

Kennedys

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Firm profile

Kennedys is a specialist national and international legal firm with unrivalled expertise in litigation and dispute resolution. The firm has over 780 people globally, across eight UK and seven international locations. Kennedys is a top 50 law firm and recently won 'Law Firm of the Year' as well as 'Insurance Team of the year' in the Legal Business Awards. Kennedys is regarded as a leader, not just because it has some of the most respected legal minds in their field - but because they know the importance of being practical, commercial and approachable. Kennedys prides itself on offering its clients clear legal advice.

Main areas of work

Kennedys lawyers provide a range of specialist legal services for many industries including: insurance/ reinsurance, healthcare, construction, employment, rail sectors, maritime and international trade – with a particular focus on dispute resolution and litigation.

Trainee profile

The firm is looking for graduates who are articulate, self aware and resourceful. Kennedys' trainees experience early responsibility and client contact, therefore it essential to have a mature and confident approach. Trainees with the firm must have commercial awareness and a strong appreciation of the interests of the client. As Kennedys has a vibrant and supportive working environment it is also looking for sociable, energetic team players, with a wide range of interests outside of their studies.

Training environment

The purpose of the training contract is to give the trainees a mix of experience and skills that will set them up in their legal career as a solicitor with Kennedys. The firm's ability to consistently offer the majority of its trainees positions on qualification is attributable to producing newly qualified lawyers who are competent, confident and commercially driven. A balance of work experience, responsibility, supervision and formal training achieves this. Kennedys ensures that its trainee solicitors are given sound training in the core disciplines. All partners and supervisors are readily accessible and always ready to offer support when needed.

Placement schemes

These are not currently on offer although this is due to be reviewed later this year. Please keep an eye on the firm's website for any further updates.

Benefits

Permanent health insurance, pension, private medical insurance, life insurance, 25 days holiday increasing to 27 days after five years, interest-free season ticket loan, gym membership, cycle to work scheme, child care assistance scheme, employee assistance scheme, corporate GP, contribution towards conveyancing fees and eye care vouchers.

Partners 129
 Solicitors 216
 Total Trainees 25

Contact

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Method of application

Online Application Form

Selection procedure

Online and written test, 2
 interviews and presentation

Closing date for 2011

30 November 2010

Application

Training contracts approx 15
 (London)
 Applications 400 (London)
 % interviewed 10%
 Required degree grade 2:1 and
 300 UCAS points

Training

Salary
 1st year £31,000 (under
 review)
 2nd year £34,000 (under
 review)

Post-qualification

Salary £55,000 (under review)
 % of trainees offered job on
 qualification 85-90%

Offices

London, Chelmsford,
 Birmingham, Manchester,
 Taunton, Cambridge,
 Maidstone, Belfast, Hong Kong,
 Singapore, Madrid, Dubai,
 Sydney, Auckland

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