Welcome to the Solicitors Event
This Event is open to all Cambridge students and graduates, of any year, discipline and nationality. Entry is via Cambridge University ID card.
This programme contains information about the organisations, provided by the organisations themselves over the last few weeks, and includes main areas of work, application processes and deadlines.
The representatives from the organisations are here to give you information. They are keen to talk to you. How much you get out of them, and the Event, depends on how well you use what you can find out today; remember that most of the organisations offer vacation work experience. The Event can get quite busy, so if the people you want to meet are occupied, come back later.
The Solicitors Event website on the Law Careers Sector at [www.careers.cam.ac.uk.sectors/law](http://www.careers.cam.ac.uk/sectors/law) will continue to be available after the Event, and connects you directly to the participating organisations. A ‘flip book’ version of all the event programmes, including the Solicitors Event, are also available via the ‘What’s On’ tab on the front page.
Ask the Law Careers Advisers at the Event if you have any queries about anything connected with the legal profession or any general queries about jobs or courses – and do keep using the Careers Service. We are there to help you.

Who will be there?
Organisations, including (in the Main Hall and Cormack Room, 2nd floor and Hicks Rooms, 1st floor):
- Over 60 firms of solicitors of differing sizes, ranges of work, and locations;
- Government Legal Service;

People:
A range of roles from within the profession, including: Solicitors – partners, qualified solicitors, trainees, plus graduate recruiters;
Some of these are involved in recruitment (partners/graduate recruiters); some are able to tell you from their experience what it would be like for you (qualified solicitors/trainees).
If they don’t identify their role in the organisation, feel free to ask what they do.

What to do next:
- Go to our Information Services desk and look at the full range of sector publications available there;
- Follow up any leads you have noted from the day;
- Contact GradLinks - [www.careers.cam.ac.uk/gradlink](http://www.careers.cam.ac.uk/gradlink) for more details;
- Remember deadlines and be ready for them;
- Use the Careers Service and its information sources – especially our email service CamCareers and the Law Careers Sector site ([www.careers.cam.ac.uk.sectors/law](http://www.careers.cam.ac.uk/sectors/law)).
- Note the Barristers Event newly moved to Michaelmas Term, Tuesday 28 November, 12.30 to 3.30 in the Faculty of Law

We will be sending you an online feedback survey to complete after the Event – we welcome your comments which help us in planning future events.
We hope you find the Event useful and interesting.
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Addleshaw Goddard

www.addleshawgoddard.com/graduates
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At Addleshaw Goddard we are more than just exceptional lawyers. We attract smart and energetic people who are committed to our clients’ success and believe in team-work and professionalism combined with a personal touch. A real meeting of minds.

Main areas of work: Corporate and commercial, litigation, finance and projects, real estate and international

Number of lawyers: 170


Opportunities to work abroad: Dubai, Hong Kong, Oman

Training contract:

Vacancies: 35

Application process and recruitment criteria: Online application form at http://graduates.addleshawgoddard.com/apply/
Any discipline, minimum 2.1 in addition to A,B,B at A Level, excluding General Studies.

Deadline - law: 31 July 2018
Deadline - non-law: 31 July 2018

Vacation Schemes:

Deadline: 31 December

Summer: June & July. Final year law & non-law, Penultimate year law & non-law.
Deadline: 31 December

Application method & selection process:
Online application form at http://graduates.addleshawgoddard.com/apply/.

Contact: Danielle Fielden, 01132092667
grad@addleshawgoddard.com

Allen & Overy LLP

www.aogradient.com
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Allen & Overy is a leading international law firm with approximately 5,400 employees in 44 offices across 31 countries worldwide. We are renowned for the high quality of our corporate, banking and international capital markets advice, as well as our major strengths in areas such as litigation & dispute resolution, employment & benefits and tax & real estate. Our lawyers are involved in many of the most influential commercial ventures and are known for providing clients with pioneering solutions to the toughest legal challenges. They were ranked in Band 1 & 2 in over 500 categories by the Chambers & Partners directory, the highest of the global elite group of international law firms. This, above all, explains why Allen & Overy remains a leader in its field.

Main areas of work: Commercial Law

Number of lawyers: 2500

Expected Hiring Offices: London

Opportunities to work abroad: 44 offices in 31 countries

Training contract:

Vacancies: 90

Application process and recruitment criteria: Online application followed by an assessment day comprising two interviews. AAB minimum at A-level (or equivalent) and on track for or have obtained a 2:1

Deadline - law: 31 December 2017
Deadline - non-law: 31 December 2017

Vacation Schemes:

Deadline: 31 October 2017

Deadline: 31 December 2017

Open day - Applications open 15 January – 15 February 2018.

Application method & selection process:
Online application followed by an assessment day comprising two interviews.

Contact: Graduate Recruitment,
+44 (0)20 3088 3399
graduate.recruitment@allenovery.com
Arnold & Porter Kaye Scholer LLP
www.arnoldporter.com
Cormack Room
Located in the heart of the City of London, APKS is a US-based firm with a deserved reputation for its quality of service and expertise in handling the most complex legal and business problems. The firm’s global reach, experience and deep knowledge allows it to work across geographic, cultural, technological and ideological borders, serving clients whose business needs require US, EU or cross-border regulatory, litigation and transactional services. Many of our lawyers have experience working in industry or government, and clients say this experience is invaluable to assist them with strategic and collaborative problem solving. Our London office has a well-established record for handling some of the most ground breaking cases. We are passionate about pro bono. Colleagues work collaboratively on what are sometimes highly controversial or complex issues affecting NGOs, charitable organisations, individuals and minorities. Diversity is paramount to the firm. We are vigorous supporters in promoting an inclusive, fair and ethical workplace. We are proudly committed to several initiatives to encourage and maintain our diverse community of professionals.

Main areas of work: Antitrust/competition, commercial dispute litigation, corporate and securities, employment, finance, investment management, bankruptcy, intellectual property and technology, international arbitration, life sciences, telecommunications, internet and media and white collar crime

Number of lawyers: London 61; Firmwide 950

Expected Hiring Offices: London

Training contract:
  Vacancies: Two
  Application process and recruitment criteria: Online application form. Required degree grade 2.1
  Deadline - law: 29 July 2018
  Deadline - non-law: 29 July 2018

Vacation Schemes:
  Summer: June/July 2018. Final year non-law, Penultimate year law, Postgraduate law/non-law, Graduates.
  Deadline: 4 March 2018

Application method & selection process:
Online application form.

Contact: Graduate Recruitment Team, 020 7786 6100
graduates@apks.com

Ashurst LLP
careers.ashurst.com
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With 25 offices in 15 countries we offer the reach of a global network, combined with the knowledge and understanding of local markets. Our 388 partners and further 1047 lawyers work across 10 different time zones, responding to our clients whenever they need us. Our ambition is to be our clients' most incisive partner. You will see we have a prestigious client base, with whom we build strong partnerships working on large, complex multi-jurisdictional transactions to deliver insightful commercial solutions. We’re interested in understanding each other, and finding new and better ways to bring out each individual’s talents. It’s a strong, shared culture that will enable you to apply your intellect, develop yourself and thrive as an international lawyer. Recruiting for winter 2017/summer 2018 vacation schemes, our Easter 2018 first year programme, Ahead with Ashurst, and direct training contracts starting Sept 20 March 2021.

Main areas of work: Banking & finance, capital markets, competition, corporate and m&a, digital economy, dispute resolution, employment, financial regulation, insurance & reinsurance, intellectual property, investigations, investment funds, projects, real estate, restructuring, insolvency & special situations, tax.

Number of lawyers: 3035

Expected Hiring Offices: London

Opportunities to work abroad: Asia, Australia, Europe, the Middle East and North America

Training contract:
  Vacancies: 40-45
  Application process and recruitment criteria: Online. See website for full details.
  Deadline – law/non-law: 31 July 2018

Application method: Online.

Vacation Schemes:
  Easter: 9-13 April 2018. Penultimate non-law, 2nd year of 4-year course, First year law.
  Deadline: 07 January 2018

Open Days October - December 2017, any stage of study welcome.

Contact: Graduate Recruitment, 020 7638 1111
gradrec@ashurst.com
Baker McKenzie
www.bakermckenzie.com/londongraduates
Main Hall

With 77 offices in 47 countries, and a presence in all leading financial centres, Baker McKenzie is the world’s premier global law firm. Our strategy is to provide the best combination of local legal and commercial knowledge, international expertise and resources. Our trainee solicitors are a vital part of that strategy, exposed to the international scope of the firm from the moment they start.

London is home to the firm’s largest office where Baker McKenzie has been well established since its opening in 1961. With more than 400 lawyers, we have a substantial presence in the legal and business community. Providing a full service offering, we deliver high-quality local solutions across a broad range of practices and offer global advice in conjunction with our international offices.

Main areas of work: Our client base consists primarily of venture capital funds, investment banks, technology powerhouses and household name brands. As a firm with a very strong international client base, we have considerable expertise in acting on, and coordinating, complex cross-border transactions and disputes.

Number of lawyers: 400 (London office only)

Expected Hiring Offices: London

Training contract:

Vacancies: 33

Application process and recruitment criteria: Online via website. Minimum of 2.1 and 340 UCAS points (contextual information considered). Effective communication skills, team players, acute commercial awareness and a sense of humour.

Deadline - law: 31 December 2017
Deadline - non-law: 31 July 2018

Vacation Schemes:

Deadline: 31 November 2017

Summer: 1 November 2017. Penultimate year law/non-law, 2nd year of 4-year course.
Deadline: 15 January 2018

Open Days: Thursday 7 December & Monday 11 December 2017. Please visit our website to register your interest.

Application method & selection process:
Online via website.
Contact: Graduate Recruitment, 02079191000
london.graduaterecruit@bakermckenzie.com

Berwin Leighton Paisner LLP
www.blplaw.com
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An eight-times law firm of the year, whose foundations lie in solving complex challenges for renowned, influential clients. A law firm ranked a top five 'legal game changer of the past decade’. One that is constantly changing, growing, improving. A culture that attracts brilliant minds and fosters new thinking. Training contracts that have you working straight away on important client matters, on the phone, in person, in the room at every key moment of the deal. A firm consequently rated the best graduate legal employer for four consecutive years. BLP is all of this. And more.

Main areas of work: Corporate, finance, tax, real estate and lcr (litigation, corporate & risk)

Number of lawyers: 152 (Partners), 465 (Solicitors) and 83 (Trainees)

Expected Hiring Offices: London and Manchester

Opportunities to work abroad: Abu Dhabi, Beijing, Berlin, Brussels, Dubai, Frankfurt, Hong Kong, London, Manchester, Moscow, Paris, Singapore, Tel Aviv and Myanmar

Training contract:

Vacancies: In London we offer approximately 50 training contracts across two intakes and are currently recruiting for training contracts commencing March 2020 and September 2020.

Application process and recruitment criteria: Application form, verbal reasoning test), assessment centre and partner interview. 340 UCAS Points (AAB or A-Level Equivalent) and 2:1 Degree (or equivalent)

Deadline – law/non-law: 31 July 2018

Vacation Schemes:

Christmas: 4 - 8 December 2017. Final year law/non-law, Postgraduate law/non-law, Graduates.
Deadline: 14 January 2018

Deadline: 14 January 2018

Application method & selection process: Application form, verbal reasoning test, assessment centre and partner interview.

Contact: BLP Graduate Recruitment Team, +44(0)20 3400 1000
traineerecruit@blplaw.com
Bird & Bird
www.twobirds.com/en/careers/
Hicks Room

Bird & Bird is an international law firm, with a rare and invaluable grasp of strategic commercial issues. We combine exceptional legal expertise with deep industry knowledge and refreshingly creative thinking, to help clients achieve their commercial goals. We have over 1200 lawyers in 28 offices across Europe, the Middle East and Asia, as well as close ties with firms in other parts of the world. Our professionals don’t just understand the law in these sectors; they enjoy learning about the wider context of their clients’ businesses so that they can apply their skills to the commercial challenges of some of the world’s most exciting companies. We understand the trends that are shaping the markets, and the technological and regulatory issues that are transforming industries.

Main areas of work: Commercial, competition & eu law, corporate, dispute resolution, finance, intellectual property, international hr services, outsourcing, privacy & data protection, real estate, regulatory and administrative, restructuring and insolvency and tax.

Number of lawyers: 1200
Expected Hiring Offices: London
Opportunities to work abroad: 28 offices across Europe, the Middle East and Asia

Training contract:
Vacancies: 18

Application process and recruitment criteria: Online applications via our website. Law students should apply from their penultimate year onwards, and non-law from their final year. Graduates at any time.
Deadline - law: 30 April 2018
Deadline - non-law: 30 April 2018

Vacation Schemes:
Deadline: 28 December 2017
Summer: June & July. Final year law & non-law, Penultimate year law & non-law, Postgraduate law & non-law, Graduates.
Deadline: 28 December 2017

Application method & selection process: Online applications via our website.
Contact: The Graduate Recruitment Team, 020 7415 6000
London.Graduates@twobirds.com

Boodle Hatfield LLP
www.boodlehatfield.com
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Boodle Hatfield is a highly successful law firm which has been providing bespoke legal services to leading families, businesses and entrepreneurs for nearly 300 years. They still act for some of their very first clients and are proud to do so. The firm has grown into a substantial practice, serving the full spectrum of commercial and private clients, both domestically and internationally from their offices in London and Oxford.

Main areas of work: The ethos of facilitating private capital activity and private businesses underpins the work of the whole firm. The interplay of skills between five major areas – private wealth, property, corporate, litigation and family – makes Boodle Hatfield particularly well placed to serve these individuals and businesses.

Number of lawyers: 70
Expected Hiring Offices: Trainees are based in London with the opportunity to complete a seat in Oxford.

Training contract:
Vacancies: 4

Application process and recruitment criteria: Applicants should apply via the application form on the website at www.boodlehatfield.com. Minimum required degree grade 2:1 and minimum A levels AAB or equivalent.
Deadline - law: 31 July 2018
Deadline - non-law: 31 July 2018

Vacation Schemes:
Application method & selection process: Applicants should apply via the application form on the website at www.boodlehatfield.com.
Contact: Jenny Andrews, 02070798282
jandrews@boodlehatfield.com
Bristows LLP
http://training.bristows.com
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We are a medium-sized full service law firm well known for the strength of our intellectual property practice. We handle the kind of work you might normally associate with only the very largest firms and have built up a client list that includes leading businesses from a variety of sectors including Life Sciences and TMT. As part of a select and high calibre intake, trainees work alongside our partners dealing directly with clients right from the start. There's plenty of responsibility but this is matched by an extremely supportive and friendly culture. Each year we ask up to 10 graduates to join our team as trainee solicitors and recruit from a variety of degree disciplines including STEM subjects.

Main areas of work: Intellectual property, it and data protection, corporate, employment, tax, eu & competition, regulatory, real estate, and commercial, technology and copyright disputes.

Number of lawyers: 128

Expected Hiring Offices: London

Training contract:
Vacancies: Up to 10

Application process and recruitment criteria: Online application form. Minimum 2.1, any discipline.

Deadline - law: 31 July 2018
Deadline - non-law: 31 July 2018

Vacation Schemes:
Christmas: 12 - 13 December 2017.
Final year law & non-law, Postgraduate law & non-law, Graduates.
Deadline: 22 November 2017

Final year law & non-law, Postgraduate law & non-law, Graduates.
Deadline: 31 January 2018

Final year law & non-law, Penultimate year law & non-law, Postgraduate law & non-law, Graduates.
Deadline: 31 January 2018


Application method & selection process:
Online application form.

Contact: May Worvill, 02074008000 trainee.recruitment@bristows.com

Charles Russell Speechlys LLP
www.charlesrussellspeechlys.com
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At Charles Russell Speechlys we have an unusually broad range of skills and experience across the full spectrum of business and personal needs. This gives us a wider perspective, clear insight and a strongly commercial long-term view. We use this approach to secure the growth of our clients as they move confidently into the future.

It has made us a leader in the world of dynamic growth and family businesses, and among the world’s leading creators and owners of private wealth and their families. Major corporates and institutions find our more considered and personal approach a refreshing alternative to conventional business law firms.

Main areas of work: Banking and finance, commercial, commercial dispute resolution, construction, engineering and projects, contentious trusts and estates, corporate, corporate restructuring and insolvency, employment, pensions and immigration, family, financial services and tax, IP litigation, private property, property litigation, real estate and tax, trusts and succession.

Number of lawyers: 588

Expected Hiring Offices: London, Guildford, Cheltenham

Opportunities to work abroad: Paris, Geneva, Luxembourg, Zurich, Manama, Doha

Training contract:
Vacancies: 22

Application process and recruitment criteria: Online application for via our website. Min 2:1 with the ability to demonstrate other key attributes, such as teamwork, leadership, communication skills and initiative.

Deadline - law: 30 June 2018
Deadline - non-law: 30 June 2018

Vacation Schemes:
Summer: June - July.
Final year law & non-law, Penultimate year law, Postgraduate law & non-law, Graduates.
Deadline: 31 January 2018


Application method & selection process:
Online application for via our website.

Contact: Hayley Halvatzis, hayley.halvatzis@crsblaw.com
Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP
www.cgsh.com/careers/london
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Founded in 1946 by lawyers committed to legal excellence, internationalism and diversity, Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP is a leading international law firm with 16 closely integrated offices located in major financial and political centres around the world.

For more than 60 years, the firm has been pre-eminent in shaping the internationalisation of the legal profession. Our 'one firm' approach enables us to deliver all our resources to all our clients, wherever in the world they may be.

**Main areas of work:** Core areas of practice in London are mergers and acquisitions, financing and restructuring, capital markets, international litigation and arbitration, and competition.

In addition, there are successful self-standing practices in tax, financial regulation and intellectual property and information technology.

**Expected Hiring Offices:** London

**Training contract:**

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**Application process and recruitment criteria:** CV and cover letter to online portal

| Deadline - **law:** | 31 July 2018 |
| Deadline - **non-law:** | 31 July 2018 |

**Contact:** Claire Astbury, 0207 847 6860

Clifford Chance
www.cliffordchancegraduates.com
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Clifford Chance is a truly global law firm. Our lawyers are based in offices on five continents, and our work spans jurisdictions, cultures and languages. But wherever we operate, we are united by one clear and common purpose: to provide exceptional solutions for our clients in all areas of commercial law.

It's an ambitious aim, especially when you consider the variety of our local and international clients. But we collaborate to achieve it. Our lawyers work in close-knit teams, pooling their expertise to deliver a seamless service across borders and different legal systems.

Our efforts have earned us a reputation as one of the foremost commercial law firms. In fact, we have more band 1 rankings than any other firm in Chambers Global 2017. It's a measure of our success and why major, high profile clients keep coming back to us for solutions to their most critical business issues.

**Main areas of work:** Our clients look for expert advice and solutions for a host of different commercial issues, which we divide into six key practice areas: corporate; finance; capital markets; real estate; litigation & dispute resolution and risk management; and tax, pensions & employment.

**Number of lawyers:** 3240

**Expected Hiring Offices:** London

**Opportunities to work abroad:** Multiple

**Training contract:**

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**Application process and recruitment criteria:** Application form, online test, assessment day with two interviews. They hire high-calibre individuals who have the potential to become great lawyers

| Deadline - **law:** | 03 January 2018 |
| Deadline - **non-law:** | 03 January 2018 |

**Vacation Schemes:**

| 2 week summer schemes |

**Application method & selection process:** Application form, online test, assessment day with two interviews.

**Contact:** Aishling Morris, 0207 006 4005

graduate.recruitment@cliffordchance.com
Clyde & Co

www.clydeco.com
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Clyde & Co is an international law firm with a pioneering heritage and a resolute focus on its core sectors of aviation, energy, healthcare, infrastructure, industrials, insurance, professional practices, shipping and trade. With over 1,500 lawyers operating from 45 (and counting) offices and associated offices across six continents, the firm advises corporations, financial institutions, private individuals and governments on a wide range of contentious and transactional matters.

Main areas of work: Aviation, energy, healthcare, infrastructure, industrials, insurance, professional practices, shipping and trade

Number of lawyers: Over 1800
Expected Hiring Offices: London, Guildford and Manchester
Opportunities to work abroad: Dubai, San Francisco, Hong Kong, Dar es Salaam, Doha

Training contract:
Vacancies: 40
Application process and recruitment criteria: Online application Form. A Level: AAB / Degree: Strong 2:1 / GDL and LPC: Commendation/Distinction
Deadline - law: 31 July 2017
Deadline - non-law: 31 July 2017

Vacation Schemes:
Christmas: 4 - 8 December 2017.
First year law and non-law.
Deadline: Mid-November 2017
Open Days: February and March - tailored based on University year
Application method & selection process:
Online application Form.
Contact: Graduate Recruitment,
0207 876 5898
graduate.recruitment@clydeco.com

CMS

www.cms-cmck.com/graduates
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With 71 offices in over 40 countries, CMS is a global elite law firm. In 2017, CMS UK, Nabarro LLP and Olswang LLP combined in what was the largest ever merger in the UK legal industry. The new combined firm, CMS, is now the 6th largest in the UK by revenue and the 6th largest globally by headcount. By combining top quality sector expertise with international scale and a strategy to become a progressive technology-driven firm, CMS delivers excellence for its clients and is committed to ensuring all employees achieve their full potential. CMS has some of the brightest and most creative legal minds. Its lawyers are immersed in the clients’ worlds, are genuine experts in their fields and knowledgeable about the issues that lies ahead. The firm is modern and ambitious; it creates strong relationships with clients and staff, meaning it is looking for lawyers with excellent personal skills as well as being technically strong. In return, CMS offers world-class training and development opportunities.

Main areas of work: Banking & finance, commercial, competition & EU, consumer products, corporate/M&A, dispute resolution, employment & pensions, energy, funds, hotels & leisure, infrastructure & projects, insurance, intellectual property, lifesciences, private equity, public procurement, real estate & construction, tax, technology, media and communications.

Number of lawyers: 5,500
Expected Hiring Offices: Aberdeen, Glasgow, Edinburgh, Sheffield, Bristol, London
Opportunities to work abroad: Trainee secondments to: Beijing, Bucharest, Dubai, Mexico, Prague, Rio de Janeiro and Singapore

Training contract:
Vacancies: 65 apply via CMS academy
Application process and recruitment criteria: see below.

Vacation Schemes:
First Steps programme for first year law and penultimate year non-law. CMS Academy for final/penultimate years. Opens 2 October 2017, closes 3 January 2018.
Application method & selection process:
Contact: Claudine Vega,
02073673903
Grad.Rec@cms-cmno.com
Cooley (UK) LLP
https://www.cooley.com/careers/uk-trainees
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Cooley lawyers solve legal issues for entrepreneurs, investors, financial institutions and established companies. Clients partner with Cooley on transformative deals, complex IP and regulatory matters and high-stakes, complex litigation, often where innovation meets the law. A pre-eminent law firm for technology and life sciences, the firm has 900 lawyers across 12 offices in the US, China and Europe. The firm has received a number of recent accolades; it was named one of Fortune’s ‘100 best places to Work For’ in 2015, 2016 and 2017, as well as being recognised as an elite ‘Top-5 Innovative Law Firm’ by the FT. Cooley opened in London in January 2015 and since opening has been named London Office of the Year at the 2015 British Legal Awards and was recognised at the Legal Week Innovation Awards for International Law Firm Innovation in 2016. Cooley strives to create an inclusive and rewarding environment that allows people to thrive professionally and personally. We believe our success is based on a diversity of people, teams and opinions.

Main areas of work: The UK practice has strengths across many of Cooley’s core practice areas, among them corporate/M&A, private equity and venture capital, banking and finance, tax, technology and life sciences transactions, IP, complex high-stakes litigation, insurance and reinsurance, competition, employment, privacy and data protection.

Number of lawyers: 65 (London office)
Expected Hiring Offices: London
Opportunities to work abroad: not typically
Training contract:
  Vacancies: 4
Application process and recruitment criteria: Online application via UK trainee pages in careers section on website. Stimulated by solving business and legal challenges, academic excellence (minimum 2.1 at least 320 UCAS points), great analytical skills, rigorous approach, energy, drive and determination.
Deadline – law/non-law: 31 January 2018
Deadline: 31 January 2018, method as above.
Open Days: December 2017 dates TBC.
Contact: Sarah Warnes, 020 7556 4414
UKtrainee@cooley.com

Covington LLP
www.cov.com
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Covington & Burling LLP was founded in Washington D.C. nearly a century ago. Today, the firm has over 1,000 lawyers globally across offices in Beijing, Brussels, Dubai, Johannesburg, London, Los Angeles, New York, San Francisco, Seoul, Shanghai, Silicon Valley and Washington DC. Covington’s London office, overlooking the Royal Courts of Justice, was established over 25 years ago.

At Covington, you will have an opportunity to work on cutting-edge deals for international and UK corporates such as Microsoft, Astra Zeneca and Facebook, Fortune 100 businesses and leading technology, life sciences and media companies. We offer services across a wide range of practice areas, advising clients on their most challenging and complex matters. Most of the work has an international element, and all our practice groups operate across borders. Covington has been rated a Top Ranked Leading Law Firm in Chambers UK 2017 and appears in The Lawyer Top 30 International Law Firm, as well as Legal Business Global 100 surveys.

Main areas of work: Corporate advisory (including capital markets, M&A, finance, private equity and venture capital), banking and finance, tax, technology and life sciences, insurance and reinsurance, competition, employment, privacy and data protection.

Number of lawyers: circa 1,000
Expected Hiring Offices: London
Training contract:
  Vacancies: up to 8 per year
Application process and recruitment criteria: Online application form. High academic results (min 2:1, strong A levels), commercial awareness, strong inter-personal skills and ability to work well in a team.
Deadline – law/non-law: 17 July 2018
Deadline: 31 January 2018
Open Days: Applications open1 February 18
Application method & selection process: via online application form.
Contact: Graduate Recruitment, 020 7067 2000
graduate@cov.com
Davis Polk & Wardwell London LLP
http://careers.davispolk.com/training-london
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Our London-based team now consists of over 60 UK and US lawyers covering a range of high profile complex and often cross border securities offerings, financing and mergers and acquisitions and restructuring transactions. The corporate and finance teams are supported by first rate corporate tax, regulatory and antitrust practices. We are looking for people who have the potential to be exceptional lawyers and trusted colleagues. Each trainee will be assigned to a senior lawyer who will serve as a mentor and provide advice and guidance throughout the program.

Main areas of work: Trainees will undertake a number of rotations through our corporate, credit and specialist practice areas, providing each trainee with the variety of experiences necessary to lay the foundation for a successful career. Davis Polk trainees have the opportunity to work for a period of time in our New York office.

Number of lawyers: Over 60 UK and US lawyers in London

Expected Hiring Offices: London

Training contract:

Vacancies: Approximately 4

Application process and recruitment criteria: Applications by email with cover letter, CV and a detailed breakdown of your academic results, addressed to the Training Principal. You should be on track for (or have attained) a high 2:1 degree or higher.

Deadline - law: 14 January 2018
Deadline - non-law: 14 January 2018

Vacation Schemes:

Summer: June and July 2018.
Final year non-law, Penultimate year law, Postgraduate law & non-law.
Deadline: 14 January 2018
Open Days: 24 November 2017 and 9 March 2018

Application method & selection process:
Applications should be submitted by email with cover letter, CV and a detailed breakdown of academic results, addressed to the Training Principal.

Contact: Emily Lawrence,
020744181304
emily.lawrence@davispolk.com

Dechert LLP
www.dechert.com
Cormack Room

Dechert is a global specialist law firm with 900+ lawyers across 28 offices. Focused on sectors with the greatest complexities, legal intricacies and highest regulatory demands, we excel in delivering practical commercial judgement and deep legal expertise for high-stakes matters.

In an increasingly challenging environment, clients look to us to serve them in ways that are faster, sharper and leaner without compromising excellence. We are relentless in serving our clients – delivering the best of the firm to them with entrepreneurial energy and seamless collaboration in a way that is distinctively Dechert.

Main areas of work: Corporate and securities, financial services and investment management, finance and real estate, white collar defence, complex commercial litigation, international arbitration and intellectual property, as well as financial restructuring, employment, international trade and EU government affairs, EU and UK competition and tax.

Expected Hiring Offices: London

Training contract:

Vacancies: 10

Application process and recruitment criteria: A 2018 vacation scheme application is also an application for a Training Contract commencing in September 2020.

Vacation Schemes:

Final year law/non-law, Penultimate non-law, Postgraduate law/non-law, Graduates.
Deadline: 31 December 2017
Penultimate year law.
Deadline: 31 January 2018

Application method & selection process: An application for a place on one of Dechert's Vacation Schemes in 2018 is also an application for a Training Contract commencing in September 2020.

Contact: Graduate Recruitment and Trainee Development Team,
020 7184 7000
Graduate.recruitment@dechert.com
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Main areas of work: We offer an international legal practice focused on quality in the following industry sectors: energy transport and infrastructure, financial institutions and funds, government, insurance, manufacturing, real estate, retail and hotels, technology, media and telecommunications.

Number of lawyers: Over 7000 lawyers globally

Expected Hiring Offices: London, Milton Keynes and Watford

Opportunities to work abroad: Europe, Middle East, CIS, America, Canada, Africa, South East Asia, Central Asia

Training contract:
- Vacancies: 24 in London and 5/6 in Milton Keynes and Watford
- Application process and recruitment criteria: Applications must be made online via www.dentons.com/uk-graduates. A strong record of academic and extra-curricular achievement is required. ABB at A Level and a 2:1 degree from any discipline.
- Deadline - law: 31 July 2018
- Deadline - non-law: 31 March 2018

Vacation Schemes:
- Easter: 03-13 April 2018. Final year law &non-law, Graduates.
- Deadline: 5 January 2018
- Deadline: 5 January 2018

Application method & selection process:
Applications must be made online via www.dentons.com/uk-graduates..

Contact: Amy McCarthy,
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Expected Hiring Offices: Birmingham, Edinburgh, Leeds, Liverpool, London, Manchester, Sheffield

Opportunities to work abroad: Possibility to work in offices across our international network

Training contract:
- Vacancies: circa 70
- Application process and recruitment criteria: Online via our website. Achieved or expected to achieve a minimum or equivalent of 2.1 in your degree
- Deadline - law: 12 November 2017
- Deadline - non-law: 12 November 2017

Vacation Schemes/Open Days:
- Deadline: 31 December 2017

Application method & selection process:
Online via our website.

Contact: DLA Piper Graduate Recruitment Team,
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recruitment_graduate@dlapiper.com
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Expected Hiring Offices: London, Nottingham, Cambridge, Cardiff, Leeds, Manchester, Birmingham & Newcastle

Training contract:
Vacancies: 50

Application process and recruitment criteria: Online application form. ABB (or equivalent) a 2:1 in any discipline
Deadline - law: 30 June 2018
Deadline - non-law: 30 June 2018

Vacation Schemes:
Summer: June & July 2018.
Final year law & non-law,
Penultimate year law,
Postgraduate law & non-law, Graduates.
Deadline: 8 January 2018
Open days: November & December 2017 - open to all years and degree disciplines.

Application method & selection process:
Online application form.
Contact: Stefi Contardo,
02079190892
steficontardo@eversheds-sutherland.com

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Main areas of work: The firm provides a range of specialist, high-quality legal services to businesses, charities and institutions, private individuals and families. The firm’s clients include banks, major businesses and media groups, as well as schools, charities, high-net-worth entrepreneurs and landed estates.

Number of lawyers: 266

Expected Hiring Offices: London

Training contract:
Vacancies: 10

Application process and recruitment criteria: On-line form via the website. One A and two B’s at A-level (or equivalent) and an upper second-class degree.
Deadline - law: 31 July 2017
Deadline - non-law: 31 July 2017

Vacation Schemes:
Easter: 3 - 13 April 2018. Final year law/non-law, Penultimate year law/non-law, 2nd year of 4-year course, Postgraduate law/non-law, Graduates.

Deadlines: 31 January 2018

100 of the best vacation scheme applicants are invited to one of 3 open days in March.

Application method & selection process: On-line application form.
Contact: Claire Roche, 020 3375 7000 graduates@farrer.co.uk
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Main areas of work: Our practice groups are as follows: corporate; dispute resolution; finance; antitrust, competition and trade; tax; real estate; people and reward.

Number of lawyers: Approx. 800
Expected Hiring Offices: London
Opportunities to work abroad: 28 offices abroad, which can be found on our website.

Training contract:
Vacancies: 80 per year
Application process and recruitment criteria: 850 word personal statement, pyschometric test. We look for well-rounded candidates with strong academics, a good range of extra curricular activities and a keen interest in commercial law.
Deadline - law: 4 January / 17 July 2018
Deadline - non-law: 4 January 2018

Vacation Schemes:
Application method & selection process: Candidates must submit an 850 word personal statement and complete a pyschometric test.
Contact: Graduate Recruitment 020 7785 5554

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Main areas of work: Administrative & public law; aviation; aerospace; banking & finance; capital markets; commercial property/real estate; company & commercial; competition and eu law; corporate finance; mergers & acquisitions; corporate tax; dispute resolution; employment; energy & natural resources; financial services; insolvency/restructuring; insurance/reinsurance; media & telecomms; intellectual property; technology, fraud.

Number of lawyers: 1200+
Expected Hiring Offices: London
Opportunities to work abroad: Beijing, Brussels, Dallas, Denver, Dubai, Frankfurt, Hong Kong, London, Los Angeles, Munich, New York, Orange County, Palo Alto, Paris, San Francisco, São Paulo, Singapore, Washington DC

Training contract:
Vacancies: 8
Application process and recruitment criteria: Via http://www.gibsondunn.com/careers/pages/students.aspx. We recruit trainees primarily from our summer scheme. Minimum three A levels (AAA, ABB or AAC) or equivalent and a good 2.1 degree or better.
Deadline - law: 31 July 2018
Deadline - non-law: 31 July 2018

Vacation Schemes:
Summer: 9th - 27th July 2018.
Final year law & non-law, Penultimate year law & non-law, Postgraduate law & non-law, Graduates. Deadline: 1 February 2018
Open Day: December 2017.
First Year Insight Scheme April 2018.
Contact: Stephen Trowbridge, 0207 071 4000
graduaterecruitment@gibsondunn.com
Government Legal Service (GLS)
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Main areas of work: Public law
Number of lawyers: 2000
Expected Hiring Offices: London

Training contract:
- Vacancies: 40
- Application process and recruitment criteria: Online application form. You must have, or be predicted to obtain, a minimum of a 2.2 in an undergraduate degree
- Deadline - law: TBC
- Deadline - non-law: TBC

Contact: GLS Recruitment Team, 0845 3000 793 or 0117 923 4417
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Main areas of work: aviation/aerospace, banking & finance, capital markets, charities, commercial property/real estate, company & commercial, competition & EU law, construction & engineering, corporate finance/mergers & acquisitions, corporate tax, defamation/reputation management, dispute resolution, employment, pensions & incentives, energy & natural resources, environment, financial services, fraud, insolvency/restructuring, insurance/reinsurance, intellectual property, media & entertainment, projects/project finance, technology, media & telecommunications

Number of lawyers: 900
Expected Hiring Offices: 147
Opportunities abroad: Brussels, Dubai, HK, Moscow, Paris, Singapore, Sydney, Tokyo, Seoul

Training contract:
- Vacancies: 60
- Application process/recruitment criteria: Online application form and verbal reasoning test, assessment centres. Minimum 2:1
- Deadline – law & non-law: 29 Dec 2017

Vacation Schemes:
- Open Days: Law/non-law all year groups

Application method & selection process: Online application form and verbal reasoning test, assessment centres

Contact: GraduatesUK@hsf.com
HFW LLP

www.hfw.com/graduate-recruitment
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We are a sector-focused, entrepreneurial law firm. But there’s more to us than that. We have a passion for the sectors we work in – whether we are solving complex issues across construction, aviation and shipping, or providing advice across insurance, commodities and energy. We’re people who like to get things done. It’s this pragmatism, combined with our creative approach, that makes us our clients’ go-to commercial advisers. And we are, unapologetically, absolute experts in what we advise our clients on. So yes, we’re different. Our clients say “less traditional” – “progressive”, even. We say we’re specialist lawyers here to add value to our clients. Every year we recruit only a small number of trainees - 15 per year. A training contract at HFW consists of four 6-month seats – typically three contentious and one transactional, at least one abroad gaining a global perspective of our work and clients.

Main areas of work: Aviation, commodities, construction, energy, financial institutions, insurance and reinsurance, logistics, mining, ports and terminals, shipping, space, yachts, travel, cruise and leisure.

Number of lawyers: 550

Expected Hiring Offices: London

Opportunities to work abroad: Beirut; Brussels; Dubai; Geneva; Hong Kong; Houston; Kuwait; London; Melbourne; Paris; Perth; Piraeus; São Paulo; Riyadh; Shanghai; Singapore; Sydney

Training contract:

Vacancies: Approx 15 per year

Application process and recruitment criteria: www.hfw.com/graduate-recruitment. Our trainees share our entrepreneurial spirit, commercial outlook and passion for completing international work.

Deadline – law/non-law: 31 July 2018

Vacation Schemes:


Open Days: 14 December 2017 Penultimate law/ final non-law, 27 March Insight day, 1st year law, penult non-law.


Contact: Sarah Burson, 0207 264 8293
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Main areas of work: Aerospace, defence, and government services, automotive, consumer, diversified industrials, education, financial, insurance, life sciences and healthcare, natural resources and energy, real estate, TMT

Number of lawyers: 120 trainees, 870 partners

Expected Hiring Offices: London, Birmingham

Opportunities to work abroad: Various

Training contract:

Vacancies: Up to 60

Application process/recruitment criteria: Online form, critical thinking test, telephone interview, assessment day incl paper based critical thinking test, partner interview, senior assoc/HR situational interview, group exercise

Deadline - law: 31 July 2018
Deadline - non-law: 31 January 2018

Vacation Schemes:


Open Days: 4-5 April, 14 June,11 July (first year law), 21 June (first year non-law).

Application method & selection process: As above.

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Main areas of work: Cross-border M&A; real estate and finance (including banking, capital markets, investment funds, private equity and structured finance); global disputes; regulatory matters involving the UK, US and others. Additional areas include business restructuring; competition/antitrust; corporate tax planning; employment & pensions; energy; IP; and projects & infrastructure.

Number of lawyers: 2,500
Expected Hiring Offices: London
Opportunities to work abroad: Secondments.

Training contract:
Vacancies: 20
Application process and recruitment criteria: CV and cover letter online. No supplemental questions, psychometric tests, assessment days. Open 1 September - rolling recruitment. 2:1, AAA/36 at A-level/IB or equiv
Deadline – law/non law: 10 January 2018

Vacation Schemes:
Deadline: 27 October 2017
Easter: 9 - 20 April 2018. As above
Deadline: 15 December 2017
Summer: 2 - 13 July, 16 - 27 July 2018. As above. Deadline: 10 January 2018

Application method & selection process: As above
Contact: Diana Spoudeas, 0207 039 5959 recruit.london@jonesday.com

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Kirkland & Ellis International LLP is a 1,900-attorney law firm representing global clients in offices around the world; in Beijing, Boston, Chicago, Hong Kong, Houston, London, Los Angeles, Munich, New York, Palo Alto, San Francisco, Shanghai, Washington, D.C. For over 100 years, major national and international clients have called upon Kirkland & Ellis to provide superior legal advice and client services. Our London office has been the hub of European operations since 1994. Around 190 lawyers’ offer expertise to a range of UK/international clients.

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Number of lawyers: 1900
Expected Hiring Offices: London
Opportunities to work abroad: Beijing, Boston, Chicago, Hong Kong, Houston, Los Angeles, Munich, New York, Palo Alto, San Francisco, Shanghai, Washington D.C

Training contract:
Vacancies: 10
Application process/recruitment criteria: Application form, CV/cover letter; video interview; partner interview. Excellent academic record, culminating in a 2.1. Drive and work ethic to thrive in meritocratic culture.
Deadline - law: 15 July 2018
Deadline - non-law: 15 July 2018

Vacation Schemes:
Open Days: November. Penult law/final non-law Feb 2018 first years.

Application method & selection process: Application form, CV and covering letter; video interview; partner interview.
Contact: Lauren Massey, 02074692000 ukgraduaterecruitment@kirkland.com
Latham & Watkins (London) LLP
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Main areas of work: The firm’s has an exceptional reputation in the market for its finance, corporate, tax and litigation practices.

Number of lawyers: 2200
Expected Hiring Offices: London
Opportunities to work abroad: Barcelona, Beijing, Boston, Brussels, Century City, Chicago, Dubai, Düsseldorf, Frankfurt, Hamburg, HK, Houston, London, LA, Madrid, Milan, Moscow, Munich, NY, Orange County, Paris, Riyadh, San Diego, San Francisco, Seoul, Shanghai

Training contract:
Vacancies: 24 per year
Application process and recruitment criteria: Online application, video interview, assessment centre. AAB at A-Level and consistent 2.1 grades throughout university
Deadline – law/non law: July 2018

Vacation Schemes:
Deadline: 07 January 2018
Summer: 02 - 13 July 2018. As above.
Deadline: 07 January 2018
Open Days: Nov/Dec - Penultimate and final year law students, final year non law students. Feb/March - All years.

Application method & selection process:
Online application, video interview, assessment centre.
Contact: Rosie Buckley, londongraduates@lw.com

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Number of lawyers: 2200
Expected Hiring Offices: London
Opportunities to work abroad: 29 offices across 20 different countries

Training contract:
Vacancies: approx. 100
Application process and recruitment criteria: Please apply online.
Deadline - law: 4 January 2018
Deadline - non-law: 4 January 2018

Vacation Schemes:
Deadline: 19 October 2017
Deadline: 4 January 2018
Deadline: 4 January 2018

Application method & selection process:
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Expected Hiring Offices: London
Training contract:

Vacancies: Up to 30.

Application process and recruitment criteria: Online application and assessment day.

Deadline - law: 31 July 2018

Vacation Schemes:

Easter: 3 - 13 April 2018
Final year law & non-law,
Penultimate year law,
Postgraduate law & non-law, Graduates.

Deadline: January 31 2018

Final year law & non-law, Penultimate year law,
Postgraduate law & non-law, Graduates.

Deadline: January 31 2018

Application method & selection process: Online application and assessment day.

Contact: Lindsay Tink,
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We’re looking for people with the potential to be brilliant lawyers – and that doesn’t just mean people who’ve studied law. In fact, we receive a number of applications from candidates who studied a range of different non-law degrees.

The main thing we’re looking for is a creative mind, coupled with a strong legal academic record and a wide range of extracurricular interests. We value and encourage diversity. That's why there isn't a particular ‘type’ of trainee or intern here – our talent pool is representative of our global firm.

So whoever you are and wherever you’re from, if you’ve got the talent, ambition and potential to succeed, then we’d love to hear from you.

Main areas of work: Finance, real estate, corporate & securities, employment, pensions, construction,

Number of lawyers: 210

Expected Hiring Offices: London
Opportunities to work abroad: Hong Kong, New York, Chicago

Training contract:

Vacancies: 11

Application process and recruitment criteria: Online application, online verbal reasoning and situational judgement test. Assessment day. AAB at A level, 2:1 undergraduate degree.

Deadline - law: 31 July

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Main areas of work: In London, we offer a range of services across various practice areas, many of which are ranked in Band 1 in Chambers & Partners. These include: banking and leveraged finance, corporate, competition, Islamic finance, litigation & arbitration, technology & outsourcing, project finance, restructuring, securities, tax and transportation and space.

Number of lawyers: 120
Expected Hiring Offices: London
Training contract:

Vacancies: 5
Application process and recruitment criteria: CV and cover letter. Minimum 2.1 in any discipline
Deadline - law: 31 July 2018
Deadline - non-law: 31 July 2018

Vacation Schemes:
Summer: 1 October 2017. Final year law/non-law, Penultimate year law, Graduates.
Deadline: 31 January 2018

Application method & selection process: CV and Cover Letter.
Contact: Robert Girvan, 020 7615 3000
RGirvan@milbank.com

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Main areas of work: Mills & Reeve's services are delivered through firm-wide core groups: corporate & commercial, disputes, employment, family, health, insurance, private client, projects & construction and real estate. Further specialist sector teams focus on charities, education, food & agribusiness, government, real estate investment, sport and technology.

Number of lawyers: 520
Training contract:

Vacancies: 20
Application process and recruitment criteria: Online application form available via the firm's website. We welcome candidates from both law and non-law disciplines who already have or expect a 2.1 degree or equivalent.
Deadline - law: 31 July 2018
Deadline - non-law: 31 July 2018

Vacation Schemes:
Deadline: 31 January 2018

Application method & selection process: Online application form available via the firm's website.
Contact: Fiona Medlock, 01223 222336
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Based in London with offices in New York, Mishcon de Reya services an international community of clients and provides advice in situations where the constraints of geography often do not apply. The work we undertake is cross-border, multi-jurisdictional and complex. Our clients are dynamic and sophisticated and we reflect that in our belief in challenging the conventional or accepted ways of working. We fiercely guard our clients’ interests, recognising the significant nexus between business affairs and personal affairs. Building strong personal connections with our clients and their businesses is important to us. It is for these reasons we say ‘It’s business. But it’s personal’.

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Main areas of work: We work across five practice areas including corporate, employment, dispute resolution, private client and real estate. We have extensive international expertise and a large part of our business is advising on multi-jurisdictional transactions and disputes.

Number of lawyers: 376

Expected Hiring Offices: London

Vacation Schemes:
- Easter: 3 - 13 April. Final year law/non-law, Penultimate year law, Postgraduate law/non-law, Graduates.

Application method & selection process: Online Application form.

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Main areas of work: Antitrust, corporate & business transactions, finance, investment management, labour & employment, litigation, structured transactions and tax.

Number of lawyers: 2,200 globally, 85 in London

Expected Hiring Offices: London

Vacation Schemes:
- Easter: 3 - 13 April. Final year law/non-law, Penultimate year law, Postgraduate law/non-law, Graduates.

Application method & selection process: Online Application form.
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Morrison & Foerster is a leading global law firm with more than a thousand lawyers in sixteen offices around the world. In Europe we have a team of 120 lawyers in our strategic hubs of London, Berlin and Brussels. We work alongside our colleagues in the US and Asia and have one compelling mission: to deliver success for our clients.
Dynamic technology companies, significant financial investors and financial institutions, leading consumer product companies and other market leaders come to MoFo for our expertise, advice, and individually tailored client service. We handle some of the world’s largest cross-border transactions and resolve some of the biggest disputes across multiple jurisdictions.
Our firm’s foundation and continuing success is because of the talent of our lawyers and their innovative approach to the practice of law. We practice in a collegial environment where we value teamwork and diverse perspectives and operate as one firm.
Main areas of work: Corporate m&a, commercial litigation, capital markets, technology transactions, finance.
Number of lawyers: 51

Norton Rose Fulbright LLP
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How do you know when you’re making progress? It’s all about the firsts. First foot in the door. First deal closed. First mistake – and what you learned from it. It’s the little steps as well as the big ones. And we’ll be there for all of them, to help you make progress with purpose.
But who are we? Time for a first introduction to your future. Norton Rose Fulbright is a global law firm, providing the world’s pre-eminent corporations and financial institutions with a full business law service. Our 4,800 lawyers and legal staff are based in 50+ cities across Europe, the United States, Canada, Latin America, Asia, Australia, Africa, and the Middle East.
Recognised for our industry focus, we’ve got strength across all key sectors: financial institutions; energy; infrastructure, mining and commodities; transport; technology and innovation; life sciences, and healthcare.
Main areas of work: Financial institutions; energy; infrastructure, mining and commodities; transport; technology and innovation; life sciences and healthcare.
Number of lawyers: Plus 4000

Training contract:
Vacancies: Up to 45
Application process and recruitment criteria: Online. AAB at A Level (or equivalent) and 2.1 degree (or equivalent).
Deadline – law/non-law: 15 July 2018

Vacation Schemes:
Deadline: 29 October 2017
Summer: 18 to 29 June, 2 to 13 July 2018. Final year law & non-law, Penultimate year law, & non-law, Graduates.
Deadline: 31 January 2018

Application method & selection process:
On-line.
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Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe (London) LLP
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Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe is a leading international law firm with more than 1,200 lawyers in 25 offices located throughout North America, Europe and Asia. Orrick has earned a global reputation advising both established and emerging companies, banks and international finance institutions. Much of Orrick's client work involves cross-border transactions which have increased substantially in recent years with the development of the firm’s network of global offices.

Established in 1998, the London office is a central part of Orrick’s international network with around 160 staff. It is primarily staffed by UK qualified lawyers, a number of whom also trained with the firm. As you would expect from a firm established in the US there is also a US law capability in the London office.

You will be part of a truly international team and benefit from its core values of collegiality, integrity, excellence, enthusiasm and respect for individuality.

Main areas of work: Corporate, finance, energy & infrastructure, litigation, intellectual property
Number of lawyers: 1,200
Expected Hiring Offices: London
Opportunities to work abroad: 25+ offices worldwide located throughout North America, Europe and Asia
Training contract:
   Vacancies: 6-8
   Application process and recruitment criteria: Online Application Form.
   Deadline - law: 29 June 2018
   Deadline - non-law: 29 June 2018
Application method & selection process: Online Application Form.
Contact: Diana Ly, recruitlondon@orrick.com

Paul Hastings (Europe) LLP
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With lawyers serving clients from 20 worldwide offices, Paul Hastings provides a wide range of services across Europe, America and Asia.

Through a collaborative approach, entrepreneurial spirit and firm commitment to client service excellence, the legal professionals of Paul Hastings deliver innovative solutions to many of the world's top financial institutions and Fortune 500 companies. The London office has particular experience in multi-jurisdictional European transactions, working with our offices in Frankfurt, Milan and Paris.

Main areas of work: Corporate, capital markets, real estate, real estate finance, corporate and structured finance, leveraged finance, restructuring, securitisation, funds, tax, payment systems, financial services, technology and cyber security, employment and litigation.
Number of lawyers: 90
Expected Hiring Offices: London
Training contract:
   Vacancies: 6
   Application process and recruitment criteria: Online. 2.1 degree minimum
   Deadline - law: 31 July 2018
   Deadline - non-law: 31 July 2018
Application method & selection process: Online.
Contact: Yvette Croucher, 020 3023 5100 yvettecroucher@paulhastings.com
Penningtons Manches LLP

Penningtons Manches LLP is a leading UK law firm which provides high quality legal advice tailored to both businesses and individuals. We address the specific objectives of each client through our innovative ideas and technical expertise and offer a personal service founded on a strong team ethic. Today, we’re based in London, Basingstoke, Cambridge, Guildford, Oxford, Reading and San Francisco, with 110 partners and 600 people in total. Our main areas of practice are dispute resolution, corporate and commercial, real estate, private client and family. We also have several multi-disciplinary teams concentrating on a variety of industry sectors, including technology, life sciences, education, social housing, retail and international wealth. In these areas, we’re acknowledged for our unparalleled market insight.

Main areas of work: Corporate, commercial dispute resolution, family, real estate, commercial IP/IT, employment, clinical negligence, private client.

Number of lawyers: 112 partners, 620 staff in total


Training contract:

Vacancies: 12-14 pa

Application process and recruitment criteria: Apply online

https://www.apply4law.com/penningtonsmanches/

2:1 degree, AAB A-levels. High calibre candidates with evidence of academic excellence, varied work experience, drive, confidence commercial awareness and team spirit

Deadline – law/non-law: 31 July 2018

Vacation Schemes:

Easter: Easter Holidays.
Deadline: 31 January 2018

Summer: Throughout July. Final year law/non-law, Penultimate year law, Postgraduate law/non-law, Graduates.
Deadline: 31 January 2018

Information days in Easter vacation

Application method & selection process:

Apply online

https://www.apply4law.com/penningtonsmanches/

Contact: Helen Lewis, 0207 457 3000
traineepost@Penningtons.co.uk

Pinsent Masons LLP

Pinsent Masons is a full-service commercial law firm. We respond to the pressures and opportunities facing global businesses with innovative solutions. We were recognised as the most innovative law firm of 2015 at the FT Innovative Lawyer Awards Europe. We advise clients with global operations and recognise that giving a first class legal service goes beyond purely legal guidance. A solid understanding of local cultural and commercial issues and an innovative approach underpins all of our advice. We understand the key political, economic, commercial and regulatory issues, helping to minimise risk and maximise opportunities.

Main areas of work: Pinsent Masons are a full-service commercial law firm. We have particular expertise in five key global sectors; advanced manufacturing & technology, energy, financial services, infrastructure & real estate.

Number of lawyers: Over 1,330 Lawyers

Expected Hiring Offices: London, Aberdeen, Belfast, Birmingham, Edinburgh, Glasgow Leeds & Manchester

Opportunities to work abroad: Pinsent Masons have 22 offices globally

Training contract:

Vacancies: Circa 70

Application process and recruitment criteria: On-line application form and an assessment centre. 300+ UCAS points from three best A-Levels or equivalent, attainment or prediction of a strong 2.1 degree, Commendation or above from law school

Deadline - law: 27 July 2018
Deadline - non-law: 27 July 2018

Vacation Schemes:

Final year law & non-law, Penultimate year law, Postgraduate law & non-law, Graduates.
Deadline: 5 January 2018

Application method & selection process: On-line application form and an assessment centre.

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Rare

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Discuss is an exclusive training programme, sponsored by five top City firms and run by Rare, for brilliant students who are interested in City law vacation schemes. The programme is open to students from any discipline in their first year or second year of a four year course at any university. The programme is aimed at students from lower socioeconomic status groups, for example, students who have been in receipt of free schools meals, are the first generation in their family to attend university, or have experienced other forms of social disadvantage. Participants receive individual support from our expert coaches including ex-Magic circle lawyers. In these sessions, students will be challenged to enhance their knowledge of and ability to talk about complex commercial, economic and political issues in a confident manner. Participants will also attend group sessions at the participating law firms. These sessions will prepare you, not just for the application and interview process, but for a successful career in commercial law.

Applications open in September and close in November.

Contact: Milambo Makani,
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Reed Smith

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Reed Smith is a global relationship law firm, with more than 1,800 lawyers in 25 offices throughout Europe, the Middle East, Asia and the United States. Founded in 1877, the firm represents leading international businesses from FTSE 100 corporations to mid-market and emerging enterprises. Its lawyers provide litigation and other dispute resolution services in multi-jurisdictional and high-stake matters, deliver regulatory counsel, and execute the full range of strategic domestic and cross-border transactions. The firm places a huge emphasis on its diversity and inclusion strategy and works closely with a number of external organisations to ensure that their opportunities reach students from the widest possible talent pool.

Main areas of work: Reed Smith is a preeminent advisor to industries including financial services, life sciences, health care, energy and natural resources, advertising, technology and media, shipping, real estate, manufacturing, and education.

Number of lawyers: 350 lawyers in the London office, over 1700 globally

Expected Hiring Offices: London

Opportunities to work abroad: Reed Smith has offices throughout the United States, Europe, the Middle East and Asia.

Training contract:

Vacancies: 25 - 30

Application process and recruitment criteria: Online application form. 2.1 (but we take into account mitigating circumstances)

Deadline - law: 30 June 2018
Deadline - non-law: 30 June 2018


Application method & selection process:
Online application form.

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cmuir@reedsmith.com
Ropes & Gray

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The firm’s London office – an integral part of Ropes & Gray’s global offering – has been developed to meet the needs of the firm’s sophisticated fund and investor client base, alongside corporate clients across a range of industries including life sciences, healthcare, financial services, asset management and TMT.
Since opening the office in January 2010, we have assembled a fully integrated international team of lawyers – from 27 countries and speaking more than 40 languages – that provides clients with a full service of transatlantic law capabilities coupled with an in-depth understanding of the markets in the UK, Europe and Asia. The team additionally has strong and long-standing relationships with leading local firms across the EMEA region.
Main areas of work: Private equity, finance team specialising in leveraged finance, direct lending, fund financing and high yield transactions, special situations, real estate, private investment funds, antitrust/competition, dispute resolution, financial crime, intellectual property, investment management, privacy & data security, tax.
Number of lawyers: 122
Expected Hiring Offices: London
Training contract:
Vacancies: 5-7 per year
Application process and recruitment criteria: application form, online video, assessment day, application form, online video, assessment day
Deadline - law: 31 July 2018
Deadline - non-law: 31 July 2018
Vacation Schemes/Open Days:
Easter: 16-27 April. Final year law, Final year non-law, Penultimate year law, Penultimate non-law, 2nd year of 4-year course, Postgraduate law, Postgraduate non-law, Graduates.
Deadline: 31 January 2018
Summer: 2 - 13 July. Final year law, Final year non-law, Penultimate year law, Penultimate non-law, 2nd year of 4-year course, Postgraduate law, Postgraduate non-law, Graduates.
Deadline: 31 January 2018
Application method & selection process: application form, online video, assessment day.
Contact: Katy McAteer 020 3201 1607
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SEO London

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SEO London is an alumni driven charity that helps students from underprivileged and underrepresented backgrounds get into high profile careers such as Corporate Law.
Main areas of work: Corporate Law
Application process and recruitment criteria: Application form online. AAB at A level (or equivalent), on track for a 2.1, demonstrates interest in a career in Corporate Law
Application method & selection process: Application form online.
Contact: Corporate Law Team, 02074000400
corporatelaw@seo-london.org
Shearman & Sterling LLP
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Shearman & Sterling is one of the global elite of law firms. You’ll be working on headline-making deals for some of the world’s leading organisations. In the UK we recruit a select few individuals who have an appetite for responsibility, thrive in a team and have the desire to perform at the highest level of corporate law.

Main areas of work: Antitrust, capital markets, finance, financial institutions advisory, project development & finance, litigation, m&a, tax, international arbitration, asset management.

Number of lawyers: 950 across the globe, of which 192 are located in our London office

Expected Hiring Offices: London
Opportunities to work abroad: New York, Brussels, Singapore, Abu Dhabi, Hong Kong and more

Training contract:
Vacancies: 15

Application process and recruitment criteria: To apply, visit our graduate recruitment website and fill in the online application form. Minimum AAB (or equivalent), minimum 2:1

Deadline - law: 31 July 2018
Deadline - non-law: 31 July 2018

Vacation Schemes:
Christmas: 4 - 15 December
Final year law & non-law, Penultimate year law, Postgraduate law & non-law, Graduates.
Deadline: 4 November

Easter: 12 - 23 March & 9 - 20 April.
Final year law & non-law, Penultimate year law, Postgraduate law & non-law, Graduates.
Deadline: 20 January

Summer: 18 - 29 June.
Final year law & non-law, Penultimate year law, Postgraduate law & non-law, Graduates.
Deadline: 20 April

Open Days: 19 October, 29 November 2017, 11 April, June 2018, any year any discipline.

Application method & selection process: To apply, visit our graduate recruitment website and fill in the online application form.
Contact: Paul Gascoyne,
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Sidley Austin LLP
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Sidley Austin LLP is a premier law firm with a practice highly attuned to the ever changing international landscape. The firm has built a reputation for being an adviser for global business, with more than 1,900 lawyers in 20 offices worldwide. Sidley maintains a commitment to providing quality legal services and to offering advice in litigation, transactional and regulatory matters spanning virtually every area of law. Our lawyers have wide-reaching legal backgrounds and are dedicated to teamwork, collaboration and superior client service. Work in one of the largest international law firms along with the relaxed, down-to-earth friendliness of the smaller London office. Here you will find high quality work on par with Magic Circle firms and an energetic, meritocratic and supportive environment. We have a reputation for working on innovative, complex transactions.

Main areas of work: Corporate; competition; reorganisation and bankruptcy; debt and equity capital markets; debt restructuring and derivatives; employment; financial services regulatory; hedge funds; insurance; IP/IT; litigation; private equity; real estate finance.

Number of lawyers: 139

Expected Hiring Offices: London
Opportunities to work abroad: Hong Kong, Brussels, Geneva

Training contract:
Vacancies: Up to 12

Application process and recruitment criteria: Online application and Partner interview. Minimum 2:1 and AAA at A-level

Deadline – law/non-law: 20 July 2018

Vacation Schemes:
Deadline: 6 November 2017

Easter: 3-13 April 2018. As above.
Deadline: 31 Jan 2018

Deadline: 31 Jan 2018

Open Days: March and June aimed at first year law/second year non-law.

Application method & selection process: Online application and Partner interview.
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Simmons & Simmons LLP
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Scratch the surface of Simmons & Simmons and you'll discover a leading law firm of over 1,600 colleagues, offering expert legal advice across Europe, the Middle East and Asia. We operate across four key sectors and through a range of services to help clients navigate all kinds of legal challenges, from buying and selling national chain stores to developing new fleets of aircraft. Whatever you do, wherever you go, you'll see developments we've been involved in. All you need to do is look, and you'll uncover the world of law.

**Main areas of work:** Asset management & investment funds, financial institutions, life sciences, and technology, media & telecommunications. These priority sector teams are drawn from: corporate; competition & regulatory; dispute resolution; employment, pensions & employee benefits; financial markets; information, communications & technology; intellectual property; projects; real estate and tax. We also focus on the energy & infrastructure market

**Number of lawyers:** 880

**Expected Hiring Offices:** London and Bristol

**Opportunities to work abroad:** Paris, Hong Kong, Dubai (Subject to change)

**Training contract:**

- **Vacancies:** 30+

- **Application process/recruitment criteria:** Online form, online judgement test, verbal and logical reasoning tests, video interview, assessment centre. 2:1 any discipline.

- **Deadline – law/non-law:** 15 January 2018

**Vacation Schemes:**

- **Christmas:** 14 - 20 December 2017. Final year law & non-law, Penultimate year law & non-law, 2nd year of 4-year course, First year law & non-law, Postgraduate law & non-law, Graduates
  - **Deadline:** 01 November 2017

- **Easter:** 10 April 2018 - 11 April 2018.
  - As above
  - **Deadline:** 15 February 2018

- **Summer:** 25 June - 06 July 2018. As above
  - **Deadline:** 15 January 2018


- **Application method & selection process:** As above.

Contact: Graduate Recruitment Team, 02076282020
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Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom

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Skadden’s London office advises on mergers and acquisitions, private equity, financings, restructurings and tax matters. We also have extensive experience in the fields of international arbitration and litigation, white collar crime and financial regulation. We advise clients on the most complex matters that require innovative solutions involving both domestic U.K. and multijurisdictional law.

**Main areas of work:** Corporate, capital markets, mergers & acquisitions, tax, litigation and arbitration, banking, white collar crime, funds, real estate, insurance, employment.

**Number of lawyers:** 115 approx

**Expected Hiring Offices:** 1

**Opportunities to work abroad:** Brussels, New York, Hong Kong

**Training contract:**

- **Vacancies:** 10

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Slaughter and May
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Slaughter and May is one of the most prestigious law firms in the world. We advise on high-profile and often landmark international transactions. Our excellent and varied client list ranges from governments to entrepreneurs, from retailers to entertainment companies and from conglomerates to Premier League football clubs. We are a full service law firm to corporate clients and have leading practitioners across a wide range of practice areas. Nearly all of our work has an international element and we have offices in London, Brussels, Hong Kong and Beijing. In other jurisdictions we prefer to remain agile by leading unified, hand-picked teams of lawyers from market-leading law firms. All the firms we work with across the world have a reputation for excellence and independence that mirrors our own.

Main areas of work: Mergers and acquisitions, corporate and commercial, financing, tax, competition, dispute resolution, real estate, pensions and employment, financial regulation, information technology and intellectual property.

Number of lawyers: Approximately 660

Expected Hiring Offices: London

Opportunities to work abroad: Beijing, Brussels and Hong Kong

Training contract:

Vacancies: 80 - 85

Application process and recruitment criteria: Online application form, CV and cover letter. Good A levels and high 2.1 marks at degree level.

Deadline - law: Please see website

Deadline - non-law: Please see website

Vacation Schemes:

Christmas: 01 October 2017. Final year law, Final year non-law, Graduates.

Deadline: Please see website

Open Days: available during Easter break for first year law and non-law students.

Application method & selection process:
Online application form, CV and cover letter.

Contact: Slaughter and May,
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Squire Patton Boggs
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Squire Patton Boggs is a global law firm with over 1,500 lawyers in 46 offices and 21 countries. We provide commercial legal solutions using legal expertise, sector knowledge and political capabilities.

In the UK, we offer vacation schemes and training contracts in our four offices in Birmingham, Leeds, London and Manchester.

Expected Hiring Offices: Birmingham, Leeds, London and Manchester

Opportunities to work abroad: Brussels and Paris

Training contract:

Vacancies: 20

Vacation Schemes:


Deadline: 01 November 2017

Summer: London and Manchester: 25 June – 6 July 2018
Final year non-law, Penultimate year law.

Deadline: 9 January 2018

Open Days: See website.

Contact: Victoria Pickworth Booth,
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Stephenson Harwood

Here at Stephenson Harwood, we take on just 20 trainees per year. Join us and not only will you be a valued member of our diverse, global team, you’ll have a real opportunity to make your mark on the future of our firm. We pride ourselves on delivering ground-breaking deals across the globe. Our headquarters are in London, and we’ve also built close ties with our nine associated offices across Asia, Europe and the Middle East. This diverse mix of expertise and culture provides deep, local insight and the capability to provide a seamless international service to our clients. The clients we work with are hugely varied. Whether they’re corporations, institutions or individuals, we assemble teams of bold thinkers to match our clients’ needs and ensure they receive the right advice, from the right person, at the right time.

Main areas of work: corporate, commercial litigation and arbitration, employment and pensions, finance, marine and international trade, and real estate.

Number of lawyers: 900

Expected Hiring Offices: London

Opportunities to work abroad: Dubai, Hong Kong, Paris, Seoul, Singapore

Training contract:

Vacancies: 20

Application process and recruitment criteria: Online application form, online critical reasoning test, HR interview, assessment centre. Minimum 2:1 in any discipline plus 320 UCAS points or equivalent.

Deadline – law/non-law: 31 July 2018

Vacation Schemes:

Christmas: 11-15 December 2017.
Final year law & non-law, Penultimate year law, Postgraduate law & non-law, Graduates.
Deadline: 12 November 2017

Easter: 3-13 April 2018. As above.
Deadline: 31 January 2018

Summer: 11 - 22 June; 25 June-6 July; 9 - 20 July 2018. As above.
Deadline: 31 January 2018

Open Days: 17 January; 14 February; 21 March; 25 April 2018.

Application method & selection process:

Online application form, online critical reasoning test, HR interview, assessment centre.

Contact: Sarah Jackson, 02078092812
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Sullivan & Cromwell

Sullivan & Cromwell provides the highest quality legal advice and representation to clients around the world. The results we achieve have set us apart for over 130 years and serve as a model for the modern practice of law. Since its foundation in New York in 1879, S&C has been involved in some of the most significant international business transactions and developments. S&C has approximately 800 lawyers across an international network of 12 offices on four continents.

The London office, established in 1972, is S&C’s second largest office. There are approximately 70 English, US and dual-qualified lawyers working in the office across a number of practice areas, including: M&A and private equity, capital markets, finance, restructuring, project development and finance, competition law and tax. S&C London is perhaps unique in the scale, complexity and significance of the work carried out in an office of its size.

Main areas of work: M&A and private equity, capital markets, finance, restructuring, project development and finance, competition law, tax.

Number of lawyers: Approximately 85

Expected Hiring Offices: London

Training contract:

Vacancies: 4-6

Application process and recruitment criteria: CV (inc. a full % breakdown) and cover letter to traineesolicitors@sullcrom.com. Projected or achieved first or upper second honours degree; any discipline.

Deadline - law: 13 July 2018
Deadline - non-law: 13 July 2018

Vacation Schemes:

Summer: July 2018. Final year law, Final year non-law, Penultimate year law.
Deadline: 12 January 2018

Application method & selection process: CV (inc. a full % breakdown) and cover letter to traineesolicitors@sullcrom.com.

Contact: Ms Kirsten Davies, 020 7959 8900
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Taylor Wessing

https://united- kingdom.taylorwessing.com/en/graduate
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Taylor Wessing is a full-service international law firm, standing at the forefront of the industries of tomorrow. Acting as legal advisors to well-known clients in progressive and cutting-edge sectors, we’re a firm for the ground breakers, the smart thinkers and the trail blazers. Our spark, focus and lateral thinking make us exceptional business and legal advisors, helping our clients to succeed by thinking innovatively about their business issues. Our focus on the industries of tomorrow - technology, media and communications, life sciences, private wealth and energy - means that alongside law students, we also recruit a wide range of students who have studied non-law degrees.

If you want to start a legal career that takes you in ground-breaking new directions, it’s time to consider a vacation scheme or training contract at Taylor Wessing. Throughout November we will also be running various open days to support your applications. For more information on how to apply or submit an online application at http://www.taylorwessing.com/graduate

Main areas of work: Construction, engineering, corporate, commercial and projects, corporate technology, disputes, investigations, employment & pensions, banking, finance, IP, media, IT, telecoms, competition, patents, private client, tax, incentives, private equity, real estate, environment, planning, restructuring, corporate recovery.

Expected Hiring Offices: 33

Training contract:

Vacancies: 20

Application process & recruitment criteria: http://www.taylorwessing.com/graduate. We look for team players with a min ABB at A level and a 2.1 degree in any discipline.

Deadline – law/non-law: 30 April 2018

Vacation Schemes:

Christmas: n/a. Penultimate year law.

Deadline:

Summer: June and July 2018. Final year and Penultimate year law, Postgraduate non-law.

Deadline: 30 January 2018

Open Days: 8, 13, 23 November 2017


Contact: Sarah Harte, 0207 300 7022
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Travers Smith LLP

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Travers Smith is an award-winning independent City law firm with a reputation for enterprising thinking and uncompromising quality in all of its chosen fields, and a focus on advising clients on international matters. Competing directly with the largest City firms, we attract top-quality work but still offer a professional yet relaxed working environment providing the best of both worlds.

Recent work includes acting for Zoopla on the acquisition of a property data company, Caffe Nero on its acquisition of Harris & Hoole from Tesco and for Bridgepoint on the sale of Oasis Dental Care to Bupa. We advise Cath Kidston, Jack Wills and LK Bennett, the Trainline and Pinewood Studios, Channel 4 and Shazam.

To find out more, please come to a short presentation, followed by an opportunity to chat informally with partners and trainees over drinks and canapés about subjects ranging from commercial awareness to life at the firm.

Main areas of work: The main areas of our practice are commercial (including IP and IT), competition corporate, employment, employee incentives, dispute resolution, finance, financial services & markets, operational risk & environment, pensions, real estate, restructuring & insolvency and tax.

Number of lawyers: 281

Expected Hiring Offices: London

Opportunities to work abroad: There are numerous secondment opportunities for newly qualified lawyers available worldwide.

Training contract:

Vacancies: 25

Application process & recruitment criteria: Online through cvMail via www.traverssmith.com. AAB at A level and a 2:1 (or 2:1 grades to date)

Deadline – law/non-law: 31 July 2018

Vacation Schemes:

Christmas: 4 - 15 December 2017. Final year non-law, Postgraduate non-law, Graduates.

Deadline: Rolling basis


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Vinson & Elkins LLP
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Vinson & Elkins is a leading Texas-based international law firm with more than 750 lawyers located in 15 cities across the globe. We have worked on projects for clients in almost every country on the map, and a heavy focus on, and a tradition of working in, the Energy sector. We work in tandem with our clients, travelling wherever and whenever we are needed. We know what it takes to make deals work and to win cases. Established in London for in excess of 40 years, our office there focuses on M&A, construction, project development, international arbitration and litigation, finance, and tax.

Main areas of work: Construction; energy, transactions & projects; finance; infrastructure; international dispute resolution; M&A, private equity & funds; tax; and telecoms infrastructure.

Number of lawyers: 750 worldwide

Expected Hiring Offices: London

Opportunities to work abroad: Dubai, Hong Kong, Tokyo, Beijing

Training contract:

Vacancies: 4/5

Application process and recruitment criteria: Apply via the Vinson & Elkins website: http://www.velaw.com/Join-Us/London-Legal-Recruitment. A minimum 2.1 degree and AAB at A-Level or equivalent

Deadline - law: 31 July 2017
Deadline - non-law: 31 July 2017

Vacation Schemes:

Summer: June - August 2018. Final year law, Penultimate non-law.
Deadline: 31 January 2018

Open Days: 21 March 2018 for first year law and second year non law students.

Application method & selection process:
Apply via the Vinson & Elkins website.

Contact: Sarah Stockley,
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Watson Farley & Williams
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Watson Farley & Williams was founded in 1982 in the City of London. It has since grown to 140 partners and a total staff of over 800. We have offices in London, Dubai, New York, Paris, Hamburg, Munich, Frankfurt, Rome, Milan, Madrid, Athens, Singapore, Bangkok and Hong Kong. Our international offices work together, a structure of particular benefit to our international clients.

We have leading market positions in international finance and investment, maritime and energy. We also specialise in natural resources, transport, real estate and technology.

We emphasise gaining practical experience and learning to work as part of a team. As our trainees progress and their competence and confidence grows, there are opportunities to assume responsibility for specific areas of a transaction/case. Our trainees benefit from a six seat programme allowing them to experience a broad number of practice groups with one seat in an international office.

Main areas of work: We have leading market positions in international finance and investment, maritime and energy. We also specialise in the sectors of natural resources, transport, real estate and technology.

Number of lawyers: 500+

Expected Hiring Offices: London

Opportunities to work abroad: New York, Paris, Rome, Milan, Athens, Madrid, Hamburg, Munich, Frankfurt, Dubai

Training contract:

Vacancies: 18

Application process and recruitment criteria: Web-based. ABB A-Levels, 2.1 Degree

Deadline - law: July 2018
Deadline - non-law: July 2018

Vacation Schemes:

Easter: March-April. Final year law/non-law, Penultimate year law/non-law, 2nd year of 4-year course, First year law/non-law, Postgraduate law/non-law, Graduates.
Deadline: January
Summer: June-July. As above.
Deadline: January


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Number of lawyers: 140 (London Only)

Expected Hiring Offices: London

Opportunities to work abroad: Beijing, Boston, Budapest, Dallas, Frankfurt, Hong Kong, Houston, Miami, Munich, New York, Paris, Prague, Princeton, Shanghai, Silicon Valley, Warsaw and Washington D.C.

Training contract:

Vacancies: Up to 15 per annum

Application process and recruitment criteria: Application form, critical reasoning test, video interview & face to face interview. Minimum 2:1 and AAB at A Level (or equivalent)

Deadline - law: 31 July 2018
Deadline - non-law: 31 July 2018

Vacation Schemes:

Easter: Tuesday 3 April - Friday 13 April 2018. Final year law/non-law, Penultimate year law/non-law, 2nd year of 4-year course, Postgraduate law/non-law, Graduates.

Deadline: 13 January 2018


Deadline: 13 January 2018

Open Days: ‘First Year Fast Track Scheme’ Applications open1 December 2017 - information can be found on our website

Application method & selection process:
Application Form, Critical Reasoning Test, Video Interview & Face to Face Interview.

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Number of lawyers: Nearly 2000 lawyers worldwide

Expected Hiring Offices: London

Opportunities to work abroad: Abu Dhabi, Beijing, Dubai, Frankfurt, Hong Kong, Moscow, New York, Paris, Prague, Singapore, Stockholm, and Tokyo

Training contract:

Vacancies: 50

Application process and recruitment criteria: Online

Deadline – law/non-law: 31 July 2018

Vacation Schemes:


Summer: 18 – 29 June 2018. As per Easter. Deadline: 31 January 2018


Application method & selection process:

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Number of lawyers: 490

Expected Hiring Offices: London

Opportunities to work abroad: Hong Kong, Geneva, Milan

Training contract:

Vacancies: 11

Application process and recruitment criteria: Please submit an application form via the careers section of our website. Minimum 2.1 degree, any discipline, AAB at A-Level

Deadline - law: 31 July 2018
Deadline - non-law: 31 July 2018

Vacation Schemes:

Easter: 3 - 13 April 2018. Final year law/non-law, Penultimate year law, Postgraduate law/non-law, Graduates.
Deadline: 31 January 2018

Deadline: 31 January 2018

Open Days: 10 April 2018, please make your application before 28 February 2018.

Application method & selection process:
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