

# Collas Crill cultivates homegrown talent

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Collas Crill has seen three of its trainees qualify as English solicitors.

Gregory Haddow, Emma Taylor and Ben Le Page have all successfully completed their training contracts with the firm's Guernsey office.

Collas Crill is accredited by the UK Solicitors' Regulation Authority to provide training contracts for those wishing to qualify as English solicitors. The firm has been training future solicitors for nearly 10 years.

Sean Cheong, group training partner, said: "We are delighted with the successes of Gregory, Emma and Ben. They re-affirm our commitment to investment in training ambitious and talented people."

# **About Gregory**

Gregory joined Collas Crill as a paralegal in September 2014, after gaining his master's degree from Exeter university. He was accepted into the firm's training programme in 2015 following the completion of his Legal Practitioner Course (LPC).

During his time as a trainee, Greg was seconded to Bircham Dyson Bell LLP in London for three months, where he trained with its award winning Private Wealth team.

Greg has now joined Collas Crill's trust and fiduciary team. His practice will cover a broad range of work in the areas of trust, pensions, foundations and other private wealth structuring and fiduciary related matters.

### **About Emma**

Emma first came to the firm over six years ago as a bursary student, spending her university term breaks with different practice groups within the firm. Emma graduated from Bristol University with a law degree and, following her LPC, re-joined as a trainee.

Her training involved a secondment to the commercial dispute resolution group in the London office of Berwin Leighton Paisner as well as a brief stint in the firm's Cayman office working with the insolvency and restructuring team.

Emma is now an associate within the dispute resolution team, assisting in all aspects of commercial dispute resolution with a particular focus on contentious and semi-contentious trust matters and contentious company law disputes.

# **About Ben**

After graduating with a law degree from Bristol University in 2013, Ben returned to Guernsey and worked as a paralegal in the firm's

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commercial team for a year before returning to the UK to undertake his LPC.

On his return he commenced his training contract with the firm, with a short secondment to CMS Cameron McKenna LLP (now CMS Cameron McKenna Nabarro Olswang LLP) in London as a member of the Banking and International Finance team.

Ben has qualified into Collas Crill's commercial department and his practice will cover a broad range of work in the areas of real estate finance, banking and corporate finance, investment funds, regulation and general corporate and commercial matters.

"Collas Crill has an excellent track record with trainees and prides itself on supporting students through various stages of their training.

"Through its structured programme the firm aims to develop future lawyers who are well-rounded and competent professionals. Trainees enjoy the supervision and support of teams of highly experienced lawyers in at least 3 practice areas across the firm," said Sean.

To find out more about our training programme or life at Collas Crill, please email our recruitment team.



(L to R): Greg, Emma and Ben

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