

The internship at ALMT Legal, Mumbai, India has been the most eye opening experience of my life. Not only did it allow me to learn new skills and forms of work that I previously did not experience, it also provided me with key life experiences. I have had the opportunity to do drafting for the first time on a will case, and I was provided with the necessary information to do the same. It was a great learning curve in the first day itself, as drafting forms a key part of a barrister's future, the path I aspire to follow. The next days included vetting, case research and case analysis. One key reason this experience allowed me to develop my skills is the range of law I have had to research about. It included property law, company law, administrative law, intestacy law, trademark law and local housing laws of India known as Pledge system. Many of the cases on commercial transactions had cross border elements to it, and therefore allowed me to find the route I am good at and work in the field I am interested in.

Having said that the most important skill for me was to be able to work in Mumbai itself. The hotel I could find at my allotted budget happened to be significantly far from office, and hence I had to commute everyday to work for long hours. This provided me with a real life experience of how things work in India.

Starting from the local trains where city dwellers collide with each other for an inch of space, to the long queues of traffic, Mumbai has all the elements of a metropolitan city. Mixing with another group of people allowed me to exchange culture, and learn a lot about their culture, tradition and country. It has provided me with life lessons and skills that I can imply on my future. I was given the opportunity to visit the Mumbai High Court, and experience a dispute resolution by myself. This was also a new experience for me, as it allowed me to make diabolic

comparisons between the courts in UK and the courts in Mumbai, India. Moreover, as I was also involved in the drafting stage of the litigation, and in the team meetings that followed, it was one of the first cases where I could provide my inputs, and also logically set up issues within myself for my self improvement. I believe the experience at ALMT, Mumbai has shaped up my future aspirations. Allowing me to work at an international law firm remains the cornerstone of my future endeavours. I sincerely thank the authority for allowing the fund, because it would not have been possible for me as an individual to fund myself beyond the amount I already did. I believe such noble gestures make Queen Mary University one of the most student friendly universities on campus.

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