21. A successful future

This final chapter looks forward to a successful future beyond law school. It starts by considering what may, but need not, be the last contact with the institution, and then thinks about ways in which the student can use the legal skills and personal attributes that they have developed during their studies in the future. It ends by briefly revisiting the notion of success, to see what that might mean as the student moves on to a successful future. It argues that whether or not the student achieves ‘success’ depends on how it is defined. Whether plans are ambitious or modest, couched in absolute terms, or in terms of effort, it is highly unlikely that future plans will all run smoothly. Perhaps the most valuable skill of the successful law student is resilience. They will need to be able to process disappointment or unexpected developments, and move on.