

# Emily Rust - TTS Student: 2009 - 2011

**Current role:** Solicitor – Banking and Business Restructuring Lawyer

## Career pathway:

After leaving Thomas Telford I have been continuously studying, gaining a BA(Hons) in English Literature at University of Sheffield, to then study a Graduate Diploma in Law at the University of Law and finally studying the legal practice course - LPC MA in Business Studies at BPP University. After six gruelling rounds of interviews, I was then offered a training contract at DWF LLP for September 2016 to train as a solicitor. In October 2018 I finished my qualifications and am now a Banking and Business Restructuring Lawyer.

## Advice for students:

Students need to be aware of the high entry requirements of the legal profession as a whole – good A level and degree grades are essential. However, the most important factor is being able to stand out to an employer. This could be the amount of work experience you have, being able to speak a language or even an interesting hobby. Law firms are more business focused than ever, they want to see commercial acumen and someone who will be able to succeed in a predominantly client facing role.

My key piece of advice would be do your research, get as much work experience in law as you can and when attending university really get involved with societies, and activities. This will give you lots to discuss at any interviews and you will be able to show off your personality as well as your academic background.

## Plans for the future:

I hope to finish my Legal practice course and begin the start of my training contract - qualifying as a lawyer and working in Birmingham in practice.

## Best memory of your time at Thomas Telford?

I went on the Berlin- Krakow History trip and we had such a great time!

