

Harneys Q&A With Scholarship Recipient



1. What first attracted you to Harneys?

I was first attracted to Harneys as it was an international firm with a growing presence in the local legal industry. The firm is increasing in reputation and is headed for the top. Its culture is dynamic and outward-looking. A firm of Harneys' calibre was a clear choice to ensure tailored training and individual attention. I was also attracted to Harneys because of its commitment to helping young Caymanians reach their potential. Harneys, to me, was the most obvious choice as having everything for which I was looking.

I was, in these circumstances, very grateful to receive a scholarship from Harneys which enabled me to undertake a four-year degree in Law with International Studies at the University of Surrey.

2. What are the three aspects of Harneys that you find most attractive?

It's a very good firm with a great reputation; its international presence (Harneys has 12 international offices) and cross-border work; and its exciting, dynamic and friendly work culture.

3. Have you had the opportunity to travel since you've been with Harneys?

I had the advantage of undertaking four-month placements in Harneys' London and Cyprus offices in 2017.

While in London, I worked with Vicky Lord, a Litigation partner who gave me a wonderful introduction to, and training in Litigation. I shared an office with her and being able to witness how she was able to think through and solve complex matters and work under pressure was stimulating.

In Cyprus, I worked with Aki Corsoni-Hussain who is a partner in Harneys' Regulatory practice. Through this experience, I was able to undertake research on FinTech, which is an increasingly popular area of practice. He was very thorough and helpful in taking considerable time to explain the complexities of FinTech.

Through these internships, I gained very good grounding in and understanding of these practice areas through working closely with partners who had very busy schedules.

4. Which practice group in Harneys interests you the most?

I very much enjoyed working in Litigation in Cayman with Nick Hoffman, Paul Smith, Katie Pearson and Paul Madden and many others, and in London with Vicky Lord and Francesca Gibbons, all of whom took considerable care in explaining legal concepts to me in immense detail and from whom I've learned a lot. I believe there are more wide-ranging legal issues to be considered in litigation than other practice areas and I enjoy the excitement of preparing for court as well as watching arguments develop in court. I also take pride and satisfaction in solving problems which clients face.

5. Is it all work and no play at Harneys?

Absolutely not. My experience in all of the offices that I've worked in is that there is a great emphasis on social activities and fun. Harneys is very big on celebrating and there are many social functions for staff and clients throughout the year. For example, during the 2018 World Cup, the firm provided all staff with the opportunity to watch the games, and provided lunch themed to the individual countries playing on that day. There is also a highly entertaining annual summer boat party for all staff - not to mention our impressive office Christmas celebrations!



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