



# Lawyers Qualify at Lester Aldridge

South Coast law firm [Lester Aldridge](#) congratulates [Laura Sellman](#) and [Carrie Butterworth](#) on qualifying as Chartered Legal Executives at their Bournemouth office.

Laura and Carrie have completed the [CILEX](#) (The Chartered Institute of Legal Executives) route to qualification, becoming Chartered Legal Executives. A Chartered Legal Executive is a qualified lawyer trained to specialise in one or two specific areas of law in England and Wales.

The CILEX qualification process provides practical work experience for students, helping them prepare for the workplace's demands. Each level of CILEX takes 18 to 24 months to complete, which can lead to Chartered Legal Executive qualification in five to six years.

Laura works in the firm's Lender Services team within the [Real Estate](#) Group. She is an experienced conveyancer, mainly dealing with lender and borrower clients in commercial property and buy-to-let financing, regularly acting on large loans and portfolio matters. Laura joined Lester Aldridge in 2015 as a placement student from Bournemouth University.

Carrie works within the firm's [Family](#) team and is experienced in divorce, financial claims for married and unmarried couples and injunctive matters. She started her career as a legal apprentice, during which, in 2016, she was named the Intermediate Apprentice of the Year (South West Regional Winner) by the National Apprenticeship Service. Following this, Carrie began her studies with CILEX and joined the Family team at Lester Aldridge in 2018.

The firm's managing partner, [Matthew Barrow](#), commented: "I am delighted to congratulate Laura and Carrie on their qualification. They have both been working and studying over a number of years to achieve what is a reflection of all their hard work and dedication to our clients and very much deserved."