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Caitlin tells us about life and work as a trainee solicitor in lockdown

Let's start with the basics ... all about you!

I was born and bred in Swansea before moving to Cardiff to study in 2017. And I've been here ever since.

I'm one of four sisters. Two of my sisters are twins and my youngest sister was born on my birthday.

This means that my Dad has four daughters with only two birthdays between them- which are very expensive days of the year for him!

Where did you study?

I studied my undergraduate Law and Criminology degree in Cardiff University and graduated in 2017.

I then went back to Cardiff

University to study my Legal Practice Course in September 2020 which I am due to finish in June 2022.

What led you to train as a solicitor?

Ever since I was young I had always wanted to head down the legal route. I thoroughly enjoyed it as a subject at A-Level and then progressed on to University level.

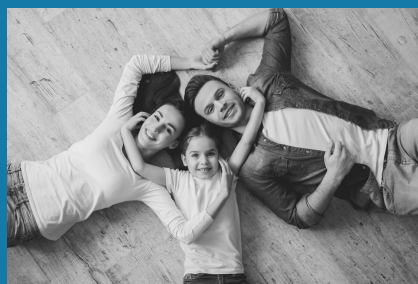


Do you have a specialist area of law?

Not yet.

The great thing about a training contract is that you get to try out different fields to establish which area of the legal sector you think suits you best.

I am currently in the Commercial Property and Company Law department.



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What do you like best about working at Robertsons?

Robertsons is like a big family- the whole firm works so well together.

There is always someone there to not only answer your questions but also explain how they have reached that conclusion, which has made the whole learning process so much easier for me.

It is great to be part of a firm that values professional progress and personal growth- I feel like I have come a long way since joining the firm.

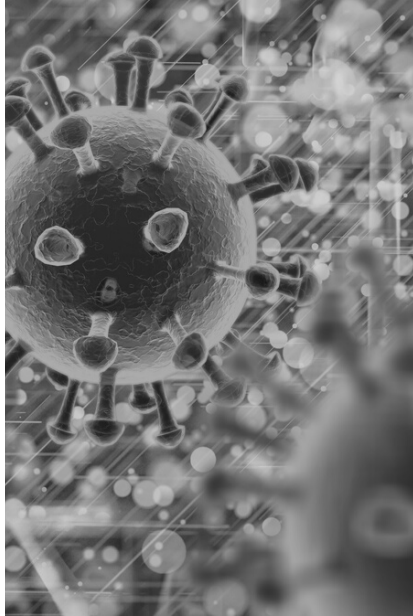
How have you found working during the lockdown?

I have been working in the office since lockdown began so not much has changed.

We work in a large office, so we have been able to put effective COVID measures in place to protect staff.



The only thing that really changed was not having clients come into the office; everything is done via the phone or online instead.



How have you overcome lockdown challenges to your everyday working life?

The main challenge for me has been dealing with firms who had minimal staff, COVID outbreaks and staff working from home.

The easiest way to overcome this has been good communication and understanding between parties.

All solicitors are working towards the same goal to reach the best outcome for their clients, so it's been



great to experience everyone in the legal profession come together to help each other out.

Has the pandemic changed legal sector working practices forever?

I believe that it has. The pandemic has highlighted a shift away from the traditional working practices.

Many people have been working from home since the pandemic started and do not know when and if, they will ever go back to the office.

People have also learnt that we don't need to travel long distances to attend client meetings as the majority of these can be done online, saving both time and travel costs.

I think the structure to everyone's working lives has completely changed- but I do think it's for the better.

