Wednesday 20 November 2013
The Great Hall 1.00pm–3.30pm
Welcome to the Careers Network Law Fair. This event aims to provide you with the opportunity to meet high quality employers face to face and discuss employment opportunities for vacation schemes and training contracts for 2015.
Hints and tips to help you make the most of the Law Fair

Plan to leave the fair with more than a collection of brochures, sweets and pens. With a bit of preparation, you can gain a lot more by having informative conversations with representatives and perhaps making your mark with some of them…

- Have a few questions prepared in advance to help introduce yourself to employers (and smile!)
- Read this Fair Guide and be well informed about what employers have to offer, in terms of graduate opportunities and work experience, before you approach them.
- Research the employers through the careers pages of their web sites.
- Ask specific questions which indicate that you have done some background research. You may have limited time to make an impact so make sure you’re prepared.
- Give the impression of being reasonably well focused on the sort of work you want, why you would like it and why you would be good at it.
- Don’t restrict yourself to talking to just a few employers. A Fair is an ideal time to talk to companies you haven’t heard of before.
- Employers will not usually be collecting CV’s on the day, as you will be encouraged to apply through their normal channels. However, a well-prepared CV might be useful when introducing yourself.
- Before leaving an employer, you may find it helpful to make a note of the name of the person you spoke to. It may be useful if you wish to contact the employer at a later date.
- Formal dress is not required, but aim for a generally smart appearance.
- Aim to arrive early and give yourself plenty of time to look around and ask questions.

This publication is also available in alternative formats, please request them from: careers@contacts.bham.ac.uk
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Allen & Overy is an international law firm with over 5,500 employees in 42 major centres worldwide. We are renowned for the high quality of our Corporate, Banking and International Capital Markets advice, but also have major strengths in areas such as Litigation & Dispute Resolution, Employment & Benefits and Tax & Real Estate.

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[www.blplaw.com](http://www.blplaw.com)

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We have 8 training contract vacancies for 2016. Further information, and a link to the application form can be accessed via our website


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We have more than 1200 people nationwide, including 141 partners and over 580 other legal professionals, with offices in Aberdeen, Bristol, Leeds, London, Newcastle, Plymouth, Southampton and Tees Valley.

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Bristows is a medium-sized firm that handles the kind of work you might normally associate with only the very largest firms. Established over 175 years ago, we have built up a client list that includes leading businesses from a variety of sectors, whether global corporations, growing start-ups, charities or financial institutions.

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To find out about opportunities at Bristows, including Training Contracts for 2016, and open days and workshops in 2014, please visit our trainee recruitment website:

[http://training.bristows.com/](http://training.bristows.com/)
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We’re a full-service national law firm with offices in Nottingham, Birmingham, London, Manchester and Exeter. We have a long established and nationwide reputation in all areas of our commercial, public sector, health and insurance practices and are recognised as regional heavyweights for corporate, property, public enquiry, litigation and professional risk work.

We’re looking for talented law and non-law graduates who can bring enthusiasm, commitment and a flexible and friendly attitude to our firm. For more information about life as a trainee visit their blog at [www.traineetalk.co.uk](http://www.traineetalk.co.uk) or follow them on twitter at [www.twitter.com/brownejtrainees](http://www.twitter.com/brownejtrainees).

You’ll get great training, a friendly and supportive working environment and real career opportunities. Our trainee solicitors are given quality work and exposure to clients from early on, but are supported in achieving results and recognised for their contribution.

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We also offer a one-week summer scheme in Milton Keynes for both law and non-law students and in London for law students, both schemes will be held in July 2014. In London we also offer a winter open day for non-law students in December 2013. These placements consist of business games, department visits and social events, giving potential trainees an insight into commercial law and our way of life at Dentons.

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Summer Vacation Placements: We run two-week paid placements during the summer to enable prospective trainees an opportunity to gain a feel of the work we do, our clients and the culture of the firm. The deadline for applications is 11 February 2014. The deadline for Training Contract applications to commence 2016 is 31 July 2014.

Website: [www.gateleyuk.com](http://www.gateleyuk.com)

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It's a terrific responsibility. As a legal trainee in the GLS, it's a responsibility you could share.

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Closing date: 31 July 2014
Vacation Scheme vacancies for 2014: 55
Closing date: 31 January 2014

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Degree Discipline Required: Minimum 2:1 in any discipline.

Financial assistance: The firm pays the full costs of the GDL and LPC fees. Maintenance grants are paid during both the GDL and LPC courses.

Vacation work: Applications for two week paid placements during the summer must be received by 31 January 2014

Training contracts: 15 per year. Applications should be submitted by 31 July 2014 for contracts commencing September 2016

Contact: Mrs Fiona Medlock, Mills & Reeve, 112 Hills Road, Cambridge CB2 1PH. Tel: 01223 222336. Fax: 01223 355848 email: Fiona.medlock@mills-reeve.com Website: www.mills-reeve.com/graduates

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Requirements: AAB at A level (excluding General Studies). If graduated a 2:1 degree.

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- On occupations, employer research, further study, a year out, CV writing, completing applications, and much more
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