

Career Planning Talk: Law (1st Year)

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Career planning starts here

Look at ways to:

- Get Started
- Gain relevant work experience
- Develop a graduate level CV
- Improve your skill set

Why start planning now?

- Competitive Market
- Degree no longer enough
- Employers want it all
 - Strong academics
 - Work experience
 - Extra curricular activities
 - An understanding of **AND** ability to articulate key employability skills (or competencies) they are looking for at all stages of the recruitment process

As a law graduate...

...you will be highly employable, with recruiters keen to use your communication, critical reasoning and analysis, teamwork and time management skills (amongst others)

Around half of jobs for graduates are offered to graduates with a degree in any discipline

*But competition is fierce and you **MUST** be prepared!*

Law, it may not be what you think!



YOU NEED TO STAND OUT FROM THE CROWD!

Vacancies
130



Applications
1500



1st Interview
400



Assessment/
Partner
200



Begin planning your career during your time at university

What you should be doing and when



Don't leave it too late – most graduate positions for the big recruiters close around January at the latest and for internships it is often earlier.



Year 1	Year 2/Penultimate Year	Final Year
Visit the Career Zone	Set your preferences in MyCareerZone	
Engage with employability opportunities delivered through your course		
Sign up to the Exeter Award		Complete the Exeter award
Begin exploring career options	Apply for the Career Mentor Scheme	
Join clubs or societies		
Gain work experience, paid or voluntary work Consider part-time work or a Student Campus Partnership		
Develop your employability and career management skills		
	Consider picking up a language or a year abroad	
	Enhance personal and professional skills	
	Research graduate level employment and further study speak to alumni for careers insight and advice	
	Apply for work experience and internships	
	Start applying and attending interviews for graduate level employment and further study Consider Graduate Business Partnerships to gain further experience	
		Attend interviews

A note for Final Year Students

Although careers information is frequently presented to you broken down by year of study, if you haven't completed the first stages please don't be disconcerted. We recommend that you start your career planning and preparation as soon as you get to university, but if you are now in your final year it's not too late to get started – this information is still relevant to you.

A note for Postgraduate Students – These activities are relevant to you too.

If you haven't already given thought to these milestones during your previous studies, you will need to focus on your career planning as soon as possible. Many job application deadlines fall in the Autumn term so you will need to act quickly so that you don't miss out! Think about the skills required in your preferred occupations. How will your postgraduate studies help to develop and enhance these skills? Are there any additional skills and experience you need to gain? If so, how are you going to make time for this within your studies?

So where do you start?

Step 1: Choosing a job

Do some naval gazing

- Understand yourself
- What motivates you? Money, Location, work/life balance...

[What if Money were no object?](#) Alan Watts

- Why do certain job roles/industries interest you?
- What job would suit me?
 - Take the Prospects Planner www.prospects.ac.uk
 - Psychometric Tests



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Step 1 Self +Me PLC, Values Skills Ambition

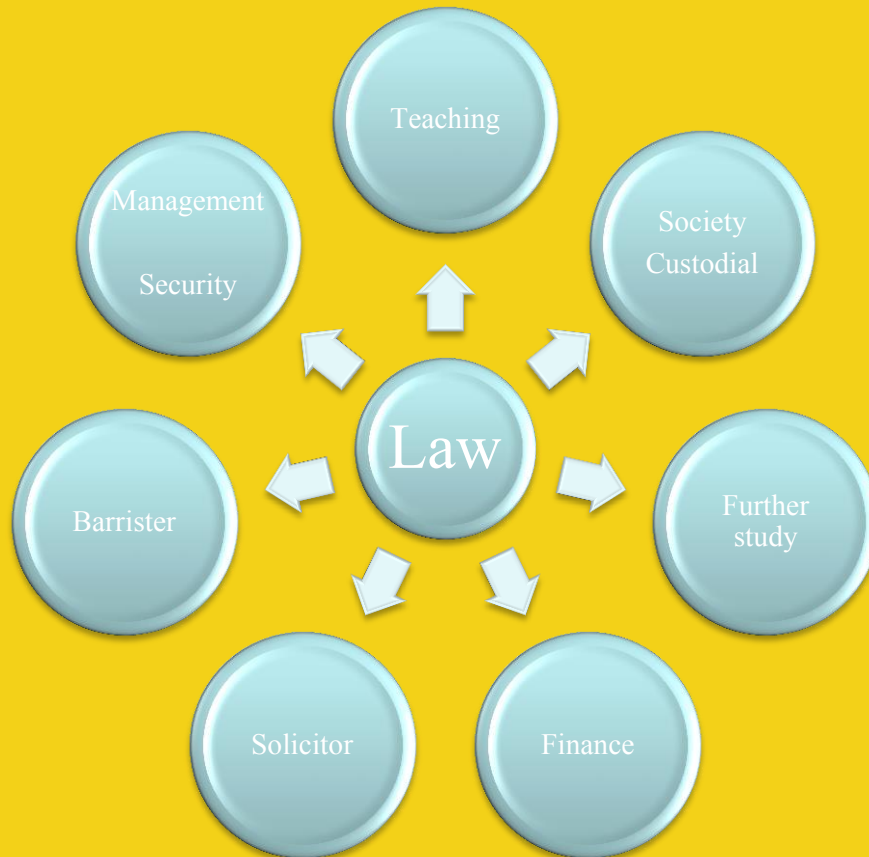
Step 2 Opportunities with my degree

Step 3 Decisions based on information and experience

Step 4 Transition to training, job or study



Do you want to use your degree?



www.prospects.ac.uk

(Options with your subject)

[http://www.prospects.ac.uk/
options_history_job_options.htm](http://www.prospects.ac.uk/options_history_job_options.htm)

So where do you start?

Step 2: Research - General

- Start with preferred sectors
(i.e. Law Barrister or Solicitor)
- Explore roles outside that sector
(i.e. Journalist, Accountant, Social Worker)
- Network - Speak to contacts; friends, family, neighbours
- Useful Resources:
 - www.prospects.ac.uk – ‘Job Sectors’ and ‘Types of Jobs’
 - www.careersbox.co.uk
 - www.careerplayer.com

So where do you start?

Step 2: Research – at Exeter

- Employer presentations and events
(Widen Your Options: 28th Feb – 8th March)
- Careers fairs
- Law fair
- Mock interviews
- My Career Zone and www.exeter.ac.uk/careers
- Gain a range of work experience
- Networking

(Exepert Scheme (Alumni), Mentor Scheme (2nd Years)

Careers Consultant Appointment



So where do you start?

Step 3: Gaining Work Experience

“ The working world is very different to the student world. Employers want people who understand the differences and have started to cross that bridge.” Grad futures

What is work experience?

- Part-time whilst studying
- Vacation employment
E.g. employer schemes, internships, STEP
- Work shadowing
E.g. observing in a classroom
- Volunteering
E.g. Community Action, Student Ambassador, local volunteer bureau

Gaining Experience

University based e.g. Legal Services Help Desk

Mini Pupilage

Work shadow/local firms.

Open days

Court Visits

Pro Bono and law advice centres

In house law

Networking

Linked In /Twitter



Where do I find work experience?

- My Career Zone www.exeter.ac.uk/careers
Student Campus Partnership
- Company websites
- STEP www.step.org.uk
- Students' Guild, Community Action
- Network - ask family and friends
(social media e.g LinkedIn, Twitter, Facebook)
- Employment agencies – temporary work

Deadlines on the horizon:



NB Application deadlines for some internships in your 2nd year are as early as **November 2013 eg Banks**

Law Vacation Schemes January 2014

So, you need to act **NOW** in order to have sufficient time to build up interesting things to put on your applications for these vacation schemes as they are very competitive.

So where do you start?

Step 4: Skill Development

- The Exeter Award www.exeter.ac.uk/exeteraward
- Attend training sessions and development activities
- Join clubs and societies that interest you
- Sports
- Work experience



‘Always push yourself outside of your comfort zone and you’ll have the best life ever’

Advice from a 70 year old woman learning to ski

Skills from a Law degree:

- Meet the requirements set by the Law Society and Bar Council for the academic stage of legal training
- • Demonstrate a thorough knowledge of the foundations of English and EU law
- Apply the principles of law to analyse and solve problems and provide practical advice
- Demonstrate transferrable skills relating to communication, organisation
- Prepare and present an argument based on logical reasoning and with authority.
- **Any More?**

Norton Rose Fulbright

“As a business, we are looking for bright, motivated and interesting candidates to apply for our vacancies. We recruit 50% law graduates and 50% non-law graduates each year. In terms of transferable skills we really value – and look for – examples of team working, use of initiative, problem solving, analysis and practical work experience. Candidates should give examples from their university life, extra-curricular activities and work experience (legal and non-legal). All work experience is valuable – paid, unpaid, voluntary. In terms of understanding the legal sector and commercial matters, candidates need to be genuinely interested in becoming a lawyer and interested in economic and political issues affecting the UK and global economy, so doing research into both is very important. However, we teach you a lot of what you need to know on the job. What we cannot teach, however, is motivation and interest.”

Caroline Lindner | Trainee Development & Recruitment

Manager

Norton Rose Fulbright LLP

Skills from elsewhere....

- Communication skills – oral
 - Part-time job, student ambassador
- Communication skills - written
 - Society secretary, Exepose journalist
- Teamwork
 - Duke of Edinburgh, hockey captain
- Independence
 - Travelling, adapting to new situations
- Numerical skills
 - Society treasurer, stocks and shares enthusiast

So where do you start?

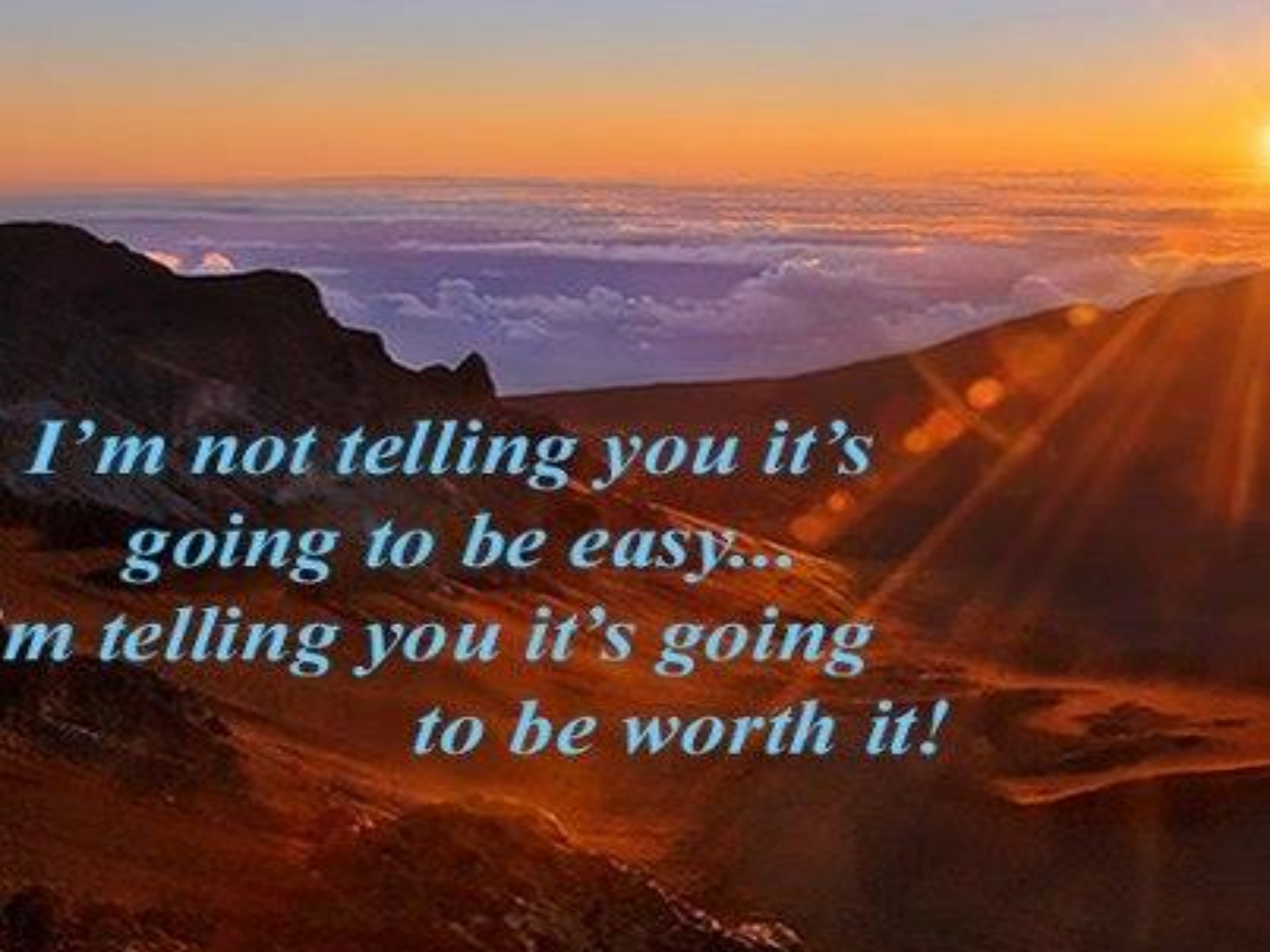
Step 5: CV Creation

- Get involved
- Design a graduate level CV – your school/college version will NOT be sufficient
- Sell your skills / achievements ALWAYS back up with evidence
- Attend a CV workshop – specific sessions for Humanities students in Computer labs
- Book a 15 minute CV checking appointment

What next?

The keys to success:

- Put time aside for career planning
- Obtain work experience – paid and/or voluntary
- Engage in extra-curricular activities
- Starting work on your graduate level CV
- Developing your employability skills **this year, next year, the year after...**



*I'm not telling you it's
going to be easy...
I'm telling you it's going
to be worth it!*

Set your Preferences to receive relevant information

See what resources are available

My Profile

- My Details
- My Preferences
- My Education
- My Saved Job Searches
- My Favourites

Events And Awards

- Exeter Award
- Exeter Leaders Award
- My Event Bookings
- Browse Events

Jobs

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- Advanced Job Search
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- Browse Organisations



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Latest News

[Our shiny new Career Zone in Exeter](#)

Have a look at how shiny our new Career Zone is. We love it and hope you do too. The Tremough campus will also be housing a brand new Career Zone in The Compass. Make sure you visit us there too. Op...

[So many jobs for you to apply for!](#)

We are working hard to upload jobs especially for you. Don't leave it too late, get applying and reap the rewards. And if you are really keen to get paid internships:

[My Career Zone](#)

Book appointments, events, ask us questions and see all types of vacancies from part time work to graduate jobs. Don't forget to set your preferences so that the information you receive is relevant ...

[View all Latest News](#)

Latest Events

Emergency First Aid

Ask A Question

Resources

- The Exeter Award/Leaders Award
- Interviews
- CVs and Covering Letters
- Career Research and Planning
- Career Advice

Search resources

Career Appointments

- My Appointment Bookings
- My Consultation Notes
- View All Available Appointments

Message

Welcome to Exeter new students, and welcome back returning students. Now you're back come and see us in our shiny new Career Zone :)

Book an appointment

Hear about recent news and information

Search upcoming Events

And remember..... Commercial awareness

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the support of Offaly County Council.

While Mr Norris and Ms Scallon suffered setbacks yesterday, both managed to win the required four or more local authority nominations.

Two other independent candidates, Sean Gallagher and Mary Davis, had already secured nomination via this route.

The four Independents will fight the election with the three candidates nominated by the political parties, Gay Mitchell of Fine Gael, Michael D Higgins of the Labour Party and Martin McGuinness of Sinn Féin.

After securing the nomination last night Mr Norris thanked the city councillors for their support. "I am

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"I am not prepared to turn a blind eye to matters of child sexual abuse," Mr O'Farrell said.

Dr Bill Torney of Fine Gael said the Senator was a "national treasure" but Áras an Uachtaráin was not the place for him because of

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Offaly vote put Dana's name on

ballot sheet: **page 6**

How the councils voted; Norris

pledges positive campaign: **page 7**

Dana is all kinds of everything to

Ulster Protestants in Áras race:

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powers and it was important they exercise those they did have.

"It has been something of a shock to see the amount of people who think democracy should only prevail when it aligns with their own point of view," she said.

Mr Norris expressed delight with the decision saying: "I'm in love with this country and thank God for it. Thank God for democracy, democracy was vindicated here."

He said the quest for a nomination had been "a bit bruising" at times but he added that he had made many friends on his travels around the State. "I hope I've made no enemies," he added.

Having started the day with two

Irish bank officials were called in to advise Greeks on crisis

SIMON CARSWELL
Finance Correspondent

SENIOR OFFICIALS from the Central Bank have played a walk-on part in the unfolding Greek tragedy, prompting their counterparts in Athens from the wings on how to plot a resolution for their banks.

Performing a role close to that of

on the banking disaster.

As a result of the purported success of the Irish tests, the Central Bank was asked to send a delegation to Athens earlier this summer to help the Greek authorities handle their own banking woes.

"We can confirm that following a request from the Bank of Greece a small team from the Central Bank of

year, but the results were undermined when the Government was forced to seek bailout loans from the EU and IMF four months later.

The subsequent Irish stress tests of the banks in March 2011 were not carried out exclusively by Central Bank officials, however. As part of their scrutiny, they called in consultants, including US asset manager

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