



Trainee Solicitor  
Commercial  
Property

## James Fisher

**Age:** 25

**University:** University of Durham, Law

**Likes:** Music, books and films

**Dislikes:** Pets

**What is your role at Sintons?** Trainee Solicitor in the Commercial Property Department

**Why did you choose Sintons?** Full service legal firm based in Newcastle with a good reputation and friendly atmosphere

**Describe some social events you have participated in:** The Office Quiz, Curry Night and Christmas Party together with other informal event with colleagues and clients

**What skills are you learning whilst training?**  
Problem solving and researching

**How long have you been training?** Started September 2011

**What's your favourite part of the job?** Getting to the end of a 6 month seat and realising how much I have learnt



Trainee Solicitor  
Private Client

## Joanna Alderdice

**Age:** 23

**University:** Newcastle University, Law

**Likes:** Anything that has even tenuous links to Rugby Union

**Dislikes:** Northumberland Street on a Saturday

**How long have you been training?** Started September 2010

**What is your role at Sintons?** Trainee Solicitor in the Private Client Department

**Why did you choose Sintons?** I went through the Work Experience program in 2008, and found that I fitted in really well with the Sintons culture and community. Thankfully they liked me too!

**What skills are you learning whilst training?** To communicate effectively with a diverse client base, and to organise my busy work and social calendar



Trainee Solicitor  
Employment

## Paul McLean

**Age:** 22

**University:** Newcastle University, Law

**Likes:** Anything related to sports, whether watching or playing

**Dislikes:** Early mornings and feet

**What is your role at Sintons?** Trainee Solicitor in the Employment Department

**Why did you choose Sintons?** Good reputation and a chance to gain experience in a wide variety of practice areas

**Describe some social events you have participated in:** The Sintons Christmas Party - a great opportunity to view all the different personalities within the firm

**What skills are you learning whilst training?**  
How to draft documents, research areas of law and interact with clients effectively

**How long have you been training?** Started September 2011

**What's your favourite part of the job?** The morning and afternoon tea breaks are a fantastic opportunity to meet solicitors in the firm in a less formal environment



Trainee Solicitor  
Company &  
Commercial

## Ruth Davidson

**Age:** 23

**University:** Lancaster University - Law LLB.  
Northumbria University - LPC, LLM

**Likes:** A Friday evening Gin & Tonic

**Dislikes:** Condiments - intensely

**What is your role at Sintons?** Trainee Solicitor in the Company & Commercial Department

**Why did you choose Sintons?** I loved the firm from the first time I arrived. I knew the friendly staff yet professional atmosphere would be a great place to train

**Describe some social events you have participated in:** Cocktail masterclass with clients, balls, quizzes and tennis with colleagues

**What skills are you learning whilst training?**  
The practicalities of my department as well as the importance of good client relationships

**How long have you been training?** Started September 2011 but I had been Paralegal one year previous

**What's your favourite part of the job?** Acting in a professional capacity with colleagues that treat me with respect

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Trainee Solicitor  
Personal Injury

## Adam Rayner

**Age:** 23

**University:** Newcastle University, Law

**Likes:** Sport, music, cars

**Dislikes:** Ignorance and being wrong (*which only happens occasionally*)

**What is your role at Sintons?** Trainee Solicitor in the Personal Injury Department

**Why did you choose Sintons?** Because Sintons is exceptional as a firm, both in its legal services to clients and its dedication to creating a focussed yet friendly environment

**Describe some social events you have participate in:** Both the annual golf and tennis tournaments took place within my first month as a trainee, this provided a great opportunity to meet a lot of people within the firm in a less formal environment



Trainee Solicitor  
Personal Injury

## Rebekah Chambers

**Age:** 25

**University:** Newcastle University, Law

**Likes:** Chocolate

**Dislikes:** Mice and feeling cold

**What is your role at Sintons?** Trainee Solicitor in the Personal Injury Department

**Why did you choose Sintons?** Sintons has a brilliant reputation and enables me to train in a broad range of areas of practice. Also, I love living in the North East of England and I feel at home where I work, which is a credit to the people I work with

**What skills are you learning whilst training?** Taking instructions from clients and tailoring advice; drafting skills; and research skills

## What's it really like...



# training at Sintons?