

SECONDMENT – TESTIMONIALS

BURGER SALMON

“Burgess Salmon like to offer our trainees international secondment opportunities as it is an excellent way for them to experience working in a different environment and jurisdiction. Sending a trainee to the Law Society’s Brussel Office raises Burgess Salmon’s profile with at the Law Society and develops a better relationship with the organization, through contact with expert committees and policy advisors and various high profile figures. Having a trainee at the Law Society in Brussels in the aftermath of the Brexit vote and going forward during the negotiations has and will prove very useful for the firm as they can share relevant information with the firm (as and when approved by the Law Society). Our last trainee provided us with weekly Brexit updates providing up-to date information on developments as they occurred and with a European perspective as well.

Our trainees have the ability to pick and choose which policy areas are more aligned to the firm’s practice areas which means the trainee’s experience is more relevant and useful for the firm. As for the trainees we have sent they come back more confident and with a much improved professional network from a range of industries and sectors and also with an understanding how lawyers practice in other jurisdictions”.

Jeremy Dickerson
Partner

LAURA DEVINE

Laura Devine Immigration Lawyers seconded Madeleine Lamond, a Trainee Solicitor, to the Law Societies Joint Brussels Office. It was an excellent way for Madeleine to learn about various aspects of EU law and the workings of the EU institutions, particularly at the crucial time of Brexit. Madeleine has been able to share much of this knowledge with other members of the firm, clients and contacts. The secondment enabled Madeleine to further develop her presentation, analytical and research skills, which are fundamental to her development as a lawyer. Madeleine also returned with an array of interesting contacts from both the UK and the rest of Europe and an increased confidence. I would highly recommend that law firms consider taking the opportunity of seconding trainees to Brussels where they will be greatly utilised and welcomed.