

## **Brazilian British Young Lawyers' Exchange Programme - Experience of participation**

The first Brazilian British lawyers' exchange programme organised by the Bar Council of England and Wales, the Law Society of England and Wales the Ordem dos Advogados do Brasil (OAB) and Lex Anglo-Brasil took place from 17 November to 12 December 2014. The programme organised especially for Brazilian lawyers was a success.

The programme was well organised and we had a very enriching experience. The classes at BBP Law School gave us an insight into the legal system in England and Wales - which was a fundamental basis for the rest of our programme, while visits to the courts also gave us a general idea of the functioning and structure of them.

Our week in English law firms provide us with an understanding of the work solicitors undertake, giving us the opportunity to follow individual cases and their routine. The following weeks, in barristers' chambers gave us a better understanding of the two legal profession, as well as the work barristers' undertake and an opportunity to observe them in court.

The evening seminars provided us with knowledge in practical areas of law, with cases and specific matters, in addition to allowing greater networking. It is worth mentioning also that the organisers cared also to promote social events, to expand the networking and contact with barrister and solicitors, which was certainly very useful for all of us participants.

We look forward to welcoming barristers and solicitors to Brazil in 2015 for the next leg of the exchange programme.

We would like to thank the programme organisers for a well planned and executed programme. The programme will certainly be very important in our careers.

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