
- **The Lawyer Portal** [case study](#) from a student who recently studied for a LLB degree at UCL

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