GLP Legal Trainee Scheme wins prestigious award

The Government Legal Profession's training contract has won 'Best for Level of Responsibility' at the AllAboutLaw Awards 2019.

Matthew Scales, a lawyer in the Government Legal Department (GLD), attended the event. He said:

"I was fortunate enough to attend the AllAboutLaw Awards 2019 on behalf of the Government Legal Profession.

The awards are a recognition of excellence in the provision of training contracts and vacation schemes, as drawn from feedback gathered directly from legal trainees.

The GLP was nominated for the award for 'best level of responsibility in a training contract', something that I think we are particularly strong on. Some of the tasks I was given as a GLD legal trainee included working on a Supreme Court submission, project managing secondary legislation and representing the department at a cross-Whitehall working group.

The evening itself started with a number of thought-provoking talks on topics such as fostering a culture of inclusion, getting the 'onboarding' process right when people join and supporting the wellbeing of junior lawyers.

When it came time to announce the winners, there was strong competition from a range of national and international firms. But I'm pleased to say that GLP came top in our category!

"This award is a recognition of the excellent work available in the GLP, and of the hard work of everyone who identifies interesting and challenging opportunities for our legal trainees."