



Learned advice: Katie Baxter and Sarah Parish reflect on a career in law

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Here, three of our team give an insight into their experience of life at Ogier:

Katie Baxter

Senior Associate – Private Wealth

The best advice I was ever given about a career in law...

"The best career advice that I was given about a career in law is that no matter how long you practice for you will never know everything there is to know. In law you have to keep on learning, you need to keep developing your skills and knowledge, it doesn't come to a stop when you pass your exams. If anything, the more you progress, the more specialised your practice is likely to be so there's an even greater need to stay on top of the latest developments. No single lawyer is ever going to know everything and that is why we work in teams and it's why we all focus on slightly different areas of practice. In my area in particular, change is constant – there is a regular flow of case law and legislation both at a local and international level and regulatory change that we have to understand and advise clients on, so there is never a point at which you

know enough and you can just stop learning – which is why I was always told never to be afraid to ask a question, and that has stuck with me."

Sarah Parish

Senior associate – Property law

What I wish I'd been told...

"What I wish I'd been told is that the law will keep surprising you, and that there's not a single, defined personality type that is likely to make a successful lawyer. I think that a lot of people have strange ideas about what lawyers are like from TV and films, but I don't think that picture bears a lot of resemblance to reality for most of us. You meet a lot of very different people as lawyers who have succeeded in different ways for different reasons – some of the time that's down to the fact that litigators for example need different skills to transaction-focused corporate lawyers or private client specialists. But sometimes it's down to the fact that people are just different, and the old clichés don't apply, if they even ever did. So my advice to young lawyers would always be to not pretend you're something you're not, and don't make the mistake of thinking that you're not the kind of person that could be a lawyer."

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