From placement to Partner

Christopher Weeks is a phenomenal example of how work experience, and getting your foot in the door, can set you on your career path.

'I started at Bryan and Mercer on a work experience placement of three weeks and my career progression spiralled from there. Having started out as a paralegal and trainee solicitor, I am now a Partner of the firm and Head of our Private Clients department, while also dealing with conveyancing matters and the general responsibility of a Partner.'

Having been at the company since graduation, Christopher became a partner in October 2015 and is now looking forward to continuing his career there. ‘Over the next few years I want to cement my place here at Bryan and Mercer and to help to push the firm through an exciting expansion and refurbishment programme.’

Student life

Christopher chose to study at Hertfordshire due to the course that was offered and the University’s location, being close enough to home, but not too close.

However, once he was studying here, he realised the value of the staff and academics. ‘UH provided an open door policy so you could always get the support you needed from the fantastic academic staff.’

However, it wasn’t all work and no play. ‘Some of my best memories are of the nightlife at the old Font bar in my first year! Aside from that, it was also people I met and the education that I received, along with the plethora of extra-curricular academic and sporting opportunities.’

Getting into law

Even though becoming a solicitor can be a long process with significant competition, Christopher believes in persisting. ‘Don’t give up! It can be a painstaking process qualifying into the profession but no matter how many no’s you receive that one yes could be your route to success.’

Alongside his legal work Christopher has continued with his sporting interests and is also a qualified football referee.

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