

# Annual Legal Skills Triathlon

Every year Derby Law School work in partnership with Derby and District Law Society to hosting the Annual Legal Skills Triathlon.

The Triathlon sees 8 trainee/newly qualified solicitors from local firms partnered up with a LL.B student of Derby Law School.

The standard is always very high and the teams work together to compete in an advocacy assessment (held in the mock courtroom at the Law School), an interview of a client and a negotiation.

This year the event was held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March at Derby Law School's building, One Friar Gate Square. The day started at 8am for the competitors and concluded at 6pm.

Awards were kindly presented by President of Derby and District Law Society, Simon Stevens, with the awards ceremony being opened with a few words from Sue Jennings, Head of Derby Law School, who praised the high standard of all participants and the hard work that had been put in throughout the day.

## Triathlon Participants

**Team 1-** Lewis Adamson, Geldards & Brad France, 3<sup>rd</sup> Year LL.B student

**Team 2-** Ryan Houghton, Elliot Mather & Alexander Wood, 2<sup>nd</sup> Year LL.B student

**Team 3-** William Kirk, Geldards & Iulian Bogdan, 3<sup>rd</sup> Year LL.B Student

**Team 4-** Emily Rose, Nelsons & Aneeqa Dar, 3<sup>rd</sup> Year LL.B Student

**Team 5-** Emma Winfield, Nelsons & Lorraine Obomanu, 3<sup>rd</sup> Year LL.B Student

**Team 6 -** Hannah Read, Smith Partnership & Remus Mihailescu, 3<sup>rd</sup> Year LL.B Student

**Team 7-** Daniel Greatorex, Geldards & Emily Slater, 3<sup>rd</sup> Year LL.B Student

**Team 8-** Katie Hempstock, Elliot Mather & Gianluca Baldissoni, 3<sup>rd</sup> Year LL.B Student

# Competition Judges

**Advocacy** – Simon Stevens, Eddowes Waldron & Vee Monro, Derby Law School and Deputy District Judge & Ben Lawson, Geldards

**Interview** – Manesha Ruparel, Alexander & Co, & Martin Salt, Right Legal Group & Virna Simoncelli-Allan & Nikola Dzierzak, 1<sup>st</sup> Year LL.B Student who played the client

**Negotiation** – Sue Jennings, Derby Law School & Di Copestake, Freeths & Joel Klaff, Derby Law School

# Triathlon Winners

## **Best Overall Team – Team 7**

Daniel Greatorex, Trainee Solicitor, Geldards

Emily Slater, 3<sup>rd</sup> Year LL.B student

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Best Overall Team – Team 5**

Emma Winfield, Trainee Solicitor, Nelsons

Lorraine Obomanu, 3<sup>rd</sup> Year LL.B student

## **3<sup>rd</sup> Best Overall Team – Team 8**

Katie Hempstock, Crown Court Clerk/Accredited Police Station Representative, Elliot Mather LLP

Gianluca Baldissoni, 3<sup>rd</sup> Year LL.B student

## **Best Individual in Advocacy**

Katie Hempstock, Crown Court Clerk/Accredited Police Station Representative, Elliot Mather LLP

## **Best Individual in Interviewing**

Daniel Greatorex, Trainee Solicitor, Geldards

## **Best Individual in Negotiation**

Hannah Read, Paralegal, Smith Partnership

# Prizes

Best Overall Team - £350

2<sup>nd</sup> Best Overall Team - £250

3<sup>rd</sup> Best Overall Team - £200

Best Individual - £150