

A RECIPE FOR AN ENJOYABLE CAREER

WHEN EXPERIENCED COMMERCIAL LAWYER JULIAN HARRIS SAW AG INTEGRATE'S ADVERTISEMENT ON LINKEDIN, HE MADE CONTACT STRAIGHT AWAY, LOOKING FOR A VARIED ASSIGNMENT WITHIN A TOP QUALITY IN-HOUSE TEAM.



AG integrate certainly delivered. "Once I joined the AG Integrate pool, I got an assignment very quickly" says Julian, who was placed with Associated British Foods' Commercial legal team, led by Miles McCarthy. "There's huge variety in the work" says Julian.

"I CAN BE ADVISING ON AN IT PROJECT IN THE MORNING, THEN WORDING ON AN R&D CONTRACT RELATING TO ANIMAL FEED IN THE AFTERNOON. THERE'S CERTAINLY NO TYPICAL DAY".

Julian describes the team he works within at ABF as "a sophisticated bunch" who are "very friendly". "The lack of face time culture is really refreshing" he says, adding "I'm enjoying my placement here very much".

Julian, a seasoned freelance lawyer, is fully aware of the benefits and drawbacks of working in this way. That said, he feels that freelancing has worked well for him. "I'm guaranteed variety" he says "and I enjoy meeting new people with each placement I start. Working in this way remunerates well and I've had the opportunity to work with some fantastic businesses."

"THERE'S NO DOUBT THAT YOU HAVE TO BE PREPARED FOR POSSIBLE DOWNTIME BETWEEN ASSIGNMENTS AND IT'S CRUCIAL THAT YOU CAN GET YOUR HEAD AROUND THE DIFFERENT FEEL OF BEING A CONTRACTOR TO BEING AN EMPLOYEE".

For Julian, who has spent most of his career working in-house within the retail and branded goods sectors, freelancing has provided the opportunity to expand his experience at the same time as the flexibility that contracting offers. "I'm very happy with the quality of the placement AG Integrate found for me."

Julian has found that working through AG Integrate avoids the isolation that some freelance lawyers can feel when going it alone. "Laura and the team provide a good service" he says. "They're responsive and make sure they stay in touch with me. They are always there if I need them". An array of varied, high-quality work, backed by the consistency of AG Integrate's responsive service. Sounds like a recipe for an enjoyable career.

FIVE MINUTES IS ALL IT TAKES

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