

## Careers Events in Law



### CEPLER Careers Lectures

Working closely with the student-run **Holdsworth Club** (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/law/life/holdsworth.aspx>) and the University's **Careers Network** (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/alumni/careers/graduatecareers/index.aspx>), CEPLER has extended the Law School's careers provision in order to help prepare students for the diverse and challenging environment in which they will find themselves upon graduation.

Along with traditional 'Law in Practice' lectures, in which practitioners explain how specialist areas of law work 'in the real world', CEPLER has also provided: a speed networking event between students and local practitioners; specialists panel events; 'soft skills' sessions; an Employment Tribunal Insight Day; and the esteemed 'Leaders in Law' lectures.

Examples of past lectures and information on forthcoming events can be found

[here](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/law/courses/law/careers/careers-lectures.aspx) ([/schools/law/courses/law/careers/careers-lectures.aspx](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/law/courses/law/careers/careers-lectures.aspx)).

### Work Experience Schemes and Placements

High quality work experience is key to improving student employability. CEPLER seeks to create opportunities for law students through its relationships with numerous organisations in the legal, and legally-related, professions. This year Birmingham Law School students have undertaken work experience in a range of practice firms and third sector organisations. Click [here](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/law/courses/law/careers/work-experience-placements.aspx) ([/schools/law/courses/law/careers/work-experience-placements.aspx](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/law/courses/law/careers/work-experience-placements.aspx)) for more details.

### Law in the City

For second years, we have worked in partnership with five global law firms – **Allen & Overy** (<http://www.allenoverly.com/AOWEB/Home/AllenOveryHome.aspx?prefLangID=410>), **Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer** (<http://www.freshfields.com/>), **Herbert Smith** (<http://www.herbertsmith.com/>), **Hogan Lovells** (<http://www.hoganlovells.com/>) and **Slaughter and May** (<http://www.slaughterandmay.com/>) – to organise a one-day event in London, 'Law in the City', which gives up to thirty of our high-achieving students the opportunity to meet with lawyers and recruiters from these firms and to attend applications and commercial awareness sessions throughout the day.

### Mock Assessment Centre

Law firms, and lots of other employers, use assessment centres to select candidates for employment and these centres test a wide variety of skills: commercial awareness, teamwork, presentations, problem solving etc. This interactive, one-day event provides experience of participating in exercises, under the critical eye of a range of assessors, and receive feedback on their performance.



**Lucy Coe, work placement student:** Having this internship on my CV has already begun to open doors for me... it has given me confidence, offering a strong building block which I can hopefully develop and turn into a career one day.

### Law Fair

Each autumn, the University hosts the Law Fair, in which we welcome over 50 law firms, including some of the largest law firms in the world, to the University's Great Hall. The attendees represent law firms of all sizes and most areas of practice.

### Holdsworth Club

Students may find out more about entering the legal profession by joining the activities which are organised by the **Holdsworth Club** ([/schools/law/life/holdsworth.aspx](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/law/life/holdsworth.aspx)). This is a society exclusively for Law students, which organises many events attended and sponsored by representatives of major law firms, from pub quizzes to commercial awareness workshops. Through the Inns of Court Student Association, students can learn more about a career as a barrister and visit the Inns of Court in London.

### Mooting and Debating

The Law School runs several mooting competitions, which regularly see barristers and solicitors visit the School to judge mock trials between student advocates. There is also an annual Debating competition, exclusively for Law students. Further details on mooting are available [here](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/law/life/mooting.aspx) ([/schools/law/life/mooting.aspx](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/law/life/mooting.aspx)).

### Pro Bono

The Law School is very proud of its **Pro Bono Group** ([/schools/law/life/pro-bono/index.aspx](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/law/life/pro-bono/index.aspx)), which enables students to experience the practical application of the law, and to interact with practitioners and members of the community in a variety of ways.