

AN EXCITING NEW OPPORTUNITY TO EMBARK UPON A CAREER IN LAW

- You will be paid while you train.
- You will be working in a law firm.
- You will be a student of Manchester Metropolitan University, with world-class facilities at your disposal.
- You will be eligible for an NUS card.



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THERE ARE MANY BENEFITS TO TAKING THE VOCATIONAL ROUTE FOR YOUR CAREER IN LAW. HERE ARE SOME OF THEM:

- A fantastic alternative to a standard university education.
- Great flexibility in relation to which area of Law you enter.
- You will be working in a law firm during the course of your training.
- Financially rewarding – you will be earning a salary while you train, not accruing debt.
- The training will be delivered by Manchester Metropolitan University.
- Registered student access to fantastic facilities and an NUS card.
- You will gain a nationally-recognised qualification, which allows progression together with a 60 credit, Level 4 university qualification from Manchester Metropolitan University.



The reality of the modern legal world is that law firms need to employ more paralegals and we believe this should create opportunities for students who might not otherwise consider the law as an option.

There are many law graduates unable to secure training contracts and this is creating a situation where students are incurring significant tuition fees with little prospect of securing a position. These graduates often take roles as paralegals in the hope that they will eventually win a training contract and become a solicitor. They are too highly skilled for such a role.

With Employer Ownership of Skills, a group of law firms, of varying sizes and different disciplines, will work together with education providers, to create opportunities for students leaving school at 18, to access work and education jointly to become paralegals. This is likely to mean that students will join a firm and spend time practically learning the skills required to be a paralegal whilst also undertaking a course leading to a paralegal qualification and it will be funded by monies being made available to meet skills gaps.

There will always be the need for qualified solicitors who should be able to assume roles suitable to their skills. Well managed businesses thrive from having clarity of roles and having the right people in the right roles. These changes will help enable this, creating jobs and adding value to clients and law firms alike.

- The Legal ESG is chaired by Emma Holt,
Managing Partner at Pannone.

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SOME FACTS

When we asked members of the JLD (Junior Lawyers Division) of the Law Society "Would you have taken the LPC if you'd known how few training contracts there are?", 29% replied 'yes' and 71% replied 'no' out of 1,144 respondents.

In 2012 there were 1,733 applicants for the School of Law at Manchester University of which 367 were accepted (UCAS figures).

According to a poll of 1,774 people who graduated in the last two years, 76% said they were not informed about the alternatives to university before leaving school. Of these, more than half (54%) said they would have picked an apprenticeship or vocational training route instead of their degree had they received better information.

If you would like to apply for a position or more information please e-mail colleen.mcguinness@gmchamber.co.uk



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