



A Worldly Awareness

Politics

I know, hella confusing and hella boring, but very useful. If you don't know who has been sacked from the home office how are you going to be up to date on immigration law and policy? While a lot of what is going on in politics might not directly affect your sector of law there are many indirect effects that will make you stand out if you can talk about them. I.e. Donald Trump being President. His tenure doesn't necessarily impact property law directly. However, if several of his executive orders tank the property market in the US then investors will start looking to other countries, potentially the UK, to invest in the housing here and so might need the advice of a solicitor's firm depending on what they want to do. See? The butterfly affect is real. The BBC is probably the most neutral news source in the country (definitely not the best but definitely not the worst) so even if you only listen to it once a day or read the headlines on your phone in the morning your political literacy will dramatically improve.

Economics

I think its fair to say we all understand that it doesn't matter what sector of law you are interested in, the economy WILL affect it. Therefore, it's definitely important to have an understanding of how its changing, what is causing this change and what are the potential affects of this. Sources like the Financial Times (you can get a free subscription to this if you are a student at most universities), the economist (for a little US perspective) or even newspapers like The Times can really help bolster this knowledge.