Don’t let’s be beastly to the Germans

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Advocates, solicitors, notaries, patent attorneys, registered trade mark attorneys and regulated paralegals

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Advocates, solicitors (Jersey); advocates (Guernsey)

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Disclaimer: “This map includes the main routes of entry to the eight branches of the legal profession. It has been developed for illustrative purposes only and does not include every possible route of entry. The relevant Approved Regulator should be contacted to obtain accurate and up to date information based on personal circumstances.”
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Kent Anderson and Trevor Ryan, ‘Gatekeepers: A Comparative Critique of Admission to the Legal Profession and Japan’s New Law Schools’ in Stacey Steele and Kathryn Taylor (eds), Legal Education in Asia (Routledge 2010).
Student experience

- **Erasmus, field trips and placements**

- **Languages**

- **Diversity of student cohorts (and staff groups)**

- **The rebirth of the double maîtrise?**
  - Queen’s University Belfast, ‘Law (LLB Hons) M100’ (Queen's University Belfast, No date) <http://www.qub.ac.uk/Study/Course-Finder/UG/Law/M100/> accessed 4 April 2017

- **International campuses?**

- **Forget the EU, let’s make friends with the Commonwealth, the USA, the Chinese?**
• At least 1000 British solicitors have obtained or sought Irish dual qualification

• Whole departments of some firms
  – Michael Cross, ‘Freshfields Heads Ireland’s Solicitor “Brexodus” Table’ *Law Society Gazette* (5 December 2016)
    <https://www.lawgazette.co.uk/practice/freshfields-heads-irelands-solicitor-brexodus-table/5059077.article>

• That’s more than there are notaries or trade mark attorneys

• At the moment, British graduates are exempt from the preliminary examination and dual registration is straightforward for practitioners
    <http://www.journalonline.co.uk/Magazine/62-1/1022713.aspx>
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