**Nastassia:** I'm Nastassia. I'm a corporate tax lawyer, I also do pro-bono work with a not-for-profit organisation that assists people at risk of homelessness. During high-school I had an interest in law and thought that I might want to one day be a lawyer. I then went to Brazil on a student exchange and founded a project assisting disadvantaged children from the local slums and through that process I was lucky enough to have a lawyer who assisted me and that fuelled my interest in the law.

I've always been interested in giving back to the community, although that might sound cliché, through my law degree I felt that because I have the skills I should share those. I'm lucky that my employer does also support that and I've been able to do pro-bono work with a not-for-profit. We're assisting people at risk of homelessness so that could be due to being issued with a notice to vacate, they may have fallen into rental arrears, it could be a whole array of circumstances and it really depends on the matter. Getting to know the client and their circumstances, if you get a positive outcome it's obviously a great feeling and to see their elation is very rewarding.

My experience at La Trobe really broadened my thinking and definitely set me up for the corporate world. The staff are one-hundred percent committed, in my experience they always have an open-door policy and all the networks and support mechanisms were there to make university life a really good experience and it really set me up for going in to a top-tier firm.

With a La Trobe degree, I can really be the difference.

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