



## **An interview with Bethany Stokes**

Bethany joined nplaw as a Trainee Solicitor in September 2018 after graduating with a first in her law degree and completing the Legal Practice Course with a distinction at De Montfort University. She is currently working in the Planning Team.

### **What made you choose studying for a law degree?**

*I completed some work experience in a law firm and decided I wanted to become a solicitor. I chose a law degree as I wanted to study a range of modules, both core and elective.*

### **Is law something you've always been interested in and wanted to pursue? Was there a point where you doubted a career in law?**

*I decided I wanted to become a solicitor towards the end of studying for my GCSEs and I haven't looked back since!*

### **Did you ever consider an alternative route in to law rather than the traditional university route?**

*I didn't as I wasn't really aware of the other routes however the great thing about nplaw is the wide range of experience and backgrounds people have. People have taken all different routes to get to where they are now and it's great to learn about the various options.*

### **Did you ever gain any work experience prior to your training contract? Where were they? Did you find them valuable in making any future decisions?**

*I completed various work experience placements but the most valuable experience I gained was working as a Judicial Assistant. I did this for a year and developed an array of skills which were invaluable in helping me secure a training contract.*