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The exhibitors will be promoting their vacation schemes, training contracts, law conversion courses, the Legal Practice Course and the Bar Professional Training Course.

A legal career is very popular with students and in the current economic climate it is important that you find out as much as you can about the firms and their opportunities.

To gain a training contract or a pupillage you will need to ensure you meet academic requirements, have done research and be clear on why you are applying to the firms.

You will need to consider what you can offer and how to make your application stand out over and above the competition. Whatever the core business of the firm you’re interested in, it is important to demonstrate an interest in and awareness of their practice areas and clients.

Our team is here to help you understand and make the most of the law job market – not just today – but during your time at university and once you graduate. Make sure you leave with a copy of our events guide so that you can see what else is happening this term.

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- **Consider applicants with a 2:2:** No
- **Offering international secondments:** Yes
- **Recruiting international students:** No
- **Selection methods:** Online application, video or telephone interview, interview with partners, selection centre and skills exercises

**Application date for training contracts:** 30 December 2017

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- **Offering international secondments:** Yes
- **Recruiting international students:** Yes
- **Selection methods:** Online application, video or telephone interview, interview with partners, selection centre and skills exercises

**Application date for training contracts:** 31 July 2018

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- **Offering international secondments:** Yes
- **Recruiting international students:** Yes
- **Selection methods:** Online application and interview with partners

**Application date for training contracts:** 31 December 2017

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 and dispute resolution, employment and benefits, and tax and 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 Bands 1 and 2 in over 500 categories by the Chambers and 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.

[aogradiente.com](http://aogradiente.com)
Anthony Collins Solicitors

Activities for first years: Insight days and work placements
Consider applicants with a 2:2: Yes
Offering international secondments: Yes
Recruiting international students: Yes
Selection methods: Online application, video or telephone interview, interview with partners, selection centre and skills exercises
Application date for training contracts: 7 January 2018 and 31 July 2018

Anthony Collins Solicitors LLP is a law firm with a clear purpose – to 'improve lives, communities and society'.

We have a national reputation for advising individuals, businesses, not-for-profit organisations, local authorities, and public sector bodies. For over 40 years we’ve been successfully combining market-leading legal expertise with a commitment to excellence and long-term relationships underpinned by a strong set of values.

We’ve attracted a highly skilled team of people whose genuine passion for their field of work keeps us at the forefront of the sectors we serve. ACS is a law firm that puts people first, and our size means we can offer the challenges and exposure you’d expect from a large firm, in an environment that is supportive and close-knit.

We provide advice and support to help our clients achieve their goals across our specialist sectors – social housing, local government, education, social business, health and social care, charities and private individuals.

anthonycollins.com

Ashurst

Activities for first years: Insight days and work placements
Consider applicants with a 2:2: Yes
Offering international secondments: Yes
Recruiting international students: Yes
Selection methods: Online application and interview with partners
Application date for training contracts: 7 January 2018 and 31 July 2018

With 25 offices in 15 countries, we offer the reach and insight of a global network, combined with the knowledge and understanding of local markets. We have a prestigious client base, with whom we build strong partnerships working closely together on large and complex multi-jurisdictional transactions to deliver incisive and insightful commercial solutions.

ashurst.com/careers

Baker McKenzie

Activities for first years: Insight days
Consider applicants with a 2:2: No
Offering international secondments: Yes
Recruiting international students: Yes
Selection methods: Online application, video or telephone interview, interview with partners, selection centre and skills exercises
Application date for training contracts: 1 November – 31 December 2017 (final years and graduates); 1 June – 31 July 2018 (penultimate years) for training contracts 2020

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.

We accept applications for the summer scheme from law and non-law students in their penultimate year of study – or second or third year for those on a four-year course.

There’s also a two-week scheme during the spring for final year students and graduates.

Applications for the spring and summer schemes are open as follows:

• Spring (final year and graduates): 1 October – 30 November 2017
• Summer (penultimate year students): 1 November 2017 – 15 January 2018

bakermckenzie.com/en/locations/emea/united-kingdom
Barbri

Activities for first years: Please see our website
Consider applicants with a 2:2: No
Offering international secondments: No
Recruiting international students: Yes
Selection methods: Please see our website
Application date for training contracts: Please see our website

Interested in expanding your legal career options globally? If you are studying or practicing law, you may be eligible to sit for a US Bar Exam and become a US attorney.

BARBRI enables you to qualify as a US Attorney, providing the only International Bar Review programme specifically tailored to the needs of non-US law graduates and lawyers.

Our flexible learning opportunities allow you to balance work, home and study while preparing for the Bar Exam.

Choose from our innovative home study online course or a classroom-based approach in London, Dublin or Dubai.

barbri-international.com

Bird & Bird

Activities for first years: Insight days and work placements
Consider applicants with a 2:2: Yes
Offering international secondments: Yes
Recruiting international students: Yes
Selection methods: Online application, video or telephone interview, interview with partners, selection centre and skills exercises
Application date for training contracts: July 2018

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 1,200 lawyers in 28 offices across Europe, the Middle East and Asia, as well as close ties with firms in other parts of the world.

twobirds.com

Berwin Leighton Paisner

Activities for first years: Insight days and work placements
Consider applicants with a 2:2: Yes
Offering international secondments: Yes
Recruiting international students: Yes
Selection methods: Online application, video or telephone interview, interview with partners, selection centre and skills exercises
Application date for training contracts: July 2018

An eight-time 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.

blplaw.com/trainees
Bond Dickinson

Activities for first years: Insight days consisting of workshops and opportunities to meet a range of people from around our business
Consider applicants with a 2:2: Yes
Offering international secondments: No
Recruiting international students: Yes
Selection methods: Online application, video or telephone interview, interview with partners, selection centre and skills exercises
Application date for training contracts: 28 February 2018

From October 2017 Bond Dickinson and US-based Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice will combine to form Womble Bond Dickinson. Womble Bond Dickinson will have more than 420 partners and 1,000 lawyers across eight offices in the UK and 15 offices in the US. The combination will put Womble Bond Dickinson in the UK’s top 20 and in the top 80 in the US listings.

Our clients range from FTSE 100 businesses to governmental organisations, privately managed businesses and wealthy individuals.

BPP University

Consider applicants with a 2:2: No
Offering international secondments: No
Recruiting international students: No

With over 20 years’ experience in delivering professional legal qualifications, we have proudly earned our place as one of the largest law schools in the UK.

We are the firm favourite for law with over 60 leading law firms exclusively choosing us to train their future solicitors. We are selected by these firms above other law schools because of the professional relevance of our education and the enviably high standard of our teaching, facilities and materials. We are also one of the leading law schools with some of the highest numbers of students in pupillage.

Bristows

Activities for first years: Insight days
Consider applicants with a 2:2: Yes
Offering international secondments: No
Recruiting international students: No
Selection methods: Online application and interview with partners
Application date for training contracts: 31 July 2018

Bristows is a medium-size full-service law firm well known for the strength of its 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 technology, media and telecommunications.

Trainees work alongside our partners dealing directly with clients 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 are currently recruiting for our 2020 intake.

training.bristows.com
brownejacobson LLP

Consider applicants with a 2:2: Yes
Offering international secondments: No
Recruiting international students: Yes
Selection methods: Online application, video or telephone interview, interview with partners, selection centre and skills exercises
Application date for training contracts: 1 April 2018

We are a full-service national law firm with offices in Birmingham, Exeter, London, Manchester and Nottingham – with an impressive client portfolio, including blue-chip corporates, local and owner-managed businesses, NHS Trusts, major insurers, education and public sector organisations.

We are looking for talented law and non-law graduates who can demonstrate enthusiasm, tenacity, commitment and a passion for delivering exceptional client service combined with a flexible and friendly attitude. Apply online for a 2018 summer vacation scheme or 2020 training contract.

brownejacobson.com

Burges Salmon

Activities for first years: Insight days
Consider applicants with a 2:2: No
Offering international secondments: Yes
Recruiting international students: Yes
Selection methods: Online application, interview with partners, selection centre and skills exercises
Application date for training contracts: 31 July 2018

Burges Salmon is the independent UK law firm with a unique model and culture. Our main departments include corporate and financial institutions, dispute resolution, projects, real estate and private client.

Our people are our greatest asset. That’s why we recruit ambitious and forward-thinking individuals. We look for a minimum upper-second class degree and the relevant interpersonal skills to succeed as a commercial solicitor.

burges-salmon.com/careers/trainee-solicitors

CHAMBERS STUDENT

Activities for first years: Insight days and work placements

The Chambers Student Guide gives students the information, tools and confidence to help them make a sound career decision.

The Chambers Student Guide is the only publication with The True Picture: independent, unbiased reviews of the training schemes at leading law firms, based on in-depth interviews with hundreds of trainees speaking to us freely and frankly about their experiences under the protection of anonymity.

Also included are Chambers Reports: a look at life inside top barristers’ chambers written after visits to each of the sets and interviews with pupils, barristers and clerks; and law school reviews based on feedback from students who have completed courses at each of the schools, plus interviews with course directors.

chambersstudent.co.uk
Consider applicants with a 2:2: Yes
Offering international secondments: Yes
Recruiting international students: Yes

CILEx Law School offers GDL and LLB graduates real alternatives for a career in law. To qualify as a Chartered Legal Executive through the CILEx graduate fast-track diploma (GFTD) route costs approximately £3,000.

Combine the GFTD with three years’ paralegal work experience and you are a Chartered Legal Executive. Judge, advocate, partner, independent practitioner – you could be all of these as a Chartered Legal Executive.

Want to become a solicitor? The specially designed open learning GDL and LPC programmes in partnership with the Leicester Institute of Legal Practice, DMU enable you to fit studying around your work or other commitments. Chartered Legal Executives are both exempt from the training contract and may claim partial exemption from DMU’s open learning LPC.
cilexlawschool.ac.uk

Activities for first years:
Insight days, work placements and first-year Springboard Programme
Consider applicants with a 2:2: Yes
Offering international secondments: Yes
Recruiting international students: Yes
Selection methods: Online application, video or telephone interview, interview with partners, selection centre and skills exercises
Application date for training contracts: 3 January 2018

Clifford Chance: where bright minds meet 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.
cliffordchancegraduates.com

Activities for first years:
Insight days, work placements and insight work experience programme
Consider applicants with a 2:2: Yes
Offering international secondments: Yes
Recruiting international students: Yes
Selection methods: Online application, interview with partners, selection centre and skills exercises
Application date for training contracts: 31 July 2018

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.
clydecograduates.com
CMS

Law. Tax

Activities for first years: Insight days, work placements and open days
Consider applicants with a 2:2: No
Offering international secondments: Yes
Recruiting international students: Yes
Selection methods: Online application, video or telephone interview, interview with partners, selection centre and skills exercises
Application date for training contracts: June 2018

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 sixth largest in the UK by revenue and the sixth largest globally by headcount.

CMS is a new kind of future-facing law firm. 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.

Across its six core sectors of energy, financial services, infrastructure and project finance, life sciences and healthcare, real estate and technology, media and communications, CMS has some of the brightest and most creative legal minds.

The firm is modern and ambitious: employing more than 5,000 worldwide it creates strong relationships with clients and staff, meaning it is looking for lawyers with excellent personal skills as well as being technically strong. CMS offers world-class training and development.

cms.law

Cooley

Activities for first years: Insight days
Consider applicants with a 2:2: Yes
Offering international secondments: No
Recruiting international students: Yes
Selection methods: Online application, interview with partners, selection centre, skills exercises and critical thinking appraisal
Application date for training contracts: 31 January 2018

Cooley lawyers solve legal issues for entrepreneurs, investors, financial institutions and established companies. Clients partner with Cooley on transformative deals, complex intellectual property and regulatory matters and high-stakes, complex litigation, often where innovation meets the law. Cooley is one of the pre-eminent law firms for technology and life sciences. The firm has 900 lawyers across 12 offices in the US, China and Europe. Cooley clients include Facebook, eBay, LinkedIn, Bluetooth and Google.

Cooley offers four training places annually. It recruits for these through its summer programme (eight places available in total across two schemes). The opportunities for trainees to work on some of the most exciting business and legal matters for some of the world's most innovative companies are compelling.

coulee.com

COVINGTON

Activities for first years: Insight days
Consider applicants with a 2:2: No
Offering international secondments: No
Recruiting international students: Yes
Selection methods: Online application, interview with partners, selection centre and skills exercises
Application date for training contracts: 17 July 2018

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 D.C. 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, AstraZeneca 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.

cov.com
Davis Polk

Activities for first years: Insight days
Consider applicants with a 2:2: Yes
Offering international secondments: Yes
Recruiting international students: Yes
Selection methods: Interview with partners
Application date for training contracts: 14 January 2018

Our London-based team now consists of over 60 UK and US-qualified lawyers. We represent corporate, investment banking and private equity clients on a wide range of corporate finance transactions throughout Europe.

Our focus is on providing sophisticated and innovative advice across a wide range of equity and debt capital markets, private and public M&A, and finance and restructuring transactions. The corporate and credit teams are supported by first-rate corporate tax, financial regulatory and antitrust expertise.

We are frequently involved in many of the most complex corporate finance transactions in Europe and on international deals and cases with European components.

davispolk.com

Dentons

Consider applicants with a 2:2: No
Offering international secondments: Yes
Recruiting international students: Yes
Selection methods: Online application, interview with partners, selection centre and skills exercises
Application date for training contracts: 31 July 2018

Dentons is the world's largest law firm, delivering quality and value to clients around the globe.

Dentons is a leader on the Acritas Global Elite Brand Index, a BTI Client Service 30 Award winner and recognised by prominent business and legal publications for its innovations in client service, including founding Nextlaw Labs and the Nextlaw Global Referral Network.

Dentons' polycentric approach and world-class talent challenge the status quo to advance client interests in the communities in which we live and work.

dentons.com/uk-graduates

DWF

Activities for first years: Insight days
Consider applicants with a 2:2: Yes
Offering international secondments: No
Recruiting international students: Yes
Selection methods: Online application, video or telephone interview, interview with partners and selection centre
Application date for training contracts: July 2018

Described by market commentators as ‘blazing a trail’, DWF is an award-winning legal business with a strong reputation for excellent client service and effective operational management.

Recognised by the Financial Times as one of Europe's top 50 most innovative law firms, for innovation in culture, strategy, technology and human resources, DWF’s strategic aim is to make legal services a more powerful enabler of its clients' success.

There are now over 2,600 people in the DWF Group, based in 23 key commercial centres across the UK, Ireland, Germany, France, Brussels, Australia, Canada, USA, Singapore and the Middle East.

dwf.law/join-us/graduate
Eversheds Sutherland is one of the world’s largest full-service law firms operating as one team, across Europe, the Middle East, Africa, Asia and North America.

Recognised as the leading innovators in the legal sector, we provide new legal and business solutions to meet the needs of our clients. Eversheds Sutherland is about consistently delivering great service whenever our clients need it.

Our people share a distinctive culture which has deep client relationships at its core. Whether providing advice which is complex or straightforward, multinational or local, an attitude of delivering only the very best underscores everything we do.

eversheds-sutherland.com

Fieldfisher is a European law firm with market-leading practices in many of the world’s most dynamic sectors. We are an exciting, forward-thinking organisation with a particular focus on technology, finance and financial services, and energy and natural resources.

Our growing European network of offices supports an international client base alongside our Silicon Valley and Shanghai teams. Among our clients, we count social media sites and high street coffee chains through to pharmaceutical, life sciences and medical devices companies, energy suppliers, banks and government departments.

We run two vacation schemes each year: one at Easter and one in the summer. We fill a very high proportion of our training contract vacancies from those people who attend one of our vacation schemes. The scheme gives prospective trainees a great opportunity to experience the culture and get a feel for the type of work we do at the firm.

careers.fieldfisher.com/graduates.html

Freeths LLP is one of the UK’s leading national law firms, operating from offices in Birmingham, Derby, Leeds, Leicester, London, Manchester, Milton Keynes, Sheffield, Stoke on Trent, Oxford and Nottingham.

While we are a heavyweight commercial firm serving a wide variety of corporate and institutional clients, there is also a strong commitment to a broad range of legal services, which includes a substantial private client element. This enables us to give a breadth of experience in training. We recruit 16-18 trainees each year.

We work in close partnership with clients, providing positive, practical solutions and clear, comprehensive advice. We are committed to continuous improvement and our increasing success as a business is built on achieving success for our clients.

freeths.co.uk
Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer advises some of the world’s biggest companies on how to grow, strengthen and defend their businesses. If you’re keen to pursue a career in commercial law, we can offer you some of the best and most interesting work there is. Flexibility is key in our training contract. If you train with us, you can try up to eight areas of law. That’s twice as many as most law firms.

It doesn’t matter what your background is, which university you went to or the degree you studied. What does matter is that you have intellectual talent, excellent written and spoken English, and that you work well with other people.

Gateley Plc is a leading national, commercial law firm. Operating in seven UK cities and with an office in Dubai, the firm helps clients meet their commercial goals through the delivery of clear and pragmatic legal advice and solutions.

In 2015 Gateley made legal history by becoming the first UK law firm to list on the AIM market of the London Stock Exchange. As a plc, Gateley is able to fulfil its growth strategy: differentiate; incentivise and diversify.

Gibson Dunn is one of the top law firms in the world with a London practice established over 30 years ago.

Gibson Dunn strongly encourages candidates interested in a training contract to apply for a place on our vacation scheme, rather than directly for a training contract.

Early application is advised as places will be allocated on a rolling basis. Our summer vacation scheme is intended for law students in their penultimate and final year of study, students of other disciplines in their final year of study, recent graduates (in any discipline), and those already taking a GDL or LPC course.

We welcome applications from exceptional individuals, who have strong interpersonal and organisational skills and can rise to the challenge of working directly with partners within small, focused teams and having client contact early in their careers.
Imagine working in a place filled with energy, momentum and smart people who love what they do. Now imagine they also love new ideas, and enjoy being part of an organisation prized for its innovation. This is a good description of Goodwin.

We encourage collaboration across practices and industry teams, ensuring the most integrated, solutions-oriented results for our clients. As a trainee you will join people from different backgrounds, working together on challenging deals. It is this sense of collaboration that sets us apart.

Our London office has grown significantly over the past twelve months and we now have 75 lawyers working on complex, high-profile matters. As part of this growth we are proud to launch our graduate recruitment programme.

goodwinlaw.com

Government lawyers provide legal advice to the government of the day and represent it in court proceedings. Whether the government is creating new laws, buying goods and services, employing people or defending its decisions in court, it needs significant levels of legal advice on a whole range of complex issues.

To carry out this work, the government needs its own high-quality lawyers and legal trainees, who understand its business, to provide legal services to a wide client base – including a range of central government departments and other government bodies.

gov.uk/gls

At Herbert Smith Freehills we’ve got it all. We are a truly global elite law firm and we work with some of the largest international organisations on some of their most ambitious projects.

Herbert Smith Freehills is a place where you won’t just experience everything, you’ll be a part of it. If you’ve got the drive, ambition and potential to become a brilliant lawyer, then this could be the firm for you.

careers.herbertsmithfreehills.com/uk/grads
Activities for first years: Insight days and open days
Consider applicants with a 2:2: Yes
Offering international secondments: No
Recruiting international students: Yes
Selection methods: Online application, interview with partners and selection centre
Application date for training contracts: 31 January 2018

Higgs & Sons is different from the typical law firm. We successfully combine traditional values with an innovative approach to legal problems, which has helped to attract an impressive client base while staying true to our local community.

One of the largest, most experienced and respected full service firms in the West Midlands, we offer a first-class structured training programme of six four-month seats, fully supervised and with regular assessments. We are looking to offer four to six training contracts for September 2020.

higgsandsons.co.uk

Activities for first years: Insight days
Consider applicants with a 2:2: Yes
Offering international secondments: Yes
Recruiting international students: Yes
Selection methods: Online application, interview with partners and selection centre
Application date for training contracts: 31 July 2018

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.

We are currently recruiting for 2020/2021 training contracts and for our 2019 spring and summer vacation schemes.

hfw.com

Activities for first years: Insight days and open days
Consider applicants with a 2:2: Yes
Offering international secondments: Yes
Recruiting international students: Yes
Selection methods: Online application, interview with partners and selection centre
Application date for training contracts: 31 July 2018

Hogan Lovells offers a practical, straight-talking approach to law. We have open, honest and deep relationships with our clients. We’re a global community where everyone is encouraged to be themselves.

We take on up to 60 trainee solicitors annually – both law and non-law graduates. The two-year training contract is split into six-month ‘seats’ in four different practice areas, including corporate, finance, and dispute resolution. International or client secondment opportunities are also on offer.

Hogan Lovells runs spring, summer and winter vacation schemes for two to three weeks for first to final year law and non-law students. Insight days are available for first-year law and non-law students.

Applications open from 1 October 2017.

hoganlovells.com/graduates
INCE & CO

Consider applicants with a 2:2: Yes
Offering international secondments: Yes
Recruiting international students: Yes
Selection methods: Online application, interview with partners, selection centre and skills exercises
Application date for training contracts: 31 July 2018

With over 140 years of experience, we’re one of the oldest law firms in the City. We are an ever-growing firm boasting 15 offices worldwide, the most recent office opening in Marseille in February 2017.

Our number of people stands at over 500, including over 100 partners and more than 160 lawyers worldwide. The firm is continuing to develop, with a 16% year-on-year increase in turnover in 2016–17 and 100% of our trainees being offered an NQ position on qualification.

Ince has five core business groups: aviation, energy, insurance and reinsurance, international trade and shipping, with a broad range of expertise, including EU law, competition and regulation, commercial disputes, insolvency and corporate recovery, emergency response, ports and maritime infrastructure.

incegraduates.com

IRWIN MITCHELL

Activities for first years: Insight days
Consider applicants with a 2:2: Yes
Offering international secondments: No
Recruiting international students: Yes
Selection methods: Online application, video or telephone interview, interview with partners and selection centre
Application date for training contracts: 30 June 2018

We are one of the leading personal injury and medical negligence litigation practices in the country and also handle a comprehensive range of private client work including family law, wills, Court of Protection and public law. In recent years we have significantly expanded our commercial services to include corporate, litigation, real estate, employment, and banking and finance with the offering continuing to grow rapidly. We are developing a cutting-edge commercial service challenging the traditional City and national firms.

We are diverse in terms of the people we employ and the work we do. We think this alone makes for a more interesting and enjoyable place to work and we think you’ll agree.

irwinmitchell.com/graduates

JONES DAY

Consider applicants with a 2:2: No
Offering international secondments: No
Recruiting international students: Yes
Selection methods: Online application and interview with partners
Application date for training contracts: 10 January 2018

Jones Day is a truly global law firm – probably the most integrated in the world. Our 2,500 lawyers across 44 locations in major business and finance centres worldwide have vast transactional and contentious experience. In London, our 200 lawyers draw on their sophisticated understanding of risk and insights from across the globe to guide clients through their toughest challenges.

Our rare and distinctive, non-rotational training system provides flexibility and early responsibility, developing lawyers fast. We recruit our trainees from our placement schemes held in the winter, spring and summer vacations.

jonesdaylondon.com
KIRKLAND & ELLIS LLP

Activities for first years: Insight days
Consider applicants with a 2:2: Yes
Offering international secondments: Yes
Recruiting international students: Yes
Selection methods: Online application, video or telephone interview and interview with partners
Application date for training contracts: 15 July 2018

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. Here, approximately 190 lawyers offer detailed expertise to a wide range of UK and international clients.

ukgraduate.kirkland.com

REAL

Activities for first years: Insight days
Consider applicants with a 2:2: No
Offering international secondments: Yes
Recruiting international students: Yes
Selection methods: Online application, video or telephone interview and selection centre
Application date for training contracts: July 2018

Latham & Watkins has more than 2,100 fee earners in offices across Europe, the US, the Middle East and Asia. Its non-hierarchical, consensus-based management style and ‘one firm’ culture makes Latham a unique place to work. Over 70% of the firm’s transactions involve five or more Latham offices and the collaborative atmosphere is strengthened by the firm’s diversity.

lw.com/londongraduates

LawCareers.Net

Activities for first years: Work placements
Successfully launching a legal career involves acquiring and acting upon high-quality information. LawCareers.Net (online) and The Training Contract & Pupillage Handbook (print) are comprehensive, independent and authoritative resources that cover every aspect of becoming a lawyer, including details of over 1,000 employers. A 2017 survey saw 8 out of 10 new lawyers reporting that they had used one or both of these guides.

lawcareers.net
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Leicester Institute of Legal Practice (LILP) is part of Leicester De Montfort Law School. We are a provider of professional legal qualifications: the Graduate Diploma in Law (GDL) and Legal Practice Course (LPC). We are situated in the £35 million purpose-built Hugh Aston building. The facilities include large lecture theatres, break-out areas, a mock law courtroom, integrated law library and a client interviewing room.

Linklaters is the only firm to have market-leading teams across the globe covering a full range of practice areas. With 27 practices across 26 cities, Linklaters is a truly global firm. This, combined with the breadth of our client base (including leading financial institutions, governments and high-profile companies), sets us apart from our competitors. Our lawyers work on the most high-profile and complex work and are recognised as being leaders in their areas of practice.
MACFARLANES

Activities for first years: Insight days
Consider applicants with a 2:2: No
Offering international secondments: No
Recruiting international students: Yes
Selection methods: Online application, interview with partners and selection centre
Application date for training contracts: 31 July 2018

Macfarlanes is a leading City law firm with a straightforward, independent-minded approach. We bring smart, thoughtful solutions to the complex legal challenges faced by our clients around the world.

We are recognised for the quality of our work and people, not just in dealing with the full range of corporate and commercial matters, but in advising our clients on their private affairs.

Clients trust Macfarlanes’ judgement and the firm is in a unique position to advise on their most complex matters, whilst at the same time remaining smaller than its competitors. In short, we have a formidable and unique combination of expertise and culture, and we rely on remarkable individuals to shape the firm for the future.

macfarlanes.com

MAYER • BROWN

Activities for first years: Open days
Consider applicants with a 2:2: No
Offering international secondments: Yes
Recruiting international students: Yes
Selection methods: Online application, interview with partners, selection centre and skills exercises
Application date for training contracts: July 2018

Mayer Brown is one of the world’s leading business law firms with offices in key financial centres across the Americas, Asia, Europe Middle East and an association with Tauil & Chequer Advogados in Brazil. We serve many of the world’s largest companies, including a significant proportion of the Fortune 100, FTSE 100, DAX and Hang Seng Index companies together with global leaders in major industries.

We encourage all our people to use their skills to support the wider community through our pro bono and community volunteering programmes. We are also committed to managing our impact on the environment and our London office is ISO 14001 certified. At Mayer Brown the principles of mutual respect, dignity and understanding are central to the way we work and help to provide an environment where diversity and inclusion are embraced.

mayerbrown.com

MILLS & REEVE

Mills & Reeve is a major UK law firm and among the 50 largest UK law firms. We operate from offices in Birmingham, Cambridge, Leeds, London, Manchester and Norwich.

A full-service law firm. Core sectors are corporate and commercial, banking and finance, disputes, education, family, health, insurance, private client real estate and technology.

2018 vacation scheme: we run a two-week summer placement programme for penultimate and final year law students, final year non-law students and graduates.

Application period: 1 November 2017 to 31 January 2018.


Degree requirements: 2:1 degree (or equivalent) in any discipline.

mills-reeve.com/graduates
Mishcon de Reya

Activities for first years: Please see our website
Consider applicants with a 2:2: Yes
Offering international secondees: No
Recruiting international students: No
Selection methods: Online application, video or telephone interview, interview with partners and selection centre
Application date for training contracts: 15 January 2018

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 to our clients and their businesses is important to us. It is for these reasons we say ‘It’s business. But it’s personal’.

mishcongraduates.com

Morgan Lewis

Consider applicants with a 2:2: No
Offering international secondees: Yes
Recruiting international students: Yes
Selection methods: Online application, interview with partners and interview with human resources
Application date for training contracts: 31 July 2018

The firm with 30 offices across North America, Europe, Asia and the Middle East, provides comprehensive corporate, transactional, regulatory and litigation services to clients of all sizes across all major industries. The firm’s regulatory and industry-focused practices help clients address legal, government and policy challenges. Founded in 1873, Morgan Lewis comprises more than 2,200 legal professionals.

Morgan Lewis’s London office offers a wide range of business and commercial services, including: competition, corporate, debt and equity capital markets, finance and restructuring, labour and employment including employment litigation and immigration advice, private investment fund formation and operation, structured transactions, tax planning and structuring, international commercial dispute, arbitration, insurance recovery, and white-collar matters.

morganlewis.com

Morrison & Foerster

Consider applicants with a 2:2: No
Offering international secondees: Yes
Recruiting international students: Yes
Selection methods: Online application, interview with partners and skills exercises
Application date for training contracts: 7 January 2018

Morrison & Foerster is a leading global law firm with more than a thousand lawyers in 16 offices, worldwide. We work alongside our overseas colleagues, and share one compelling mission: to deliver success for our clients.

Dynamic technology companies, significant financial investors and other market leaders come to MoFo for our expertise, 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. Practicing in a collegial environment, we value team work and diverse perspective and operate as one firm.

careers.mofo.com
Activities for first years: Insight days and work placements
Consider applicants with a 2:2: No
Offering international secondments: Yes
Recruiting international students: Yes
Selection methods: Online application, interview with partners, selection centre and skills exercises
Application date for training contracts: July 2017

Norton Rose Fulbright is a global law firm. We provide the world’s preeminent corporations and financial institutions with a full business law service. We have 4,000 lawyers and other legal staff based in more than 50 cities across Europe, the United States, Canada, Latin America, Asia, Australia, Africa, the Middle East and Central Asia.

NortonRoseFulbrightGraduates.com/en/united-kingdom

Consider applicants with a 2:2: Yes
Offering international secondments: Yes
Recruiting international students: Yes
Selection methods: Online application, interview with partners, skills exercise, selection centre
Application date for training contracts: June 2018

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.

We recruit a small number of graduates for our training contract programme and run four Open Days in the spring for applicants seeking to find out more about life in a US firm and Orrick.

Orrick.com

Nottingham Law School has been delivering excellence in legal education for 50 years. Our LPC, BPTC and GDL courses build upon our links with the profession and established expertise to provide the practical skills you will need to launch your legal career. With an award-winning pro bono scheme, in-house Legal Advice Clinic, dedicated careers team, Professional Practice Lecture Series and the UK’s first research centre for advocacy, there are plenty of additional opportunities to enhance your employability too. Competitive scholarships and full and part-time study options are available.

ntu.ac.uk/nls
Pinsent Masons

Activities for first years: Insight days
Consider applicants with a 2:2: No
Offering international secondments: No
Recruiting international students: Yes
Selection methods: Online application, interview with partners, selection centre and skills exercises
Application date for training contracts: 27 July 2018

Pinsent Masons is a full-service commercial law firm. We respond to the pressures and opportunities facing global businesses with innovative solutions.

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.

We have particular expertise in five key global sectors; advanced manufacturing and technology, energy, financial services, infrastructure and real estate.

pinentmasons.com/graduate

PwC

Activities for first years: Career open days
Consider applicants with a 2:2: No
Offering international secondments: Yes
Recruiting international students: Yes
Selection methods: Online application, interview with partners and selection centre
Application date for training contracts: Please see our website

PwC’s legal practice is a traditional law firm in an untraditional environment. Part of a multi-disciplinary practice, we provide clients with a unique style of integrated legal advice on complex commercial projects requiring a range of complementary specialists from other parts of the PwC network. We also offer clients a general counsel service and access to an extensive global network, including locally qualified legal expertise in 160 countries and immigration law services in 171 countries. Working alongside market-leading experts from the PwC network in tax, human resource services, corporate finance, investment funds and financial services regulation, our legal team provides innovative, commercially aware solutions to some of the most challenging business issues.

PwC is an exciting place to launch your legal career. With more than 3,200 lawyers in over 90 countries, we have one of the most extensive legal services network in the world. What’s more our services are embedded within the powerful, multi-disciplinary capabilities and broad geographic footprint of a global professional services leader.

pwc.co.uk/careers/student-jobs.html

Reed Smith

Activities for first years: Insight days and work placements
Consider applicants with a 2:2: Yes
Offering international secondments: Yes
Recruiting international students: Yes
Selection methods: Online application, interview with partners and skills exercises
Application date for training contracts: 30 June 2018

Ambitious and entrepreneurial graduates are rewarded at Reed Smith with a training programme that is supportive, challenging and exciting, offering unparalleled client and international secondments. Our unique culture, which allows trainees to turn passions into careers, is one of the reasons our lawyers remain with us for such a long time, moving seats, jobs roles and even countries, but sticking with the firm.

careers.reedsmith.com/united_kingdom/graduates
Activities for first years: Insight days
Consider applicants with a 2:2: Yes
Offering international secondments: Yes
Recruiting international students: Yes
Selection methods: Online application, interview with partners, selection centre and skills exercises
Application date for training contracts: 13 July 2018

If you're looking for a predictable career in a traditional firm then please stop reading now. At RPC you'll get a whole lot more.

Of course clients expect their lawyers to understand the law. But what they really want is advice from smart people who get the commercial context and can spot the business implications. On this measure, it's hard to find better than RPC: the UK’s leading client satisfaction report regularly recognises us for the quality of our commercial advice, and has ranked us top overall out of all law firms twice in the last four years.

Our culture of excellence, development and open access is driven by our open plan working environment where knowledge is easily shared and access to partners is an everyday reality. It brings out the best in our people and ensures that the service we offer our clients is second to none.

If you want to join us in challenging convention, we offer two week summer schemes and training contracts on a full-time contract for two years.

rpc.co.uk/manifesto

Consider applicants with a 2:2: No
Offering international secondments: No
Recruiting international students: No
Selection methods: Online application, interview with partners and selection centre
Application date for training contracts: July 2018

Shakespeare Martineau is a law firm with big ambitions. We are the leading law firm in the Midlands and operate from offices in Birmingham, Leicester, Milton Keynes, London, Nottingham, Sheffield, Solihull and Stratford upon Avon. Our vision of being an outstanding legal force in our specialist sectors and markets is achieved by recruiting and developing talented and passionate people. We are committed to helping all of our people fulfil their career ambitions and we strive to create an environment where employees are encouraged to understand and achieve their full potential.

shma.co.uk

Activities for first years: Insight days
Consider applicants with a 2:2: Yes
Offering international secondments: No
Recruiting international students: No
Selection methods: Online application, interview with partners, selection centre and skills exercises
Application date for training contracts: 30 June 2018

Shoosmiths is a leading national law firm with 12 offices across the UK.

Applications for our 2020 training contracts and 2018 summer placements will open in December. We also offer insight evenings for students in any year of university.

Shoosmiths is a full-service law firm offering you experience in a variety of areas. These include commercial, corporate, employment, real estate, intellectual property, banking, planning, and dispute resolution.

Through our Access Legal consumer brand, we also offer private client, personal injury, medical negligence, and conveyancing.

We are an innovative, ambitious firm with a down-to-earth culture and believe that this makes Shoosmiths a fantastic place to work. Please come and speak to us for more information.

shoosmiths.co.uk/graduates
Simmons & Simmons

Activities for first years: Insight days, work placements and open days
Consider applicants with a 2:2: Yes – under mitigating circumstances
Offering international secondments: Yes
Recruiting international students: Yes
Selection methods: Online application, video or telephone interview, interview with partners, skills exercises and online psychometric testing
Application date for training contracts: January 2018 but roles are filled first-come-first-served; apply early to avoid disappointment

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 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.

We work in the areas that matter the most to everyone’s future, from life sciences to technology, media and telecommunications. So 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.

simmons-simmons.com/graduates

SLAUGHTER AND MAY

Activities for first years: Insight days and work placements
Consider applicants with a 2:2: No
Offering international secondments: Yes
Recruiting international students: Yes
Selection methods: Online application, interview with partners and skills exercises
Application date for training contracts: Please see our website

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 including mergers and acquisitions, corporate and commercial, financing, tax, competition, dispute resolution, real estate, pensions and employment, financial regulation, information technology and intellectual property.

slaughterandmay.com

SQUIRE PATTON BOGGS

Activities for first years: Insight days
Consider applicants with a 2:2: No
Offering international secondments: Yes
Recruiting international students: Yes
Selection methods: Online application, video or telephone interview, interview with partners and selection centre
Application date for training contracts: Please see our website

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: Birmingham, Leeds, London and Manchester.
squirepattonboggs.com
Activities for first years: Insight days
Consider applicants with a 2:2: Yes
Offering international secondments: Yes
Recruiting international students: Yes
Selection methods: Online application, interview with partners and selection centre
Application date for training contracts: 31 July 2018

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. Our experience encompasses corporate, commercial litigation and arbitration, employment and pensions, finance, marine and international trade, and real estate.

shlegal-graduates.com

Consider applicants with a 2:2: Yes
Offering international secondments: No
Recruiting international students: No
Selection methods: Online application, video or telephone interview, interview with partners and skills exercises
Application date for training contracts: 1 June 2018

Stevens & Bolton LLP is recognised as a leading national law firm, offering a full range of commercial legal services. We are recommended in 24 specialist practice areas by leading legal directories and have received widespread awards recognition. Based in Guildford, our single-office approach ensures excellent communication and efficient coordination of our resources.

We advise a number of the top 100 and other UK FTSE companies, as well as many other substantial international groups, owner-managed businesses and SMEs. As such, the work we carry out is both interesting and challenging. We participate in a wide range of charity and community initiatives, and have full regard to the importance of minimising our impact on the environment. We also organise social events over the year and there are a number of sports teams, including netball and football as well as a firm choir.

Our main areas of work are corporate and commercial, finance, real estate, dispute resolution, intellectual property, employment, pensions and immigration, tax, trusts and charities, and family.

stevens-bolton.com

Consider applicants with a 2:2: Yes
Offering international secondments: No
Recruiting international students: No
Selection methods: Online application and selection centre
Application date for training contracts: January 2018

Taylor Vinters is an international law firm supporting the businesses which drive the innovation economy, and the entrepreneurs and private wealth that underpin them.

Our practice is global, operating from innovation clusters in the UK and Asia. With 28 partners and 80 lawyers across our offices in London, Cambridge and Singapore we help entrepreneurially minded clients make great things happen, whatever their size and sector. Our key practice areas include: corporate, commercial and technology, intellectual property, commercial disputes, employment, insolvency, competition, commercial real estate, charities, education and social ventures, private real estate, matrimonial, trusts and estates.

taylorvinters.com
Taylor Wessing

**Activities for first years:** Insight days in April
**Consider applicants with a 2:2:** Yes – under mitigating circumstances
**Offering international secondments:** Yes – ad hoc
**Recruiting international students:** Yes
**Selection methods:** Online application and assessment centre
**Application date for training contracts:** 4 April 2018

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, smart thinkers and the trail blazers.

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.

taylorwessing.com/en/graduate

The City Law School

**Activities for first years:** Mooting
**Consider applicants with a 2:2:** No
**Offering international secondments:** No
**Recruiting international students:** Yes
**Selection methods:** Online application

The City Law School is one of London’s major law schools providing legal training suitable for anyone interested in following a career in law. Programmes include our renowned Graduate Diploma in Law, the Bar Professional Training Course and the Legal Practice Course.

We also offer the Master of Laws (LLM): a flexible programme through which students can gain specialist legal knowledge. City, University of London is an official member college of the University of London.

city.ac.uk/law

Lex 100

**Activities for first years:** Insight days
**Consider applicants with a 2:2:**
**Offering international secondments:** No
**Recruiting international students:** No
**Selection methods:** Online application
**Application date for training contracts:** 1 January 2018

Now in its thirteenth year, The Lex100 is a market-leading guide for students at every stage of their legal education. Based on the findings of a survey completed by over 3,000 trainees, The Lex100 offers unique insight into the vast array of training contracts in the UK market.

We are keen to meet students, hear their experiences and speak with them about why they are interested in a career in law and how they plan to pursue that career. We are also looking forward to distributing copies of the latest edition of the Lex100 guide.

lex100.com
Consider applicants with a 2:2: Yes
Offering international secondments: No
Recruiting international students: Yes
Selection methods: Online application

Whether your ambition is to work as a lawyer or work in wider business, studying at The University of Law will ensure you’ll get the best possible start to your career. Our innovative courses are designed and taught by lawyers with real business experience, with a clear focus on building the practical skills, commercial awareness and independent thinking that employers of today look for.

As the UK's largest law school with nine fully resourced centres across the UK, including two in London, we’re the destination of choice for ambitious people.

law.ac.uk

Activities for first years: Insight days
Consider applicants with a 2:2: Yes
Offering international secondments: No
Recruiting international students: No
Selection methods: Online application, video or telephone interview, interview with partners, selection centre and skills exercises
Application date for training contracts: January or July 2018

We are an ambitious UK commercial law firm with over 1,000 employees and 100 partners across our six UK offices. In the last three years alone, our turnover has increased by 45% and our people numbers by nearly 60%.

We always look to recruit highly talented individuals with the drive to develop and succeed and who are naturally collaborative. We have extensive experience in the following sectors – energy and renewables, financial services, housing, leisure, public sector, retail and consumer goods, technology and media and telecoms.

We offer training contracts in Bristol, London, Manchester, Glasgow and Belfast.

What can we offer you as a trainee?
Immediate exposure to wide-ranging live cases for businesses like Barclay’s Bank, Sainsbury’s, Boohoo.com, Environment Agency, Aardman, Home Retail Group, BBC and Glastonbury Festival. You’ll experience every area of legal work from high value court cases to our strong, ongoing partnerships with companies across the UK.

tlt solicitors.com

Activities for first years: Work placements
Consider applicants with a 2:2: No
Offering international secondments: Yes
Recruiting international students: Yes
Selection methods: Online application and interview with partners
Application date for training contracts: 31 July 2018

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.

The firm’s comprehensive training programme ensures that trainees experience a broad range of work. All trainee solicitors sit with partners and associates, which ensures a refreshing lack of hierarchy. It also means that trainees receive individual and extensive training from experienced lawyers, and can look forward to client contact, and the responsibility that goes with it, from day one. During the two-year training contract, trainees spend six months in our corporate department and another six months in either the dispute resolution or the employment departments. The firm offers you a choice for your other two seats in two of our other specialist departments. Trainees may also have the opportunity to spend six months in the firm’s Paris office.

Travers Smith is defined by its independence, unique culture, deep commercial insight, progressive thinking and incomparable client experience.

traverssmith.com
Activities for first years: Insight days and open days
Consider applicants with a 2:2: No
Offering international secondments: Yes
Recruiting international students: Yes
Selection methods: Online application, video or telephone interview, interview with partners and selection centre
Application date for training contracts: July 2018

Recognised as the law firm that is trusted to deliver pragmatic, innovative solutions even when faced with the most complex of challenges, Watson Farley & Williams is a leading international law firm.

Working from offices in Europe, the Middle East, Asia and the USA, the firm’s skilled legal experts deliver valued advice on a wide range of corporate and finance transactions and disputes.

Watson Farley & Williams’ teams across the world are dedicated experts with a reputation for developing candid relationships with clients, investing the time to understand the nuances and depths of their businesses and industry sectors.

The firm’s lawyers generally work in small, partner-led teams where committed sector knowledge and experience consistently deliver pragmatic, commercially focused advice.

uktrainee.wfw.com

Consider applicants with a 2:2: Yes
Offering international secondments: Yes
Recruiting international students: Yes
Selection methods: Online application, interview with partners, selection centre and skills exercises
Application date for training contracts: April 2018

Weightmans is a Top 45 law firm, growing rapidly because of our focus on two key aspects of our business: our clients and our people.

Who we are:
• Over 1,300 people
• Offices in Birmingham, Glasgow, Knutsford, Leeds, Leicester, Liverpool, London and Manchester
• A proud leading national player in insurance, with a formidable reputation and heritage

• Highly respected in the public sector, acting for many local, police and fire authorities, and NHS trusts
• Provider of strong, diverse commercial services for public sector bodies, large institutions, owner-managed businesses and PLCs
• A full family and private client service including: wills, tax, probate and residential conveyancing
• A great place to work

weightmans.com

Activities for first years: Work placements
Consider applicants with a 2:2: No
Offering international secondments: Yes
Recruiting international students: Yes
Selection methods: Online application, video or telephone interview, interview with partners, selection centre and skills exercises
Application date for training contracts: 31 July 2018

Weil is committed to delivering sound judgement to our clients on their most challenging and important matters. Weil’s London office is the largest of its European offices and the hub of its European practice. The office is a leading player in the UK legal market and is consistently regarded as one of the most successful London offices of a US-based law firm.

The firm supports a varied client base of European, US and global private equity houses, corporates and financial institutions on domestic and cross-border matters. Come along to our stand to meet graduate recruitment and trainee associates, who will be happy to answer your questions, and provide a greater insight into the training opportunities available at Weil.

weil.com/ukrecruiting
**White & Case**

**Activities for first years:** Insight days and careers dinner  
Consider applicants with a 2:2: No  
Offering international secondments: Yes  
Recruiting international students: Yes  
Selection methods: Online application, video or telephone interview, interview with partners, selection centre and skills exercises  
Application date for training contracts: 31 July 2018  

White & Case is a global law firm with nearly 2,000 lawyers worldwide. We’ve built an enviable network of 41 offices in 29 countries. That investment is the foundation for our client work in 159 countries today. Complex client projects, nuanced local market knowledge and global capabilities define who we are.

Many White & Case clients are multinational organisations with complex needs that require the involvement of multiple offices. As part of our training contract, we offer every trainee a guaranteed six-month overseas seat.

[whitecasetrainee.com](http://whitecasetrainee.com)

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**Wilkin Chapman LLP**

**Activities for first years:** Work placements  
Consider applicants with a 2:2: No  
Offering international secondments: No  
Recruiting international students: No  
Selection methods: Interview with partners, selection centre and skills exercises  
Application date for training contracts: 31 March 2018  

Wilkin Chapman LLP is a full-service law firm with seven offices operating out of Lincolnshire, South and East Yorkshire. The firm has grown over the years, both in terms of size and turnover, and in its development and expansion into new practice areas and currently sits at number 104 in The UK Lawyers' top 200 law firms.

Wilkin Chapman LLP is a modern, forward-thinking organisation whose reputation has been built up over many years. Its aim is to exceed clients’ expectations by providing not just quality legal advice but commercially aware business advice.

[wilkinchapman.co.uk](http://wilkinchapman.co.uk)

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**Withers**

**Activities for first years:** Insight days  
Consider applicants with a 2:2: No  
Offering international secondments: Yes  
Recruiting international students: Yes  
Selection methods: Online application, interview with partners, selection centre, skills exercises and online assessments  
Application date for training contracts: 31 July 2018  

Having acted for 51% of the Sunday Times ‘Rich List,’ Withers is the leading international law firm for successful people, their families, businesses and philanthropic work.

The firm has more than 1,000 people spread across 17 offices in Europe, the US, the Caribbean, Asia and Australia. This allows us to give unparalleled expert advice in commercial and tax law, trusts, estate planning, litigation, charities, employment, family law and other legal issues facing high net worth individuals.

Withers offers a truly inclusive environment where 45% of partners are female and a third trained with the firm. The firm has also been listed in The Sunday Times Top 100 ‘Best Companies to Work for’ (2011–16).

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