

Following on from my Law Degree

Already having a degree in Marketing and Retail Management, I decided that I wanted to pursue a career in law so I did the conversion course known as the General Degree in Law (GDL). I then furthered my studies by completing the Legal Practice Course (LPC).



During my GDL class, the CLC course was highlighted by my course tutor. The CLC course is a specialised course and focuses entirely on property law which was perfect for me because the firm where I worked predominantly provided conveyancing services. My employer agreed to my request to qualify as a licensed conveyancer.

“ Because of my previous qualifications, I was able to apply for a high level of exemptions on the CLC course ”

Balancing a 9-5 job as well as your home life is not always easy during your studies. I am married and have two boys both under five. I did most of my studying during the evening and weekends.

I started doing some voluntary work experience for a few firms and built up my experience

before being lucky enough to find an employer close to my home who supported me through the remaining parts of the CLC course. Once you have a good knowledge base and a hard work ethic you then become invaluable to a legal firm. The best part of the job for me is the pleasure we (the lawyers) can bring to a client when we have exchanged and completed on a sale or purchase of a home. You can't beat the adrenaline you get at times when you are trying to balance several files at any one time.

When it came to focusing on my studies, a little cliché, I know but just reading the question and making sure I understood what was asked of me before tackling it really helped. I always told myself to take one exam and assignment at a time. I really found the tutor feedback helpful and learned a great deal from the personal feedback I received. Once I had qualified the managing director at the firm I was working in said to me that I had now joined the Legal Profession. This was this

moment I really stopped to think about what I had achieved.

“ I was not simply employed in a role but I was now a professional Property Lawyer with specialised skills ”

This skill set will only increase year by year and therefore become invaluable to me in my career.

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