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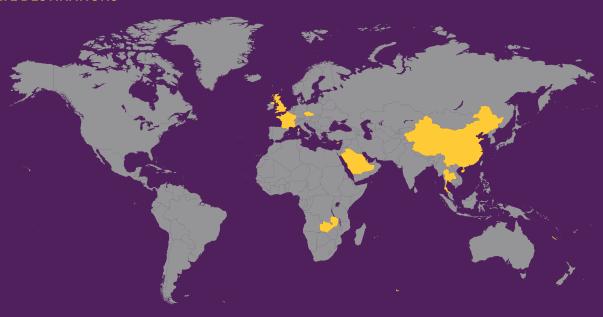
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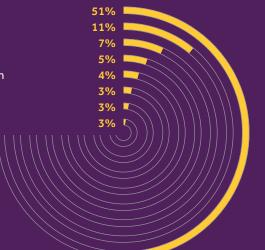


MOST TARGETED UNIVERSITY BY THE UK'S TOP EMPLOYERS

(HIGH FLYERS 2022)

JOB SECTORS

Law / Legal Services
Further / Higher Education
Banking / Finance
Energy, Mining, Oil & Gas
Government Administration
Accountancy
Information Services
Volunteer / Charity Sector



EMPLOYERS

AllBright Law Offices Bank of Zambia

Fujitsu

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Linklaters

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JOB TITLES

Tax Advisor Attorney / Lawyer / Solicitor Capital Markets Associate Legal Consultant Paralegal Partner

UNDERGRADUATE STUDY DISCIPLINES

LLB Law Law w<u>ith Politics</u> 89% 9%

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GRADUATE PROFILE

NAME: Sonali Jain

COURSE: LLM International Business and Commercial Law

YEAR OF GRADUATION: 2022

ROLE: Advisor

EMPLOYER: Legal Advice Centre

INTERVIEW

Hi Sonali! Tell us a bit about why you chose to study Law at The University of Manchester?

I knew that Manchester was a good university and I read a lot of research from a particular academic, Dr Nicolette Butler, when I was studying my undergraduate degree so I really wanted to come and study the modules that she taught at Manchester, such as International Commercial Arbitration.

I had offers from other UK universities but I felt that those universities had lot more international students than locals. I wanted to meet and make friends with British students and I felt that Manchester gave me that opportunity.

I also chose Manchester because of the structure of the degree. I didn't have a single mandatory unit, so I could choose to take my degree in the direction that most interested me. There was also a dual delivery system, so I could take some of my classes online, which really helped me as an international student. This flexibility of my degree was really important to me.

And what are you doing for work at the moment?

I am an Advisor at the University's Legal Advice Centre, and I also work as an Ambassador for Let's Chat Law.

The Legal Advice Centre gives out pro bono advice to people who can't afford legal services. We get to learn about different areas of the law and get training in providing legal services and using data protection systems.

Let's Chat Law is an organisation for aspiring solicitors. We host webinars and events all over the UK for trainee solicitors, giving them opportunities to connect to experienced professionals and to apply to training contracts and vacation schemes.

Did you always know you wanted to do the career you're in?

I come from a family of lawyers so as a child I was used to a lot of legal talk and debate. My father and grandfather worked in Civil and Family Law and when I was in India, I could see the lifecycle of every case. My earliest memory of being in a courtroom was being in my grandfather's chambers, then when I grew up I would go to my dad's office where I would see the

same clients. That means that one case had been going on for 25 years! I thought that the time and the money spent on a case that long outweighed any justice that had been received. For this reason I was more interested in Commercial Law, which was a bit faster-paced, and especially in arbitration, which is out-of-court settlement and basically an even faster way of litigation.

And finally, what advice would you give to a student who is about to start the LLM that you've just finished?

Start working on your dissertation as soon as you can!

Also, be really proactive from day one. Master's students miss out on a lot of the extracurricular university experience (e.g. societies) because they're only here for one year and by the time they're settled in, half the year has gone. Be as proactive as you can and squeeze as much as you can out of your time at the university.

