

Lucy Shires - Work Experience at Barlow Robbins

Having just completed the MA Law, gaining exposure to a range of different practice areas at Barlow Robbins was an invaluable experience before starting the LPC in September.

I was made to feel extremely welcome from my very first day in the Personal Injury department, where I had the opportunity to review instructions to Counsel, draft a case summary for potential publication on the firm's website and discuss the progression of personal injury cases with an Associate Solicitor. My involvement in the fee earner's cases and typical tasks continued as I shadowed Solicitors in Family, Commercial Property and Schools and Charities across the week, who consistently took the time to thoroughly explain their department's work to me and find interesting tasks for me to be involved in, from drafting a client care letter to sitting in on meetings. This ensured that I gained a great insight into each area of law in practice and the skills necessary for working in them. I particularly enjoyed my work experience in the Personal Injury and Family departments, and am now considering the Personal Injury elective for the LPC when previously I was not considering this as an option.

Completing work experience in both the Woking and Guildford office was also a brilliant feature of this work experience, as I was able to meet more employees and experience different office layouts. Fee earners in each office took a genuine interest in my current stage of training and readily gave me plenty of advice regarding training contract applications, choice of electives on the LPC and working in the legal profession in general.

My work experience at Barlow Robbins has provided me with unbeatable further knowledge and confidence to pursue my career in law. I thoroughly enjoyed the week and would recommend this firm's work experience programme to anyone with an interest in a career in law.