

BSG support Lancaster Young Lawyers!

Aspiring young lawyers within the Law School at Lancaster University have sought the support of the legal profession to help in the development of their commercial awareness.



Whilst Lancaster University has achieved stellar success in its national profile, law graduates are increasingly aware of the need to augment their academic achievements with real life commercial reality when it comes to meeting client expectations in practice.

A team of young lawyers in Lancaster have therefore created the 'Lawyers Aware' programme with the aim of dealing with real life scenarios with the support of Solicitors who have offered their assistance and their expertise. Blackhurst Swainson Goodier Solicitors (BSG), one of Lancaster's most established firm's was keen to offer local support based on their own experience across the County.

Chris Kushner, the Commercial Manager at BSG said "Our firm has three established offices within easy reach of the University and we recognise the need to play our part in the development of new talent. The need for young Lawyers to establish their commercial skill and their credibility as effective lawyers is crucial if they are to secure a meaningful training contract. By embarking on this project young lawyers can already demonstrate aptitude and initiative, which are essential characteristics in today's legal profession. In an ever competitive market place for careers within the Law, BSG are keen to play its part in the training needs of our future leading lawyers."

The three week programme sponsored by legal firms requires students to act as legal representatives of a number of different companies engaged in legal disputes covering the areas of Corporate Social responsibility, Intellectual Property and Mergers and Acquisitions. Legal knowledge is then applied to real life scenarios to create commercially viable solutions for their clients and to develop teamwork, communication and reasoning skills.



Pamela McDonald one of the Team Leaders within Lawyers Aware said "Having a local firm like BSG to work with is a real boost to the ambitions of our group and we're delighted to be able to call on their support. As one of the areas leading firms BSG can demonstrate a commitment to the development of legal expertise within the Lancashire area. At Lancaster University we are pleased to enjoy their active support."

Further details are available from the Lawyers Aware website at www.lawyersaware.com