



Ellen Betts is an Associate at Squire Patton Boggs. She shares her experiences and how they have provided a solid foundation for a career as a lawyer.

I started at Squire Patton Boggs as a part-time Paralegal during my final semester of university prior to commencing as a Law Graduate in the Perth office. Since then, I was recently admitted and have transferred to the Real Estate team in the Sydney office on secondment.

Since starting with the firm, I have been involved in diverse and interesting work. As a Paralegal and Law Graduate, I rotated through our Corporate, Real Estate and Litigation teams in the Perth office where I undertook legal research on matters of consumer and intellectual property law, drafted correspondence and leasing contracts and worked on unique pro-bono matters. **By drafting client correspondence and being given carriage of matters whilst under the supervision of mentors, I developed essential communication skills and commercial knowledge for a junior practitioner.**

Throughout all of my roles so far, I have worked directly with senior lawyers on transactions for clients with a strong local and international presence, giving me valuable practical experience to develop my growing and global understanding of commercial law. I felt supported when working towards my secondment goals, as my colleagues recognise the importance and value of collaborating with other offices and colleagues.

My fellow junior colleagues, our graduates, and I are responsible for organising social activities for the firm, which has been an excellent way to get to know colleagues in other teams and build strong professional relationships. **Squire Patton Boggs has a collaborative culture, where each member of staff is treated with equal amounts of respect.**

I believe the combination of diverse commercial work, a supportive team environment and targeted training has provided a solid foundation for my career as a junior lawyer and I am confident that the firm will continue to provide me the tools to enable my future success.

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