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LAW IN LONDON TO CELEBRATE 40 YEARS

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Long before the U.K. took center stage in Europe's destiny with its vote to Brexit, Syracuse University's College of Law recognized the U.K.'s integral political role in world affairs. For 40 years now, the College of Law has offered our students a comprehensive introduction to London's rich legal world, immersing ourselves in U.K. law, and living it through a panoply of internships in this unique summer program.

In a country that deeply values its history, SU interns have been delving into the roots of our shared common law traditions, observing and assisting both barristers and solicitors in practice. With placements ranging from internships with the Crown Prosecution Service, international human rights organizations, Legal Aide, in-house counsel's offices of major multinationals, to clerking opportunities with major international law firms and barrister's chambers, students experience a wide array of diverse legal experiences.

But a student's time in London is about more than just the legal work. It is also an opportunity to recognize our connectivity to century old traditions of advocacy and the unique role of law and its youthful beginnings in the U.K. Each year participating students are welcomed by the Middle Temple, one of the famous British Inns of Court, a home to excellence in advocacy training since the 14th century. The Inn's name derives from the Knights Templar who had been in possession of the Temple site for over 150 years prior to that and, yes, it shares its ground with the Temple Church made famous in *The Da Vinci Code*.

In a recent video about the Law in London program, Caroline Corcos L'16 and Jessica Grimm L'16 discuss their experience.

"I chose the Law in London program because I thought it was very important in a globalized community to not only understand American law but different types of law abroad," said Corcos. "It was one of the main reasons I chose Syracuse Law. I had done research into the program and its long running, long standing tradition indicated to me it would be an incredible experience coming out of my first year," said Grimm, who is capitalizing on her international experiences in Law in London as an intern at Tilleke & Gibbins International Ltd. in Bangkok, Thailand.

This year for Law in London's 40th anniversary, students will take part in the customary opportunities for immersion alongside a summer of celebration, including special events with our host mentors and professors. The anniversary celebration will also feature special events outside of the classroom and workplace, including trips to Brighton, a visit to Parliament, tickets to the theater, and a reception at Middle Temple Hall.

Law in London immerses our students into the global community of law, expanding their horizons, heightening their creativity, and diversifying their critical thinking and problem solving skills, all of which will better prepare them for the myriad of opportunities that await an SU Law grad. Here's to another 40 years. Cheers!

Are you an alum of Law in London? We would love to hear from you. Tell us about your experience in London, and how the program impacted you after graduation. Email your comments and photos to LawNews@law.syr.edu for inclusion in our 40th Anniversary celebration materials online and in the next SYRACUSE LAW magazine. Visit law.syr.edu/law-in-london.

