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South Square is a leading set of commercial law barristers, widely acknowledged as the best at the bar for insolvency and restructuring work. Our reputation for excellence extends to our specialist expertise in related areas, including banking, trusts and asset tracing, financial services, company law and general commercial litigation.

Our members have been at the forefront of many of the most high-profile commercial cases of the last decade, including Lehman Brothers, MF Global, the Ecclestone/Formula One litigation, the LIBOR litigation, Bernie Madoff and Stanford International as well as virtually all of the major UK insolvency cases such as Phones4U, Woolworths and BHS. A significant proportion of our work involves international elements and members regularly appear in cases overseas, including in the Cayman Islands, British Virgin Islands, Hong Kong, Bermuda and Dubai.

As a pupil at South Square you are welcomed into all areas of chambers' life. In return for your commitment, we provide you with a carefully structured programme designed to train and equip you for successful practice in a dynamic, forward-thinking and challenging environment. Our pupils sit with a different supervisor every six weeks, exposing you to our varied practices and working styles, and enabling you to get to know more of our members.

We seek to recruit ambitious individuals with exceptional potential. Up to three 12-month pupillages are offered each year, each currently carrying an award of £65,000, and we have no quota for tenancy so that any pupil who meets the requisite standard may become a tenant.

South Square is delighted to be sponsoring the City, University of London Law Fair. Please do come and speak to us at our stand, where we can answer your questions about life at the bar and opportunities at South Square.

With best wishes for your future career at the bar.

Head of Pupillage Committee, South Square
Tom Smith QC

We are delighted to present the Law Careers Events programme 2016/17. It has been designed to give you an insight into a range of careers options and the skills you will need to successfully apply for work experience, training schemes and graduate jobs within the legal sector. You will have numerous opportunities to hear from and network with a range of professionals, legal practitioners, employers and *alumni* from The City Law School.

This guide contains an overview of the central law careers events at City in the autumn term and a snapshot of what is coming up in the spring term.

The programme has been designed in collaboration with The City Law School for both undergraduate and postgraduate Law students as well as students from other disciplines who are interested in pursuing a career in law.

The events within this booklet will be advertised on City CareersHub, City's central careers portal. By logging into this portal, you can:

- View the full event details, including locations and speaker information
- Find more events, including events held off campus
- Register your attendance for these events.

City CareersHub can be accessed at careershubs.city.ac.uk/students.



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Off Campus Careers Events

Each term there are open days and presentations held at law firms and barristers' chambers. Find out more on the off campus careers event listing on City CareersHub.



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Please note that course-specific events and employability sessions are not included in this guide.

Help with your career

Meet your Careers Consultant

All City students and recent graduates can book an appointment with one of our career consultants. They offer three main types of appointment to suit different requirements: overview appointments, career guidance appointments and mock interview appointments.



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David works closely with the postgraduate side of The School of Law delivering bespoke workshops on subjects such as handling the mental pressures of Pupillage interviews, and on most Tuesdays during term, time David offers one-to-one appointments at Gray's Inn for all Law postgraduate students.

These events are bookable via City CareersHub on careershub.city.ac.uk/students.

Events Programme 2016/17

The Graduate Group 'Legal Head Start Workshops'

A group of successful graduates who have secured training contracts at a number of top city law firms will host four practical workshops.

These workshops are suitable for Law and non-Law students who are in their penultimate or final year of study, as well as GDL and LPC students. Students should also have achieved a minimum of AAB or ABB at A-level (or equivalent).

Please note that students who register to attend these workshops should commit to attending all dates.

Workshop 1

Saturday 22nd October 2016, 10am to 2pm

This workshop will cover how to:

- Plan for success
- Research the right firm for you
- Impress at legal events
- Make successful applications.

Workshop 2

Saturday 12th November 2016, 10am to 2pm

During this workshop, current and future trainee solicitors will assist students to improve their applications.

Workshop 3

Saturday 21st January 2017, 10am to 2pm

This workshop will help you understand:

- The elusive topic of commercial awareness
- How to stand out at interviews.

Workshop 4

Saturday 18th February 2017, 10am to 2pm

Assessment centre bootcamp: This workshop will give students the opportunity to experience a real assessment centre in a 'safe' environment.

Students will also be assigned to one of our Graduate Group Members for more one-to-one support in the future. So if you need advice on how to beat the odds and get ahead, these workshops are for you.

Careers with a Law degree panel event

Thursday 13th October 2016, 6 to 8pm

Studying law, you develop a range of transferable skills highly valued by employers. It is an excellent degree to give you a choice of career options.

This event aims to help you explore your career options inside and outside the legal sector and make informed career choices. You will have the opportunity to listen to high profile speakers, who studied law but have pursued very different careers.

The speakers will cover the following:

- How they got to where they are today
- A typical day in their role
- Entry routes and requirements
- Soft skills, academic qualifications and work experience that students need in order to secure a placement or graduate position
- How transferable skills, developed throughout a law degree or law conversion course, can be utilised in various jobs
- Top tips for applications, interviews & assessment centres.

South Square GDL Networking Evening

Thursday 13th October 2016, 6.30 to 9pm

Venue: South Square Chambers, London

Following the success of last year's networking event, South Square are offering GDL students an opportunity to meet members of the commercial/commercial chancery Bar at a relatively early stage on the GDL course. This event will be attended by South Square's Head of Chambers, a number of silks and senior juniors, and all junior members under ten years' call.

Their head of pupillage will give a short presentation about pupillage at South Square, followed by an informal drinks reception which will offer an opportunity to socialise and ask any further questions you may have about Chambers, pupillage and life at the commercial/commercial chancery Bar.

Preparation sessions – Making the most of the Law Fair

Monday 17th October 2016, 1 to 2pm

(Northampton Square campus)

Tuesday 18th October 2016, 12 to 1pm

(Gray's Inn campus)

These sessions will cover:

- Researching exhibiting organisation prior to the Fair
- Successful networking and how to make a good impression on the day
- The Fair from an employer perspective
- How attending the Fair can help you make your application stand out if you apply to one of the exhibiting organisations
- What you can expect from the Fair depending on your year and level of study.

Students who register and attend one of these sessions will be given a fast-track pass which will allow priority entry to the Law Fair during the first hour (1 to 2pm.)

The City Law Fair

Wednesday 19th October 2016, 1 to 4.30pm
(1 to 2pm: priority entry with a fast-track pass)

Sponsored by Bond Dickinson, this Fair is a great opportunity for you to network with numerous representatives from law firms, barristers' chambers and other organisations, find out more about their employment opportunities, what they expect from you and how you can make the most of your application to them. This is a rare chance to meet with a large number of organisations within just a couple of hours and may well be your chance to make an impression on who could be your future employer.

Attendees: Accutrainee, BARBRI International, Blackstone Chambers, Blake Morgan, Bond Dickinson, Chambers Student Guide, Clifford Chance, Commercial Bar Association, Darlington Solicitors, DLA Piper, DWF, EY, Francis Taylor Building, Free Representation Unit, Government Legal Service, JUSTICE, LawCareers.Net, Lawyer 2B, LPC Law, Monckton Chambers, Osborne Clarke, PwC Legal, RPC, South Square, The Bar Council, The Graduate Group, The Lex 100, Travers Smith and USA Summer Camp.

Fair break-out sessions

The following break-out sessions will be delivered in conjunction with the Law Fair. These sessions are run by some of our exhibitors at the Fair and will provide you with an opportunity to improve your employability skills.

Demystifying commercial awareness with Bond Dickinson 2 to 3pm

What makes a winning application form with Clifford Chance 2 to 3pm

Law – Business or profession or both? Does it matter? with Darlington Solicitors 3 to 4pm

Qualifying as a U.S. Attorney with BARBRI International 3 to 4pm

Remember

Unless otherwise stated within the event description, you need to sign up for these events through City CareersHub:



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To look out for in the autumn term

Darlington – 30 years working in Law firms – my most valuable insights for Law students in one hour

This session is aimed at law students at all stages and aims to offer experience, insights and hopefully a little humour from a varied career in law spanning almost 30 years. The session will be delivered by Craig Sharpe who now works with law firms including Darlington Solicitors as a specialist in legal marketing. Prior to this, he spent over 20 years as a lawyer working in various types and sizes of law firms.

How to make a good impression with your application with Trowers & Hamlin LLP

Tuesday 1st November 2016, 6.30 to 8.30pm

Anup Vitlani, Head of Graduate Recruitment & Development at Trowers & Hamlin LLP, will be calling upon his years of experience to deliver an interactive presentation about what he thinks is required to make a good application to a law firm.

Although the focus will specifically be in the context of his firm, the generic principles you will learn and note will be adaptable to any submission that you may decide to make in your quest to secure a training contract. By the end of the workshop, it is hoped that you will have gained the understanding that:

- A high level of commercial and lateral thinking is involved in answering the questions posed on an application form
- You have to approach these questions with a combination of a personal and professional mind-set.

There will be a chance to quiz Anup at the end of the presentation and you will also get to hear from one of his trainees about their own personal and professional experiences with Trowers & Hamlin. It promises to be an insightful event!

The session is mainly geared towards GDL and LPC students, however LLB 3 students are welcome to attend as well.

This session will better prepare you for a legal career, and may help you decide whether you want to become a lawyer and what type of firm or area of law you may want to work in. The main points of this session will include:

- Waffle is your enemy
- Working in different size law firms is like working in two different jobs
- Acting the part versus being yourself
- Walking a fine line with clients and regulation
- The funnel
- Importance of adaptability and teamwork
- Beware the ego
- Would I do it all again?



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Programme Reps

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You can gain valuable skills working to improve your course and leading on specific campaigns.

Student Media

Hone your journalism talents and writing skills with our online blog and TV station, launching for 2016/17.



“An unrivalled collection of the best talents currently at the Bar”

Legal 500

Pupils are drawn to South Square for our reputation as a top commercial set and the opportunity to learn from leading lights at the Bar. Our barristers advise on a wide range of commercial disputes and have acted in many of the most high-profile insolvency, restructuring, banking, company and fraud-related cases of recent times.

We are looking to meet exceptionally talented and ambitious candidates for our various pupillage programmes. Visit us at the City Law Fair to find out more.