

## Sector & Career Overviews

Develop your understanding of the legal sector with these resources, including information on roles (including Solicitor, Barrister, Legal Executive, alternative roles), practice areas and entry/qualification.

\*\*\*Pick up a copy of this year's 'Beginner's Guide to a Career in Law' from Bath Spa Careers Reception in Steward's Lodge (Newton Park) <https://www.lawcareers.net/Starting-Out/Beginners-Guide-Career-Law>\*\*\*

- Prospects - Law: <https://www.prospects.ac.uk/jobs-and-work-experience/job-sectors/law-sector>
- Prospects Law Job Profiles - <https://www.prospects.ac.uk/jobs-and-work-experience/job-sectors/law-sector/law-careers>
- 'A Guide to a Career in Law' Prospects magazine - <https://www.prospects.ac.uk/publications/law>
- TargetJobs Law Job Descriptions - <https://targetjobs.co.uk/careers-advice/job-descriptions> (look for Solicitor, Barrister, Legal Executive, Barrister's Clerk, Court Reporter, Company Secretary, Crown Prosecution Service Lawyer, Government Lawyer, Licensed Conveyancer, Local Government Lawyer, Patent Attorney & Patent Examiner)
- LawCareers.Net - <https://www.lawcareers.net> (a wealth of information for those considering a career in law – subscribe for a weekly email update)
- LawCareers.Net Legal Career Paths - <https://www.lawcareers.net/Courses/LegalCareerPaths>
- All About Law Careers Advice pages - <https://www.allaboutlaw.co.uk/law-careers> (sections for law and non-law students)
- University of Law Practice Areas - <https://www.law.ac.uk/futurelawyers/practice-areas/>
- Thomson Reuters Practical Law - <https://uk.practicallaw.thomsonreuters.com>
- icould legal career videos - <https://icould.com/stories/job-types/law-and-order/>
- Law and Legal - <https://www.lawandlegal.co.uk>
- LawCareers.Net Solicitors - <https://www.lawcareers.net/Solicitors>
- LawCareers.Net Solicitor Practice Areas - <https://www.lawcareers.net/Solicitors/SolicitorPracticeAreas>
- Chambers Student - <https://www.chambersstudent.co.uk/#/research-law> (commercial law focused)
- TargetJobs Law Solicitors advice - <https://targetjobs.co.uk/career-sectors/law-solicitors/advice>
- TargetJobs Law Barristers advice - <https://targetjobs.co.uk/career-sectors/law-barristers/advice>
- LawCareers.Net Barristers - <https://www.lawcareers.net/Barristers>
- LawCareers.Net Barrister Practice Areas <https://www.lawcareers.net/Barristers/BarristerPracticeAreas>
- CILEx - [https://www.cilex.org.uk/study/lawyer\\_qualifications](https://www.cilex.org.uk/study/lawyer_qualifications) (information about becoming a Chartered Legal Executive)
- Law Society Alternative Law Careers - <https://www.lawsociety.org.uk/careers/becoming-a-solicitor/alternative-careers/>
- Chambers Student 'Jargonbuster' - <https://www.chambersstudent.co.uk/law-firms/jargonbuster>
- Law Society 'Legal Glossary' - <https://www.lawsociety.org.uk/for-the-public/legal-glossary/>
- Law and Broader YouTube - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCA3R8Vz5RkOezmBXI59> Gg

### **Upcoming Changes to Qualifying as a Solicitor: Solicitors' Qualifying Exam (SQE)**

The route to qualifying as a Solicitor is changing. Replacing the current system is the 'Solicitors Qualifying Exam' (SQE). As of August 2018, the Solicitors Regulation Authority (SRA) state that SQE will not be introduced before September 2020 (although this date *could* be delayed). Before the initiation of SQE, students can choose to go through the current route before September 2020. If this applies to you, you are strongly advised to read up on the current system, the new SQE system and the transitional arrangements

to make an informed decision about which route to undertake. Use the below links and resource to get started with this.

- Solicitors Regulation Authority – SQE information - <https://www.sra.org.uk/sra/policy/sqe.page>
- LawCareers.Net Article: To SQE or not to SQE? - <https://www.lawcareers.net/Information/LCNSays/To-SQE-or-not-to-SQE>
- LawCareers.Net SQE update - <https://www.lawcareers.net/Information/Features/17042018-The-Solicitors-Qualifying-Exam-Spring-update>
- University of Law article: Understanding the SQE and what it means for me: <https://www.law.ac.uk/blog/understanding-the-sqe-and-what-it-means-for-me/>

### **Upcoming Changes to Qualifying as a Barrister: Future Bar Training**

The current route to becoming a Barrister is also changing – refer to this resource for further information:

- Bar Standards Board – Future Bar Training <https://www.barstandardsboard.org.uk/qualifying-as-a-barrister/future-requirements/future-bar-training/>

## Jobs, Work Experience, Internships & Volunteering

There are formal work experience schemes in the legal sector (e.g. vacation schemes, mini-pupillage) but these can be **extremely** competitive (they can contribute to the application process for training contracts or pupillage). You will need to be organised and strategic to build up your CV - consider speculative approaches and other experiences where you can develop relevant skills. Use the 'MySelf' self-assessment tool on MyLCN to assess your skills in relation to the legal sector: <https://www.lawcareers.net/MyLCN>

### **Advice**

- All About Law: Conversion Course - <https://www.allaboutlaw.co.uk/stage/law-conversion-course>
- University of Kent Careers – CVs, application forms and interviews for law - <https://www.kent.ac.uk/careers/interviews/lawAppslVs.htm>
- LawCareers.Net Solicitors - <https://www.lawcareers.net/Solicitors> (features, insights, advice)
- LawCareers.Net Barristers - <https://www.lawcareers.net/Barristers> (features, insights, advice)
- LawCareers.Net Law Fairs and Events listings - <https://www.lawcareers.net/Information/LawFairs>
- LawCareers.Net: writing legal cover letters and applications <https://www.lawcareers.net/Information/Features/24072018-How-is-your-formal-writing-style-This-is-what-you-need-to-know-about-c>
- Bath Spa Careers resources - <http://www.pearltrees.com/bathspacareers> (various Guide to... Resources such as CVs, Cover Letters/Emails, Application Forms, Networking and Volunteering)

### **Solicitor – finding firm open days, insight events, vacation schemes and training contracts**

*\*\*\*Pick up a copy of this year's 'Training Contract and Pupillage Handbook' from Bath Spa Careers Reception in Steward's Lodge (Newton Park) <https://www.tcph.co.uk/>\*\*\**

- All About Law jobs - <http://allaboutlaw.co.uk/law-jobs>
- All About Law firms - <https://www.allaboutlaw.co.uk/law-careers/law-firms>
- Aspiring Solicitors - [www.aspiringsolicitors.co.uk](http://www.aspiringsolicitors.co.uk) (aims to increase diversity in the legal profession – includes details of events, employability programmes, work experience and competitions)
- Chambers Student - <https://www.chambersstudent.co.uk/#/research-law> (mainly commercial law focused – see comparison data, information about practice areas, overseas options and more)
- The Lawyer trainee/graduate jobs - <https://jobs.thelawyer.com/jobs/trainees-and-graduate-positions>
- LawCareers.Net jobs - <https://www.lawcareers.net/Jobs>

- LawCareers.Net training contract deadlines - <https://www.lawcareers.net/Solicitors/TrainingContractDeadlines>
- LawCareers.Net vacation scheme deadlines - <https://www.lawcareers.net/Solicitors/WorkPlacementDeadlines>
- LawCareers.Net training contract search - <https://www.lawcareers.net/Solicitors/AdvancedSearch>
- LawCareers.Net Live - <https://live.lawcareers.net/> (annual student careers conference for students considering a career as a solicitor)
- Lawyer 2B - <https://jobs.thelawyer.com/landingpage/1063975/l2b-training-contracts/>
- Legal 500 - <http://www.legal500.com/assets/pages/united-kingdom/uk.html> (guide to leading firms)
- Diversity Access Schemes - <https://www.lawcareers.net/MoreLaw/DiversityAccessSchemes>
- SEO London - <https://www.seo-london.org/careers/corporate-law/> (for 'talented students from ethnic minority or low socioeconomic backgrounds, including first year/second non-law year programme, vacation scheme and training contract programmes)
- Law Centres - <http://www.lawcentres.org.uk/i-want-to-get-involved> (volunteering and jobs)
- TP Legal Recruitment work experience - <https://www.ten-percent.co.uk/work-experience/>

Examples of firms with South West presence – see more in the *Training Contract and Pupillage Handbook* (available from Steward's Lodge)

- Ashfords - <https://www.ashfords.co.uk/> (national law firm with Bristol office)
- Barcan Kirby - <https://barcankirby.co.uk/> (high street firm in Bristol)
- Battens Solicitors Limited - <https://www.battens.co.uk/> (regional law firm with Bath office)
- Burges Salmon LLP - <https://www.burges-salmon.com/> (UK law firm)
- Foot Anstey LLP – <https://www.footanstey.com> (regional law firm)
- Osborne Clarke LLP - <http://www.osborneclarke.com/> (international law firm)
- Royds Withy King - <https://www.roydswithyking.com/> (national firm with Bath offices)
- Simmons and Simmons LLP - <http://www.simmons-simmons.com/> (international law firm)
- Thrings - <https://thrings.com/> (UK firm with Bath, Swindon and Bristol offices)
- TLT LLP - <https://www.tltsolicitors.com/> (UK firm with Bristol office)
- Veale Wasbrough Vizards LLP - <https://www.vvw.co.uk> (UK firm with Bristol office)

### **Barristers – finding mini-pupillages/pupillages and Inns of Court**

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- LawCareers.Net pupillage search - <https://www.lawcareers.net/Barristers/AdvancedSearch>
- Chambers Student - <https://www.chambersstudent.co.uk>
- Government Legal Service - [www.gov.uk/guidance/government-legal-service-gls-legal-trainee-scheme-how-to-apply](http://www.gov.uk/guidance/government-legal-service-gls-legal-trainee-scheme-how-to-apply)
- Inns of Court - <https://www.barcouncil.org.uk/about-the-bar/what-is-the-bar/inns-of-court/>

Examples of chambers in South West – see more in the *Training Contract and Pupillage Handbook* (available from Steward's Lodge)

- Albion Chambers - <http://www.albionchambers.co.uk/>
- Guildhall Chambers - <http://www.guildhallchambers.co.uk/>
- Old Square Chambers - <http://www.oldsquare.co.uk/>
- Queen Square Chambers - <http://queensquarechambers.co.uk/>
- St John's Chambers - <http://www.stjohnschambers.co.uk/>

## Other law job sites & opportunities in the legal sector

- LawCareers.Net - <https://www.lawcareers.net/Jobs>
- Law Gazette - <http://jobs.lawgazette.co.uk>
- The Lawyer trainee/graduate jobs - <https://jobs.thelawyer.com/jobs/trainees-and-graduate-positions>
- CharityJob legal jobs - <https://www.charityjob.co.uk/jobs/legal>
- The Guardian Legal Jobs - <http://jobs.theguardian.com/jobs/legal>
- Jobs.ac.uk legal jobs - <https://www.jobs.ac.uk/search/law> (academic and research sector)
- Jobsite legal jobs - <https://www.jobsite.co.uk/jobs/legal>
- The Law Society Careers - <http://www.lawsociety.org.uk/about-us/law-society-careers/>
- Legal Week Jobs - <http://www.legalweekjobs.com/>
- Legal Jobs Board - <http://www.legaljobsboard.co.uk/>
- Personnel Today - <https://jobs.personneltoday.com/jobs/employment-law/> (HR related law roles)
- Simply Law Jobs - <https://www.simplylawjobs.com/>
- Totally Legal - <https://www.totallylegal.com/>
- Avon & Bristol Law Centre - [www.ablc.org.uk](http://www.ablc.org.uk)
- Citizens Advice - [www.citizensadvice.org.uk/about-us/how-citizens-advice-works/job-and-voluntary-opportunities](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/about-us/how-citizens-advice-works/job-and-voluntary-opportunities)
- Crown Prosecution Service - <https://www.cps.gov.uk/careers-cps>
- Government Legal Service trainee schemes - <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/government-legal-service-gls-legal-trainee-scheme-how-to-apply> (Trainee Solicitor and Pupil Barrister roles)
- Hays Legal - <http://www.hays.co.uk/job/legal-jobs/index.htm> (recruitment agency)
- Michael Page Legal jobs - <https://www.michaelpage.co.uk/jobs/legal#expertise> (recruitment agency)

## Industry Associations

- The Bar Council – [www.barcouncil.org.uk](http://www.barcouncil.org.uk)
- Bar Standards Board - <https://www.barstandardsboard.org.uk/>
- The Law Society - <http://www.lawsociety.org.uk>
- The Law Society Junior Lawyers Division - <http://communities.lawsociety.org.uk/junior-lawyers>
- Solicitors' Regulation Authority - [www.sra.org.uk/home/home.page](http://www.sra.org.uk/home/home.page)
- Find A Solicitor - <http://solicitors.lawsociety.org.uk>
- CILEx - <https://www.cilex.org.uk/> (professional association for Chartered Legal Executives)
- Legal Aid Practitioners Group - <https://www.lapq.co.uk/>
- Law Works - <https://www.lawworks.org.uk/> (legal aid charity)
- Magistrates Association - <https://magistrates-association.org.uk/about-magistrates/becoming-magistrate>
- University of Law's Future Lawyers resources - <https://www.law.ac.uk/futurelawyers/>
- Society of Visually Impaired Lawyers - <http://www.sovil.org.uk/>
- LawCare - <https://www.lawcare.org.uk/> (promotes and supports good mental health and wellbeing)
- Black Solicitors Network - <https://www.blacksolicitorsnetwork.co.uk/>
- Black Lawyers Directory - <http://www.onlinebld.com/>
- Women Solicitors - <http://www.womensolicitors.org.uk/>
- Institute of Barristers' Clerks - <https://www.ibr.org.uk/>
- CLC - <https://www.clc-uk.org/> (property law register)
- Law Centres Network - <http://www.lawcentres.org.uk/>
- HM Courts & Tribunals Service - <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/hm-courts-and-tribunals-service>
- Ministry of Justice - <http://www.justice.gov.uk/>
- Criminal Cases Review Commission (CCRC) - <https://ccrc.gov.uk/>

- Law Commission - <https://www.lawcom.gov.uk/>
- Legal Aid Agency - <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/legal-aid-agency>
- Free Representation Unit - <http://www.thefru.org.uk/>
- Young Citizens - <https://www.youngcitizens.org/> (organisation which helps young people to understand the legal system and to become active citizens)
- Institute of Paralegals - <https://theiop.org/>
- National Association of Licenced Paralegals - <https://www.nationalparalegals.co.uk/>
- British Institute of Verbatim Reporters - <http://bivr.org.uk/>

## Commercial Awareness/News Sources

- Legal Cheek - [www.legalcheek.com](http://www.legalcheek.com) (news, commentary, commercial awareness updates, advice)
- Barrister Magazine - <http://www.barristermagazine.com/>
- The Guardian Law - [www.theguardian.com/law](http://www.theguardian.com/law)
- The Lawyer - [www.thelawyer.com/](http://www.thelawyer.com/) (news, commentary, information, events and jobs)
- Legal Week - [www.legalweek.com](http://www.legalweek.com) (news, commentary and analysis)
- NewLaw Journal [www.newlawjournal.co.uk/nlj/](http://www.newlawjournal.co.uk/nlj/) (debate, litigation and dispute)
- Roll On Friday - <http://rollonfriday.com/> (provides news, views and gossip on the legal profession)
- Thomson Reuters 'Brexit: the legal implications' - <https://uk.practicallaw.thomsonreuters.com/Browse/Home/Resources/Brexit>
- Thomson Reuters 'Legal updates by practice areas' - <https://uk.practicallaw.thomsonreuters.com/Browse/Home/Resources/Legalupdates>
- The Times 'The Brief' - <https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/newsletter-signup-thebrief-trqwbhn3f> (sign up for email bulletins of 'the most important and influential news in the legal industry' – ideal for developing commercial awareness)