

Experience 2014 Brazilian British young lawyers' exchange programme.

Nine Brazil qualified lawyers attended the 2014 Brazilian British young lawyers exchange programme occurred in London, England, from 17 November to 12 December 2014.

The programme included a four-day training at BPP Law School, studying the English Legal System, international litigation (Jurisdiction and Choice of Law); Introduction to EU Law; UK Bribery Act; Principles of English Contract Law; Sales of Goods and International Trade and Arbitration and International Litigation.

Furthermore, the programme included one-week placement in a solicitors firm, two week in a Chamber of Barristers, evening seminars and a lot of drinking sessions, as well.

The most interesting question in this programme is WHY?

- Why are Brazilian lawyers studying the English Legal System?
- Why are Brazilian lawyers investing money, time, and taking time off work to participate in the programme?
- Why are the organisers, barristers and solicitors offering placements to Brazilian lawyers?
- Why are barristers and solicitors offering to mentor Brazilian lawyers?

From the Brazilian perspective, it is very simple. Brazil is a Civil Law State, our institutions are quite new compared to the UK; we do not have the same divisions between barristers and solicitors or the historical institutions such as the Royal Court of Justice and the Inns of Courts.

In order to compete in the global international market, we need to be able to offer our clients a world class services. Investing time and money in a programme like this allows us to build last personal and professional relationships with solicitors and barristers.

We learnt from the programme that we can work together with barristers and solicitors to offer a better service to our clients such as assisting our clients in cross board investments from Brazil to England and Wales and vice-versa.

Brazil is a key market to the United Kingdom and our clients can benefit from choosing the England and Wales as a jurisdiction and governing laws, the fast proceedings, freeze injunctions, and all the knowledge on international trading.

There is a potential market share to be improved, which certainly will bring growth and revenue to our offices, and happiness to professional involved in immersions on English legal system.

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