

Browne Jacobson announces recruitment of new cohort for successful University of Bristol Law School mentoring scheme

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The scheme was launched in 2018 as part of a two-year pilot programme with the first year receiving positive feedback and engagement from the participants who took part. The scheme offers a fresh approach to how mentors and mentees are matched with the firm initially hosting a 'matching / speed networking' type evening at its London office, culminating in the option for all students to do work experience at the firm. The mentors from the firm will then provide quantifiable feedback to each student.

Roseanne Russell, Employability Director at the University of Bristol Law School said: *"The Law School is excited to partner with Browne Jacobson in this unique mentoring scheme. We all know that obtaining a law degree from the University of Bristol will give our students a great start to any career but finding the career that is the best fit for you can take time and effort. We also know that sometimes we need a bit of help along the way. This is where our partnership with Browne Jacobson comes in. This mentoring scheme is invaluable in helping explore individual career aspirations."*

Tom Lyas, Recruitment Manager at the Browne Jacobson added: *"The majority of mentoring schemes typically target only the highest performing students. What's different about our scheme is the open access. We offer the programme to all students, regardless of background or grades. This ensures we have the most diverse cohort and the programme is accessed by those who would most benefit from the scheme. There is no recruitment 'angle' for us... it's truly a chance to objectively help the students."*

The scheme was initially the brainchild of Browne Jacobson partner and head of the London office, **Declan Cushley**. Declan who graduated from the University of Bristol Law School 25 years ago, commented on the scheme:

"The programme provides a unique avenue for our solicitors and students of the University to connect and engage with one another, share knowledge and help define career goals. It is also an excellent opportunity for those involved to discover new talents, career insights, and skills that can contribute to life-long success."

The University of Bristol Law School has the proud reputation of being one of the best in the country. Ranked in the top 10 nationally (Complete University Guide 2020) and top 50 in the world (Times Higher Education 2020) - the School also ranks in the top five in the UK for research intensity (REF 2014) and is dedicated to providing students with immersive experiences in diverse areas of law.

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