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A focus on renewable energy

With the recent focus on reducing emissions and increasing the UK's renewable and green energy usage, Richard Streeter is well placed.

Working as a Partner at Eversheds Sutherland LLP he is responsible for providing advice on the construction and operation of renewable energy assets, and has advised on over 20 offshore wind farm projects and over 20 onshore wind farm projects across Europe.

'My day to day activities include drafting and negotiating supply and service and availability agreements for the supply, installation and operation of wind turbines and associated infrastructure. In addition to this I advise on a broad range of initiatives in the renewables sector including long-term operation and maintenance agreements, reducing the cost of energy, securing subsidies, and increasing the use of local suppliers in wind farms.'

Career journey

After leaving university, Richard initially gained experience as a legal editor at *Lawtel* and a paralegal at Norton Rose before starting his LPC and training contract. After qualification he initially worked in the construction team at Eversheds, before moving back to Norton Rose. He then moved to an in-house role at Denmark's DONG Energy, the world's largest developer of offshore wind farms, before joining CMS's Clean Energy team in 2015 and Eversheds Sutherland in 2017.

'As a junior lawyer I worked on a number of projects, from new ports, to rail and underground lines, to social housing, but enjoyed my work on building wind farms the most and elected to specialise as a clean energy lawyer.'

'This is something I want to build on in the future; historically in Europe we have led the way in clean energy projects such as offshore wind. Developers in the rest of the world (particularly USA, Taiwan and Australia) are just getting off the ground with their own offshore wind projects and I plan on being there to help them.'

Getting into law

Even though Richard already had a degree in Geography, he decided against a GDL conversion. *'I wanted to experience a full law degree as I felt this would give me the best foundation in law. There are many routes for getting into law, and 'Route A' – degree, LPC, training contract, all one after the other without gaps – is not for everyone. There are other more flexible routes you can take, such as paralegaling for a while to gain experience and contacts, or using alternative training providers such as Accutrainee.'*

He has great memories from his time at Hertfordshire. *'I remember the great staff and great location, and it was brilliant discovering areas of law that you thought wouldn't be interesting, when actually they were – such as Corporate Law!'*



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