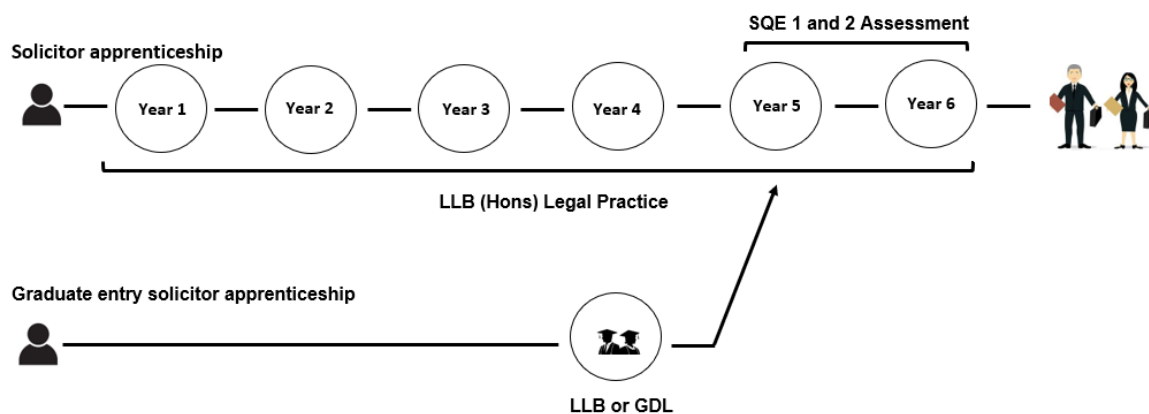


## SOLICITOR APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMME 2023



Applications for our September 2023 intake will open in January, with a view to taking on one graduate and one school leaver.

### ROUTE TO QUALIFICATION



### SOLICITOR APPRENTICESHIP

Law is an exciting career prospect for many, but university isn't always the right choice for every person.



Our Solicitor Apprenticeship programme offers aspiring solicitors an alternative path into the legal profession. You will earn while you learn, gaining valuable experience from day one with no university fees to pay.

It's a great alternative to studying full-time at university if you wish to pursue a career in law without having to take out a student loan. You'll earn your qualification through a combination of work and part-time study over a period of up to six years, and at the end of the program, you'll have the same level of qualification as trainee solicitors who qualify through the traditional University route. It combines practical experience in the workplace with a formal degree and postgraduate study. You'll go to work and receive a full-time salary and get valuable, real-life experience in your chosen field while you earn a degree at the same time.

## Details of the Program

As an apprentice, you will gain the professional solicitor qualification that will demonstrate your commercial legal ability, client service experience, ethical behaviour and commitment to lifelong learning and development. Studying under BPP, the education provider we have chosen to work with, you will develop your teamwork, presenting and time-management skills and earn an LLB (Hons) Legal Practice qualification.

To complete the apprenticeship, you must pass the Solicitors Regulation Authority centralised assessment, which consists of a range of assessments and the compilation of a portfolio of your work experience.



SQE1: Functioning Knowledge Tests and SQE2: Standardised Practical Legal Skills Assessments. BPP will provide you with guidance and assistance to help you pass these assessments.

## Qualifications required

- Be predicted to obtain or have gained 3 or more A levels at grade B or above or acceptable alternatives e.g. completion of the Paralegal Level 3 apprenticeship (or similar vocations apprenticeship, or a BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma (formally BTEC National Diploma).
- Five GCSEs at grade C (or 4) or above, including English and Mathematics (or equivalent)
- Reside within easy travelling distance of at least one of our offices in Leeds City Centre, Pudsey, Yeadon or Bradford.

## GRADUATE ENTRY SOLICITOR APPRENTICESHIP



Our graduate solicitor apprenticeship will support you through the new pathway to qualification by completion of the Solicitors Qualifying Exams (SQE1 and SQE2) which replaced the Legal Practice Course (LPC) in September 2021. This means that you can join us straight from your degree or GDL and start gaining on the job experience, and earning a salary, earlier.

## Details of the Program

You will complete five work placements across different areas of the business, learning from leading experts in the legal field. In total, 20% of the apprenticeship must be spent doing off-the-job training. For example, trainees can have block-release



for study, with work placements afterwards in four to five different areas of the firm. Or, a day each week is dedicated to off-the-job study, with the four remaining days focused on the required work-based experience across placements.

## Qualifications required

- UK bachelors degree in any subject at 2.2 or above or equivalent
- Five GCSEs at grade C (or 4) or above, including English and Mathematics (or equivalent)
- Reside within easy travelling distance of at least one of our offices in Leeds City Centre, Pudsey, Yeadon or Bradford.

## INTERVIEW AND SELECTION PROCESS



You should submit a written application (your CV and covering letter). **The closing date for applications is 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023.**

Your application will be reviewed and if shortlisted you will be invited to attend an interview in March 2023.

If your interview is successful, you will then be invited to a work placement during the school Easter holiday 2023.

We are able to make reasonable adjustments for those who require it. In these instances you should contact us in advance so that we can make the necessary arrangements.

If you have any other questions at all please email [apprenticeships@morrishsolicitors.com](mailto:apprenticeships@morrishsolicitors.com).