

# APPLICATION AND CAREER TIMELINE

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## NON-LAW DEGREE HOLDERS

Apply for a training contract between October and March during your final year.

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## GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN LAW (GDL)

Study the GDL at BPP (any branch): all non-law students need to take this course after graduation to qualify as solicitors in England and Wales. We will pay your course fees and provide a maintenance grant.

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## LAW DEGREE HOLDERS

Apply for a training contract in the summer of your penultimate year (once you have received your examination results). Interviews take place in September.

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## LEGAL PRACTICE COURSE (LPC)

Complete the LPC at BPP, London: both law and non-law students are required to complete this course before beginning their training contracts. We will pay your course fees and provide a maintenance grant.

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## BEGIN TRAINING CONTRACT

Training contracts usually begin at least two years after you submitted your application. You can choose to defer your training contract if you would like to take some time out beforehand, although this should be done before you begin the LPC.

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## BECOME AN ASSOCIATE

Once you have completed your training contract you will become an associate. Most of our trainees stay with the firm on qualification.

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## BECOME A PARTNER

After six or seven years as an associate you could become a partner at the firm. All of our London partners are equity partners and play a role in managing the firm.