



# New Trainees Start and Solicitor Qualifies at Lester Aldridge

A new wave of trainee solicitors have started their training contract at Lester Aldridge, while [Thomas Harrigan](#) has completed the training programme and qualified as a solicitor.

LA welcomes Emily Curtis-Bennett, Aneta Zaitlikova, Beth McCarthy, Luke Foot, and Jessica Slater, who started their two-year training contract on 1<sup>st</sup> March. The training programme offers an opportunity for each graduate to experience four 'seats' in a variety of practice areas across the three offices.

Emily Curtis-Bennett commented on what attracted her to the Lester Aldridge trainee scheme: "I wanted to train at a firm that had a robust and long-standing training programme in place. It was also very appealing to me that a lot of partners and senior staff at LA initially trained with the firm, so it clearly showed the investment that LA put into their trainees."

Thomas Harrigan joined the LA training programme in March 2019 and qualified as a solicitor on 5<sup>th</sup> March. He joins the firm's highly respected [Litigation & Recoveries](#) team, where he will work with commercial clients, specialising in the recovery of unpaid debts and assets.

"I am pleased to offer my congratulations to Thomas on completing our training programme and qualifying as a solicitor," said [Matthew Barrow](#), Managing Partner at LA. "I am also delighted to welcome our new trainees to the firm. As a full-service firm, we offer our trainees the opportunity to gain a diverse range of experience in the law. They will become an integral part of each team and have the chance to work with high-profile commercial clients as well as private clients, learning from exceptional lawyers along the way."

Matthew Barrow began his career at Lester Aldridge in 1999 as a trainee solicitor. You can read about [his journey from trainee to managing partner here](#).

The application window for [applying for a graduate training contract](#) at Lester Aldridge starting in 2023 opens on 1st April, applications must be in by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

*Left to right: Trainee Solicitors Emily Curtis-Bennett, Aneta Zaitlikova, Beth McCarthy, Luke Foot, Jessica Slater,*

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*and Solicitor Thomas Harrigan.*