

Solicitor apprenticeship

Where law *unlocks* potential

About this programme

The opportunities and experiences you'll have on our solicitor apprenticeship will enable you to develop the knowledge, skills and behaviours required to succeed in a career in law. You'll be earning while you learn, with no university fees or student debt.

Programme details

Explore the intersection between law and business. Discover how an international law firm makes an impact in the UK and around the world. Develop the foundation of skills you need for a global legal career. You'll do all this and more on our six-year Level 7 Solicitor Apprenticeship Programme.

As a solicitor apprentice, you'll get the qualifications and experience you need to start a global career that transcends traditional boundaries. You'll be part of a firm that embraces new ideas and fosters progress. With a focus on shaping the future of law, you'll do work that's as diverse as the world we live in.

On the solicitor apprenticeship, you'll be earning while you learn, with no university fees or student debt. You'll spend one day a week with our training provider, the University of Law, studying towards:

- A government accredited Level 7 Solicitor Apprenticeship (equivalent to a master's degree)
- A law degree (LLB) in Legal Practice and Skills
- The Solicitors Qualifying Examination (SQE)

You'll also:

- Complete work-based learning (four days a week) by working in our practice groups. You'll complete rotations (work placements in different practice groups) across the office to use the knowledge and skills learn from your academic studies;
- Have access to international and client secondment opportunities;
- Be at the forefront of legal innovation, working on high-profile, cross-border projects that will shape the future of law and business. You'll see how we think across borders to find creative solutions for our clients;
- Join a forward-looking, friendly team while collaborating with colleagues around the world to drive results you're proud of;
- Develop your knowledge and skills through structured learning and development opportunities in our supportive culture;
- Be supported by a strong internal network of supervisors, buddies, and mentors who'll set you up for success and guide you in identifying your own personal and professional goals;
- Have a dedicated apprenticeship programme manager and tuition provider skills coach who'll work with you to ensure your journey on the apprenticeship reflects your career aspirations. You'll receive the highest standard of pastoral care to help you balance your role alongside your academic studies;

- Be part of an international early careers community of talented colleagues who'll become part of your global network;
- Have opportunities to engage with initiatives beyond your role, including getting involved with our people networks, legal tech, sustainability and pro bono work;
- Enjoy a working environment where your wellbeing is always a priority, and your workload will be managed so you can always deliver your best; and
- Emerge from the programme not just as a qualified lawyer, but as a global business advisor equipped to tackle the challenges of an ever-evolving world.

You'll have the freedom to discover your own path and make an extraordinary impact beyond the borders of traditional law. Tomorrow's legal industry can't hire yesterday's skills.

Unlock your potential and start building a different kind of legal career.

Am I eligible?

As a firm we do not have any academic requirements to apply for our solicitor apprenticeship, however the tuition providers we work with do have minimum academic requirements.

- You will need at least three C's at A Level and five GCSEs, including Maths and English, or equivalent, at Grade C/4 or above.
- You need to have the right to work in the UK and have lived in the UK for the last three years.
- Please [contact us](#) if you are unsure of your eligibility

What do we look for?

We're looking for people from a diverse range of backgrounds who have the potential to thrive at our firm.

To succeed on our early careers programmes, you don't need any specific legal experience or education, but you will:

- Have an interest in international law and business;
- Have a forward-thinking and entrepreneurial mindset and be excited about doing things differently in the legal industry;
- Be self-motivated by a strong desire to achieve your personal and professional goals;
- Enjoy collaborating with others while also enjoying independent study;
- Have a growth mindset so you see setbacks as learning opportunities, and you'll proactively look for ways to grow and develop;
- Enjoy working in an ever-changing environment and understand the importance of being flexible at work;
- Enjoy taking ownership of tasks and thinking critically; and
- Be an advocate of apprenticeships as an alternative route into law and know how to embed DLA Piper's values into your work.

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