

Training Contract Brochure:

Training Contracts commencing September 2027

WHO ARE WE?

Dorsey & Whitney LLP was established in 1912 in Minneapolis, Minnesota, at the request of a client that is still a valued client today. We believe the longevity of our client relationships is something that distinguishes us and that speaks to the competitive edge we deliver to our clients. Today, Dorsey lawyers practice in locations in the United States, Canada, Europe and the Asia-Pacific region and serve clients all around the world.

The London office is Dorsey's European hub and provides a full-service practice to clients. Its lawyers are consistently ranked by Chambers UK and the Legal 500. Dorsey London has been rated as a 2026 "Excellent Performer" for both "Supervision and Contact Time" and "Training and Development" by Chambers Student. The London office is a fairly small office, comprising around 30 lawyers, and prides itself on its collegiate and friendly but hardworking environment.



A day in the life of a Dorsey trainee

TRAINEE PROFILE

Name: Inês Rodrigues dos Santos

About the trainee: Inês is currently in her third seat at Dorsey. Inês studied Law at University of York and completed the LPC at University of Law. Prior to starting her Training Contract at Dorsey, Inês worked as a paralegal in Intellectual Property for 2.5 years at another US firm in London.

A TYPICAL DAY

Seat at time of writing: Corporate

8:00am: We are in a busy period coming up to signing a transaction. I therefore start my day by quickly checking my emails before I make my way to the office, in case I need to attend to anything urgent that has come in overnight. If nothing requires immediate attention, I quickly flag the tasks that I need to perform once I am in the office.

9:30am: I arrive at the office and have a quick catch up with my supervisor, during which we discuss which tasks should be prioritised. I then begin my first task of the day: drafting board minutes, which I aim to circulate to my supervisor before lunch.

11:00am: Time for a matcha! I check with my fellow trainees and other colleagues to see who wants to come to the nearest cafe.

1:30pm: I circulate the draft board minutes to my supervisor before going for a walk and grabbing lunch with a colleague. Then I return to my desk.

2:30pm: I am back at my desk and start my second main task for the day, which is to update a due diligence report following a call with the client yesterday evening. Alongside this, I liaise with the litigation team to confirm the status of litigation searches for the target company so that I can add these to the report.

4:00pm: Time for a tea break! I meet with some of the other trainees in the kitchen for a quick break.

4:15pm: I head back to my desk after receiving a notification of an email on my work phone with a short last-minute research point. The query related to the sale of shares in an AIM listed company.

5:00pm: I finish my research and pull together a short note summarising the position, including the key statutory provisions and case law, before sending it to my supervisor. I stay around for a few minutes in case any follow up questions arise, and check if there's anything else I can help with today. After my supervisor confirms that there is nothing else to be done this evening, I update my to do list for the next day and log off.





Training contract applications

OUR TRAINING CONTRACT

Dorsey takes on two trainee solicitors every September. We look for trainees who can really add value to our team, which goes beyond billable hours. Our ideal candidates are academically excellent, proactive, team players, friendly, hardworking and capable of developing long-lasting and fruitful client relationships.

Each trainee will complete four six-month seats in the following practice areas: two seats in corporate / M&A, one seat in dispute resolution, and one seat in real estate / intellectual property.

Trainee solicitors' salaries are standard for, and increase in line with, the London market.

APPLICATION PROCESS FOR SEPTEMBER 2027

1 May 2026 Application window opens.

30 June 2026 Deadline for training contract applications.

Applications for September 2027 training contracts will be accepted between 1 May 2026 and 30 June 2026. Please send a covering letter and CV to Joseph Lewin (lewin.joseph@dorsey.com), the Training Principal.

Covering letters should set out why you are interested in a career as a solicitor and why you are interested in pursuing that career at Dorsey in particular. We would also be interested in examples of your non-academic achievements or activities. Please keep covering letters to no more than one page.

Applicants must be ready to begin in September 2027, either undertaking or having completed a final year in law or a diploma in law, and able to work as a trainee solicitor in London without sponsorship.

July / August 2026 First round interviews.

Second round interviews in person, including a written assessment and presentation.

CONTACT INFORMATION

For further information about our training contracts, please visit our website at <https://www.dorsey.com/careers/trainees>.

You can find more information regarding Dorsey's training contract online on Chambers Student's "True Picture" and Lex100.

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