

It has been a busy and productive twelve months for the Jonathan Lea Network, a fast-growing and far-sighted firm of solicitors based in Sussex, as Peter d'Aguilar recently discovered, in conversation with Jonathan Lea

# MOVING ON UP WITH JONATHAN LEA

**T**he firm recently moved to a much larger office on the ground floor of 21 Perrymount Road in Haywards Heath, close to the station and also the Broadway, proving ideal for meeting clients located in the area and allowing for lots of space to accommodate new employees.

"Unlike many other businesses, most of our retained team have continued to work from our office over the last two years," Jonathan stated. He further explained, "with everyone working in an open plan environment we can quickly discuss and resolve issues and share knowledge so as to improve our responsiveness and quality of work. This has allowed us to take on and develop more trainee solicitors who can be far more easily directed and supervised in person. As a result, they are able to better progress than if they were outside this physical learning habitat."

Jonathan is justifiably proud of his junior recruitment programme, which has grown apace during 2021-22 and draws heavily from the local Sussex community. The starting



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areas in which we can advise and support our clients and introduces new clients to the practice that we previously wouldn't have been able to assist.

It's great to be able to offer such a wide range of services as the firm continues to expand."

JLN now offers a comprehensive range of legal services, still focused on working with entrepreneurs and business clients of all sizes, but also covering a range of private client services including conveyancing, wills, and probate.

JLN offers a free, no obligation twenty-minute preliminary consultation with one of their specialists for anyone who may be interested in instructing the firm on any legal matter. ●

point for JLN's trainee solicitors is usually a two-week vacation placement when each summer the firm host several students in the office. Some of these are then offered a full-time job as a paralegal when they finish their academic studies, which after a few months will usually convert into a two year training contract, at the end of which they will be qualified solicitors.

As well as nurturing fresh talent, JLN has also taken on several more specialist and experienced consultant solicitors over the last year. The firm makes use of modern cloud-based

IT systems to allow this network of consultants to work remotely, while they also seamlessly combine with those in the employed team in Haywards Heath. These solicitors include one in Prague who is dual UK and Czech qualified, a private client solicitor living on the Costa Blanca who is UK and Dubai qualified, and an immigration solicitor in Los Angeles who is both UK and US qualified.

Jonathan added, "we have such a wealth of experience joining the firm with the addition of our new consultant experts. This continues to broaden the

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