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“Working overseas is a great way to get out of your comfort zone.”

Ruveena Kaliannan, Associate, Melbourne

“Many firms talk about their international opportunities, but at White & Case the chance to work overseas actually seemed like a real and immediate opportunity,” says Ruveena Kaliannan, a graduate who started her career with the Firm in Melbourne, before moving to our Abu Dhabi office for her overseas rotation.

So why Abu Dhabi? Ruveena explains: “I completed my first rotation in the Project Delivery team in Melbourne and wanted to try out Project Finance for my second rotation. White & Case’s Abu Dhabi office has a Projects focus, so it seemed like a natural fit. Additionally, I had heard that the office provided great exposure to really interesting work.”

Cross-border work in an interesting location

With a choice of offices and countries, Ruveena felt that Abu Dhabi would be a particularly interesting option. “I felt that I would have further opportunities to work with other White & Case offices in the Asia-Pacific region throughout my career. Abu Dhabi and the Middle East generally was a little further afield and more unfamiliar. I also thought Abu Dhabi would be a great base to explore the region.”

More responsibility and exposure to multiple practices and offices

“I’ve had capacity, and been involved in project delivery, construction and disputes matters too.” She says that, “I’ve had the opportunity to have more responsibility with the matters I’m involved in, which can be intimidating but has also provided a great learning experience.”

Collaborating with colleagues from the White & Case global network is something that happens regularly: “Most of the matters I’ve worked on have involved other offices—including New York, London, Riyadh and South Africa—and this has been a great way to work with other lawyers in the Firm.”

In terms of the work, she says that the friendly office culture has helped her deliver great work. “Everyone is very approachable and friendly. Having lawyers from all over the world in this office means that everyone has quite different working styles, which has been great to learn from and figure out my own preferences.”

What’s her final word to future lawyers who want to understand the benefits of developing their skills and experience in another country? “Working overseas is a great way to get out of your comfort zone, work on diverse matters, gain great experience and learn lots, all while meeting new people and exploring a new region.”



Ruveena Kaliannan
Associate, Melbourne

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“Learning to adapt has made me more effective as a lawyer.”

Callum Fitzpatrick, Associate, Singapore

Working in Singapore: The bridge between Asia and Australia

When it came to deciding on where to go for his overseas seat, graduate Callum Fitzpatrick was clear about what he wanted.

“After just six months with the Firm, I wanted both the challenge of living and working abroad, but also some continuation in terms of the work that I was doing.” The promise of an overseas seat is something that sets White & Case apart, in Callum’s view. “When I was at law school, I knew that I wanted to work for a firm with an international presence. White & Case offered the mobility and fluid interactions between offices that I was looking for.”

Singapore has been home for the last few months—so has it lived up to his expectations? “Absolutely! In terms of work, Singapore is a real bridge between Asia-Pacific and Australia. I can build on the work that I was doing in Melbourne, and even continue to work on some of the same projects. There’s a strong connection between the offices and the program.”

Working in Singapore has also opened doors, as Callum explains. “This rotation

new and different, though: “The team in Singapore has the same diligence and work ethic as in Melbourne. However, they have a different approach on some issues, plus there are religious and cultural norms to take into account.

Travel, culture and a new group of friends

Apart from work, what have been the highlights of Singapore for Callum so far? The country’s location is a definite plus when it comes to exploring this part of the world. “I’ve been to Malaysia, Hong Kong and Indonesia—it’s amazing to be able to experience so many places so easily.” When he’s not taking weekend breaks, Callum says there’s plenty to enjoy in Singapore. “It’s a very multicultural place, with incredible cuisine and a great cultural life. I particularly enjoyed all the celebrations for Diwali and Chinese New Year.” Meeting others is easy, thanks to a 40-strong

WhatsApp group of rotating graduates, and



Callum Fitzpatrick
Associate, Singapore



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Kirsty Ha,
Associate, Melbourne.



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“White & Case provides great mentoring and training, and has everything a new lawyer needs to excel in their career.”

Yushu Xie, Associate, Sydney.



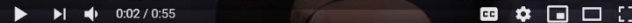
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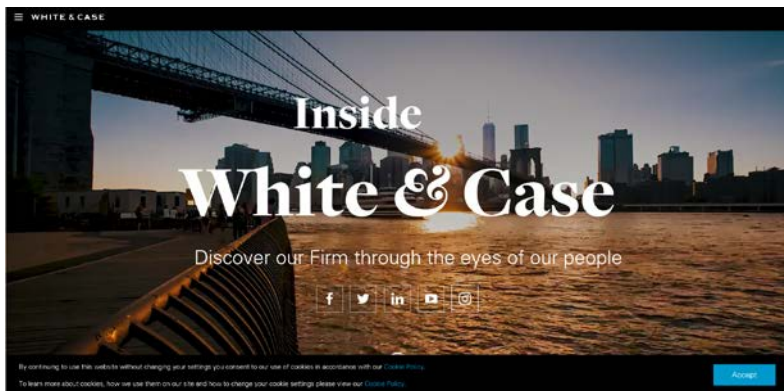


Kirsty Ha
Associate, Melbourne

The most memorable moment for me at White & Case was probably getting admitted in December. It was a real culmination of



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