

Halebury's Janvi Patel is awarded Honorary Doctorate by The University of Law



Halebury Co-founder and Chairwoman [Janvi Patel](#) has today been awarded an Honorary Doctorate from the University of Law (ULaw).

The accolade recognises her position as one of the legal industry's first female founders of a pioneering NewLaw firm, as well as her ongoing work and campaigning for women's rights.

Janvi obtained a BA in Law and Accountancy from The University of Manchester, followed by an LPC from ULaw (then The College of Law). She worked for leading London firm Charles Russell (now CRS) before moving in-house to Nortel. In 2007, after spotting a gap in the market for flexible legal advice delivered by experienced in-house lawyers, Janvi and her co-founder [Denise Nurse](#) established [Halebury](#), a NewLaw firm, making her one of the first female founders within the

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alternative legal space.

Over the last 12 years, Halebury has become a leading provider of flexible resourcing solutions to FTSE 250 companies and has strategic partnerships with BT, Sky and Virgin Media. The Legal 500 has also ranked the company highly for its work in technology, media and telecoms.

At the start of 2019, [Halebury announced that it had been acquired by Elevate](#), a global law company which specialises in providing consulting, technology and services to law departments and firms. Janvi continues, with Denise, to lead Halebury as Chairwoman and also sits on Elevate's management team as global Vice President of Elevated Lawyers, where she continues to spearhead operational, structural and cultural change within the legal services industry.

Janvi regularly speaks at industry and business forums and is involved in Speakers for Schools, which provides state schools with free talks from business leaders. She is a board member for Thomson Reuters in-house consultation board. Janvi is a strong supporter and advocate for women's rights on all levels and is an advisory board member of Equality Now and the Children of War Foundation. She is also a driving force in the new legal campaign #FreePeriods, which aims to end period poverty.

Janvi said: "I am very honoured to have received this Honorary Doctorate from The University of Law. It represents the hard work and dedication that has gone into building up a business I am passionate about, in a space where historically there have been few female founders."

"I think it sends an important message to ULaw students to think outside the box when it comes to their careers, and to use the skills they learn from their studies to make positive change."

Professor Andrea Nollent, Vice-Chancellor and CEO of ULaw, said: "It is our privilege to award Janvi Patel an Honorary Doctorate in recognition of her contribution to the legal industry and her work campaigning for equal rights for women across the globe. Janvi Patel is an outstanding and inspiring campaigner and a role model to all our graduates."

About The University of Law (ULaw)

The University of Law is the UK's longest-established specialist provider of legal education and training in the UK, with campuses in London, Birmingham, Bristol, Chester, Guildford, Manchester and Leeds, as well as at The University of Exeter, The University of Reading, and The University of Liverpool.

About Halebury

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Halebury, an Elevate business, is a market-leading legal consultancy and resourcing firm, one of the original pioneers to develop the NewLaw space in 2007. The firm's senior in-house lawyers deliver the right skills at the right point to suit client needs, working with over 100 leading businesses across a range of industries and achieving on average a 90% client satisfaction score. Described as 'brilliant' with 'significant in-house experience,' Halebury's vision is for a future where lawyers are re-inspired and clients can access outstanding in-house lawyers at a reasonable price. More at www.halebury.com.

About Elevate

Elevate is a global law company, providing consulting, technology and services to law departments and law firms. The company's team of lawyers, engineers, consultants and business experts extend and enable the resources and capabilities of customers worldwide. Elevate is the most-used law company according to the 2017 State of the Industry Survey published by the Corporate Legal Operations Consortium (CLOC) and has been ranked as a top global legal services provider by Chambers & Partners for four years in a row. Elevate was also ranked on the Inc. 5000 Fastest Growing Private Companies list for two years in a row, including No. 53 in 2016. More at www.elevateservices.com.

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