

SPRINGBOARD PROGRAMME FOR UNDERGRADUATES LUCY CAVENDISH COLLEGE

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Introduction

- Managing Partner, RT Coopers Solicitors
- Specialism –Intellectual Property, IT, Technology Transfer
- Partner in West End Firm
- Fee earning, article writing, seminars and conferences, judging competitions, marketing (networking)
- Organisations, Committee work & Mentoring

Education/Training

- School – Convent
 - Modelling, debating, athletics, drama
 - Showed leadership qualities
- University – King's College, University of London
 - BSc (Hons) Biological Chemistry
 - P.h.D. Medicinal/Organic Chemistry
 - Postdoctoral Research -Glaxo Smith Kline (formerly Smith Kline Beecham)

Education/Training

- Management Training
- Common Professional Examinations
- Legal Practice Course (nowadays)
- Articles (2 years) – Qualified Solicitor (1993)
- Skills Training
- Diploma Intellectual Property (completing LLM)

Career Outline

- University
- Senior Chemist
 - Eli Lilly
 - Hercules Worldwide
- Trainee Solicitor
 - Lovell White Durrant
- Solicitor
 - Oxford & City Firms

Future Aspirations

- Successful Commercial Law firm in the City of London with International recognition
- International recognition as an IP expert
 - International conference in Miami 2002
 - Legal 500 as Leading Expert
 - Number of speaking engagements

Hurdles

- **Scientist**

- No barriers
- Merit

- **Lawyer**

- Background
- Colour
- Personality
- Sex

Would I do it Differently?

- PhD??
- Explore the differences between becoming a solicitor and a barrister
- Choose a medium size firm for training
- Accepted partnership earlier

Success Tips

- Good Networking Skills
- Flexible
- Perseverance
- Determination
- Luck!!!

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