

## Unique Cross Border Training Partnership with College of Law

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Dundas & Wilson has become the first UK law firm with roots north of the border to sign a training agreement for its future lawyers with The College of Law. From September 2010 the firm, will send all future trainees qualifying under the England and Wales jurisdiction to the College for the Graduate Diploma in Law (GDL) and the Legal Practice Course (LPC).

The College will also become the first legal education provider in England and Wales to provide tuition to Scottish trainees, devising an online learning package, based on the College's corporate and commercial LPC electives, to ensure that Dundas & Wilson's Scottish trainees develop strong business awareness and receive similar levels of training in this area to their counterparts in England.

Jim Moser, Director of Learning & Professional Development at Dundas & Wilson said 'This is a really exciting step forward for Dundas & Wilson. It is part of our long-term learning and development strategy; developing training that totally matches the needs of our business and our people and delivers the best value for money.'

The firm has up to 30 trainees per year across both jurisdictions. Under the three-year agreement its England and Wales trainees can study the GDL and LPC at any of The College of Law's eight centres nationwide.

Tricia Chatterton, Business Development Director of the College, said: "We are very excited to be entering into this unique cross-border training partnership with Dundas & Wilson. It shows that our emphasis on developing trainees' commercial awareness and addressing the practical realities of today's legal environment is greatly valued by firms who want all of their trainees to enter the profession having undergone the same high standard of training."

The College of Law is the leading provider of professional legal education and training in Europe with centres in London, Birmingham, Chester, Guildford, Manchester and York and a new centre opening in Bristol in September 2010.

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