



UNIVERSITY OF
LIVERPOOL

*Enhancing
Employability*
for Liverpool Law School



About the Liverpool Law School

Law School key facts



Flagship in-house legal practice, **Liverpool Law Clinic**

Mooting, advocacy and negotiation activities, enable our students to further develop those skills through hands-on practical experience

88%

of graduates employed or in further study six months after graduation (DLHE 2014-15)

The first female High Court judge in the country was a Liverpool Law School graduate



89%

of students said: "As a result of my course, I believe that I have improved my career prospects" (NSS Survey, 2016)

Winner of 'Best Contribution by a Team of Students', Hillsborough Team, University of Liverpool – LawWorks & Attorney General Pro Bono Awards 2014



Highly Commended – Best Contribution by a Team of Students, Orgreave Pro Bono Project – LawWorks & Attorney General Student Awards 2016

Pathways to Law Partner



UoL Key Facts

Ranked in the top 20 UK universities targeted by UK employers in the latest global employability university survey



Rated in the **world's top 1%** of higher institutions worldwide



Worldwide research network

Respected UK leader in **Widening Participation**



As a world-renowned centre for research, the University of Liverpool can help your organisation achieve its goals through knowledge and innovation

Dedicated Business Gateway service, strong local links with business, community and government

81%

of University research rated 4* (world leading) or 3* (internationally excellent) in 2014 REF

88%

of our graduates in employment or further study (DLHE, 2016)

Associated with **9** Nobel Laureates

Part of the **Russell Group** of research-led universities

The Liverpool Law School, in the School of Law and Social Justice at the University of Liverpool, is one of the oldest law departments in the UK.



Established in 1892, we have been at the forefront of legal education and have a proud tradition of inspiring and challenging our students to reach their potential. Supporting student and graduate employability is a key element of what we do and we are keen to further embed employability into the learning experience for the benefit of our students.

Law graduates face an increasingly competitive job market. To secure a career in the law or other area of work, we recognise that, in addition to gaining a good degree from a Law School with an excellent reputation for both teaching and research, Liverpool Law School graduates need to demonstrate an ability to make the transition from undergraduates to acting and thinking like professionals in the work environment. Our graduates need to acquire a range of practical, personal and interpersonal skills that they will not necessarily obtain simply from attending classes. As part of our ongoing commitment to our students' employability, we aim to help to develop those skills, knowledge and personal attributes that will enable graduates to be successful in their future careers. Through our widening participation agenda, we are also particularly keen to encourage and support students from disadvantaged or non-traditional backgrounds to enter the legal and related professions.

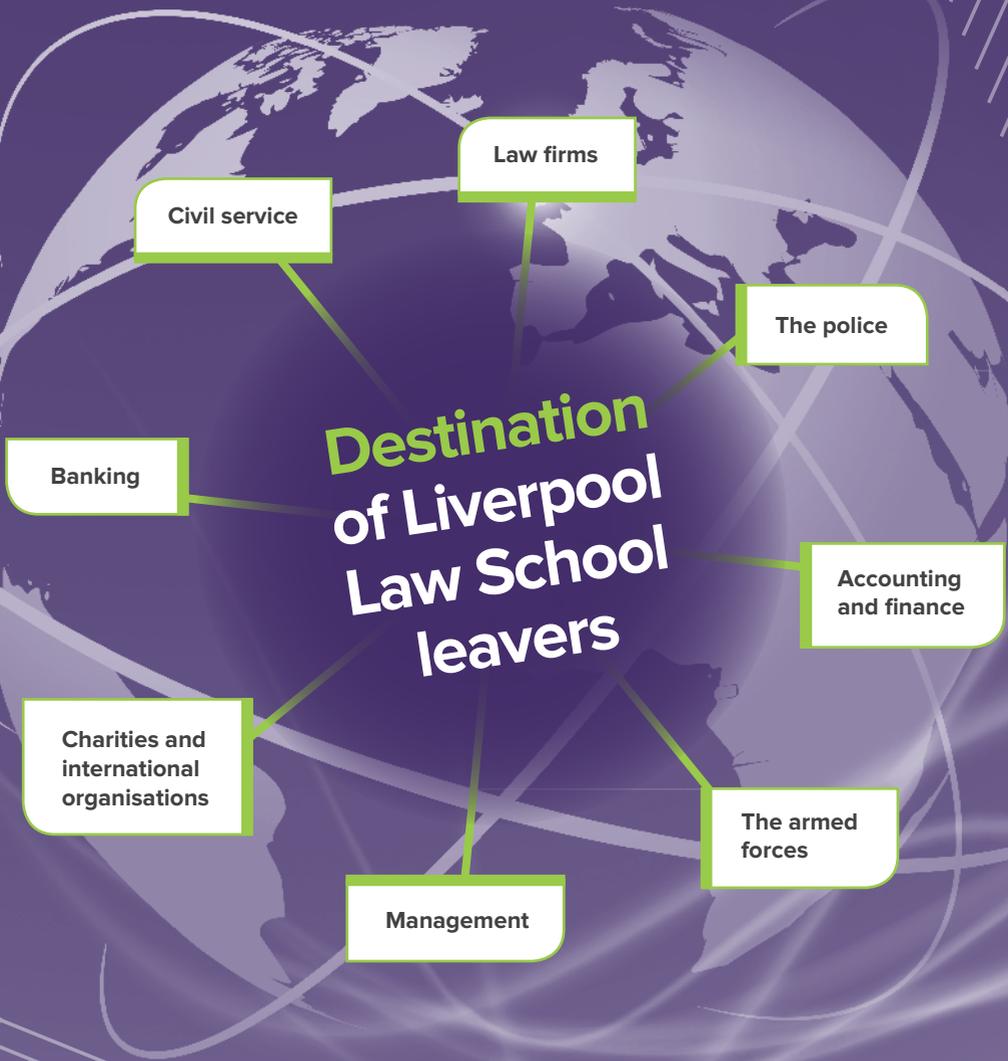
As well as running our own flagship in-house legal practice, the Liverpool Law Clinic, and

offering a wide range of other pro bono activities for students to get involved with, I am delighted that we are now able to expand our range of work placement opportunities for our students and we look forward in the future to developing further our partnerships with employers, whether they be local, regional, national or international partnerships.

Here at the Liverpool Law School, we continue to build upon our existing relationships with partners from around the world, whilst at the same time identifying new opportunities for the School to work with a wider variety of employers in the future. These may be either within or outside the legal profession in and around Liverpool, the rest of the UK and overseas. Within the legal profession, we are keen to expand our partnerships with local, regional and international firms of solicitors, barristers chambers, lawyers employed in-house, in the public sector and in the courts. Outside of the legal profession, we hope to enter into new relationships with those from the world of business, finance and industry as well as the third sector and the public sector. In exchange, we are able to grant you access to the talent and knowledge of our student body - an invaluable asset to any future employer.

We look forward to working with you in the future and thank you for your support.

Professor Debra Morris
Head of School, Law and Social Justice



The opportunities we offer

The Liverpool Law School at the University of Liverpool is committed to helping students build their employability skills through work placement schemes. If you think you may have a placement opportunity available for one of our students, please get in touch. We do not have any restrictions on organisation type, sector or size.

→	PLACEMENT TYPE	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
	INSIGHT INTO BUSINESS	YES	YES	YES
	PLACEMENTS UK & INTERNATIONAL		YES	YES
	PROFESSIONAL MENTORING		YES	YES
	LIVE PROJECTS	YES	YES	YES

Note: Employers are not asked to pay wages, however prolonged duties undertaken by a student should be compensated, therefore unpaid placements exceeding 14 days are discouraged. Where possible we always ask organisations to consider covering student travel costs.



Insight into business

An 'insight' is a short period of unpaid work for a student to experience a particular area of interest. Insights enable students to make decisions on their career choices whilst gaining other work-based skills and providing valuable resources to an organisation. An insight takes place in any organisation locally and the University make a contribution towards travel costs. Students carry out insights during term time and are set up to be flexible around studies.

"We have found the students eager to learn and always willing to assist in all aspects of our service. It is our hope that they will leave here with some empathy and knowledge of our work."

Njideka Agwunna
Advice Co-ordinator
Merseyside Welfare Law Centre

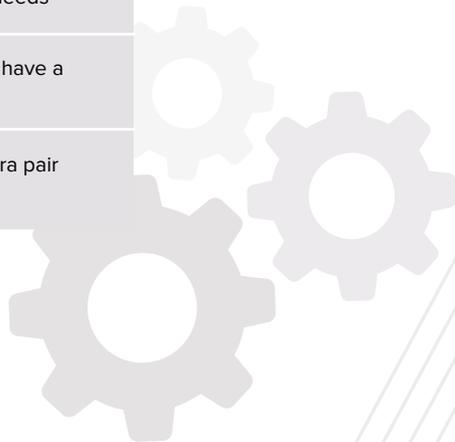


"Having had the placement at the Money Carer Foundation (MCF), which followed with a job offer, I am happy to say that the MCF has been a trampoline to my career in law. I feel I have made a range of connections with many in the field of law, which may prove useful in the future. I am keen to start work and would recommend applying to a placement through the Liverpool Law School to all who are interested."

Ivan Ellero
LLB Student, Year 3

Benefits to an organisation

- Flexible, term time work experience
- Up to 35 hours (one day or one afternoon a week)
- Ideal for temporary business needs
- Students are enthusiastic and have a fresh perspective on tasks
- An additional resource 'An extra pair of hands'.



Placements

Students provide organisations with support in developing your business, with specific projects. Work placements have defined objectives and are usually a full time opportunity. Placements allow students to become a resource whilst they learn how a business really works.

"My four-week placement resided with the marketing department at Jackson Canter based in Exchange Flags. Initially, I assisted the department by taking meeting minutes, researching and writing articles for web content and helping to prepare for events hosted by the firm. As the final week of my internship approached, I didn't want it to end. Happily for me, it didn't! I even got the opportunity to switch departments and experience a completely novel and evolving field. Now, I work in the new Business Ethics department, and it's a unique chance to create something different and innovative."

I wholeheartedly encourage law firms to connect with universities to offer placements for students because it nurtures good relationships with upcoming leaders in the legal field."

Angela Valencia
LLB Student, Year 3
QualitySolicitors Jackson Canter

Benefits to an organisation

- Enthusiastic students
- High quality students
- Access to knowledge and skills
- The recruiting process and shortlisting can be covered by us
- A link to the University and opportunity to build relationships with its staff.

"My entire team at The Money Carer Foundation (MCF) has benefited from inviting law students from the University of Liverpool to intern with us. The students have gained valuable business experience and have been able to develop their inter-personal skills by working in a busy and fast growing organisation. One of our past interns joined MCF in a management development role established whilst studying for his LPC. I look forward to inviting more students to intern with us in the future."

Sean Tyrer
Chief Executive Officer
The Money Carer Foundation





Professional Mentoring

Since 2007, the Professional Mentoring Scheme has been part of Liverpool Law School's ongoing employability commitment, where we aim to assist students to develop the skills, knowledge and personal attributes that will help them secure and be successful in their future careers.

Mentors from the legal profession and related fields – based in Liverpool, across the UK and internationally – generously volunteer their time to provide invaluable guidance, insight and assistance to students.

It's not only students who benefit from the mentoring scheme: here are some of the benefits for mentors and their organisations:

- The chance to identify talented undergraduates as potential future employees
- Enhancing mentoring and management skills, especially for junior staff, whilst gaining the satisfaction of helping others
- Raising your organisation's profile in the community and online by displaying your firm's logo or name on our website, with links to your website
- Mentoring can be part of your organisation's CSR strategy. Mentoring also qualifies as CPD activity
- Professionals have the chance to network with leading research academics.

Mentor perspective:

"I began providing professional mentoring in 2014. The scheme is very much a two way street. It offers help to students by providing practical advice to them from the coalface. It helps students to learn from employers what they are looking for, what makes a CV stand out and what puts us off. Mentors may have experience of alternative career paths which raise new possibilities for students. I also found that it was enormously helpful to me to see that there are still young people who find the idea of legal practice exciting and stimulating."

Elkan Abrahamson,
Director at QualitySolicitors Jackson Canter



Mentee perspective:

My professional mentoring is going great! My mentor allows me to attend her current trials whenever I am free from university. She, and her colleagues, help to make sure I am understanding everything which is happening in the trial during all breaks, asking my opinion on certain things that have happened in court.

Before trials, my mentor will send over opening drafts and submissions for me to get a feel for the cases for me to encrypt, which I knew how to do thanks to my law clinic module last semester. She also provided me with my very own documents regarding a case which were used by Council every day and made me aware of any new documents for filing in the jury/evidence bundles. I cannot express enough how thankful I am for this opportunity and I am having the best time!

Betsy Hindle
LLB Student, Year 3

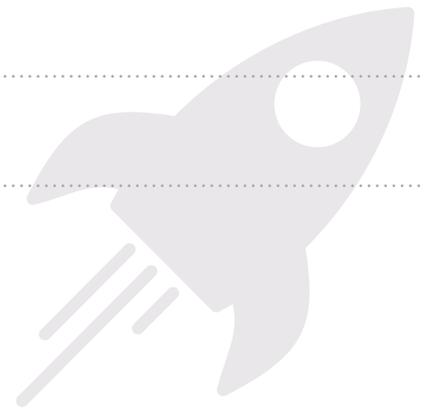


Live projects

Working in partnership with a variety of organisations, students take on real live projects within a business. Collaborations have included contributing to more than 100 case studies for the Citizens Advice Bureau on welfare rights and preparation for the Hillsborough Independent Inquiry which was recognised at the Attorney General/ LawWorks Awards 2014.

Benefits to an organisation

- A cost effective way of accessing talented legal students
- Students come with a wide range of economic and legal research knowledge
- The opportunity to observe future recruits
- A link to the University and opportunities to build relationships with its staff
- Additional resource to help complete or run a particular project or campaign.



"The need to understand and experience the challenges of practice as a solicitor or barrister has never been more important than now, as competition for training contracts and pupillages intensifies. I strongly endorse the Law School's creation of a professional practice Mentoring Scheme to enable law students to be mentored by experienced solicitors and barristers."

Scott Donovan,
Former Head of Atlantic Chambers, Liverpool

"The experiences that University has offered me, such as the Hillsborough Inquest, have been once in a lifetime. I am lucky and proud to have worked so closely with all involved. The experience has provided the human element to studying that you sometimes forget when reading case law and textbooks, and I am better equipped to deal with all situations in the future. It has also allowed me the opportunity to network with a wide range of people, from QC's to paralegals and to understand their role within the process. During this time I have also been entrusted with high level and complex work; allowing me insight into what life in the legal world entails. I feel that this experience has enriched not only my study but also my future career and will stay with me for the rest of my life."

Danielle Rawlinson
LLB Student, Year 3



Other opportunities
the University of
Liverpool can offer
your organisation...

Careers and Employability Service

The Careers and Employability Service supports students across all disciplines and provides information, advice and guidance no matter what stage they are at in their career planning process.

The team organise a comprehensive programme of careers related seminars, workshops, fairs and recruitment events, and support students in accessing paid internships, placements, and graduate opportunities in the UK and overseas.

The service is styled around three core values: innovation, flexibility and proactivity to give your business a head start in the recruitment market.

Telephone: +44 (0)151 794 4647

Email: careers@liverpool.ac.uk

Website: www.liverpool.ac.uk/careers

Research and Business Collaboration

Dedicated service teams within our Business Gateway department can help your organisation with accessing our knowledge, expertise and skills. By understanding your needs, we develop creative solutions, technologies, strategies, applications, products or skills that meet your objectives.

General enquiries

Telephone: 0845 0700 064

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