If I’d known then what I know now, a reflection on legal education and training by a young lawyer

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‘What is valued and required from the Legal Services Sector?’

My route

- QLD
- Texas
- LPC
- Training Contract
- CPD

My Values on Reflection!

- Diverse range of subjects
- General intro or springboard into practice?!
- Engagement with industry
The core subjects a sufficient knowledge base?
If I’d known then:
• The legal job market
• A variety of solicitors
• Time recording and billing

BUT
• I would have still taken the subjects that I enjoy

Vocational Training
Not in:
- In a volatile legal market
- In recovery
- In-house
- A ‘risky’ environment

Is the ‘common core’ of the LPC outmoded?
If I’d known then!

• ‘awareness of the sector and clients’ business’
• ‘appreciation of law as a business’
• ‘an ability to recognise client’s objectives’

Commercial Awareness
• Introduction of commercial awareness at QLD
• ‘Commerce & Industry electives’
• support career development
• good practice management

Future Wishes