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Your guide to
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The work-life balance is a tough one when you are a young professional. Throwing in the addition of academic studies makes a fledgling legal career even more time consuming. Here are some tips on how to best prepare yourself for the process of qualifying.

1. Set aside time for studies

The same as at school or university, studying to qualify as a lawyer takes a lot of work and you need to commit the time to learning the contents of your course and build the academic knowledge you need. Structuring your studies around a revision schedule, especially in the run-up to exams, will help you manage your time effectively.

2. Learning on the job

Qualifying as a lawyer is, however, more than just what you find in books and the experience you gain working as part of a team, regardless of the task, is invaluable to your development. Take the initiative where you can to help colleagues and take on new tasks to learn as much as you can on the go and give you fresh experience of other areas of law.

3. Communicate with your manager

Whilst you are expected to manage your studies around your role at the firm, they are still a priority both to yourself and to your team.

Your manager will have been in the same situation as you and will understand the pressures you are under so make sure you are regularly discussing your work and your studies with them, not least to make sure they are not overloading you, but also so you can learn from their experience.

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4. Work with your fellow trainees/Academy members

The whole purpose of the Thrings Academy is to bring junior members of the firm and help develop their legal and professional skills as a cohort. Your fellow Academy members are in the same position as you, some with more experience and some with less, so make use of your collective knowledge to help each other progress.

5. Make use of training opportunities

Thrings provides its staff with a wide range of opportunities for personal development. Whilst some might be more targeted towards specific roles or functions within the firm, most are accessible to everyone.



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