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Training Contract Brochure
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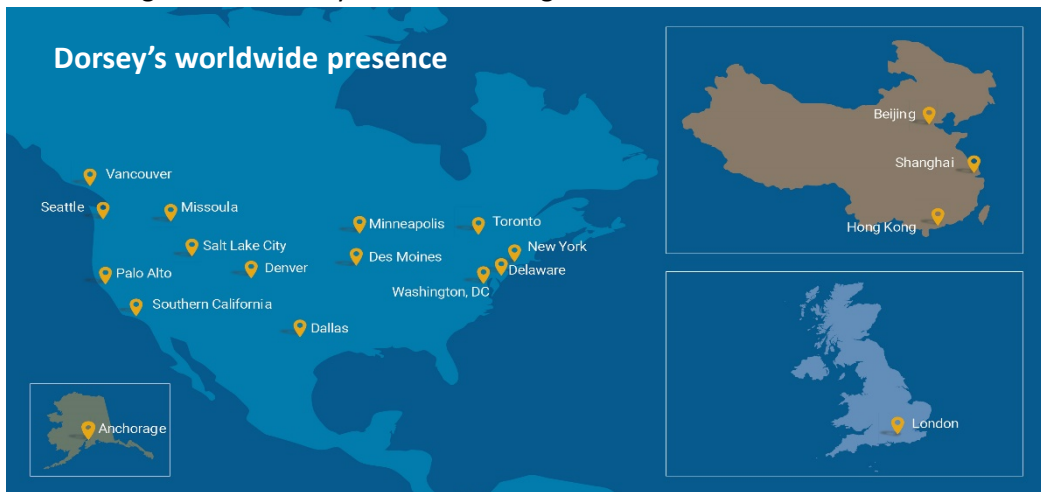


Dorsey and its training contract

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. The London office is a fairly small office, comprising around 30 lawyers, and prides itself on its collegiate and friendly but hardworking environment.



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, hard working and capable of developing long-lasting and fruitful client relationships.

Each trainee will complete four six-month seats in the following practice areas: mergers & acquisitions, capital markets & banking, commercial litigation and real estate & intellectual property.

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

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

A day in the life of a Dorsey trainee

Trainee profile

Name: Alyce Kelly

About the trainee: Alyce is currently a fourth seat trainee at Dorsey. Alyce studied Biochemistry at the University of Manchester before completing the Graduate Diploma in Law. Alyce then worked at a patent litigation firm before completing the Legal Practice Course at BPP Law School and joining Dorsey in September 2017.

A typical day

Seat at time of writing: Intellectual Property & Real Estate

9:00am: I arrive at the office ready to start the day. I often check my emails on the way to work for anything urgent, followed by a review of my to-do-list when I get to my desk to prioritise my tasks for the day. One of the associates drops by for a quick chat and we discuss some matters I might be able to assist with.

9:30am: I am working on a trade mark opposition at the EU Intellectual Property Office with my supervisor, who I sit with. I start work on a first draft of the opposition and statement of grounds document with help from my supervisor and input from the client. This is the first time I have done this so I ask my supervisor numerous questions throughout.

11:30am: I send a first draft of the opposition document to my supervisor and turn to some research I have been asked to conduct by one of the Corporate associates. Given that Dorsey only takes two trainees per year, it is not uncommon for trainees to work outside their assigned departments. The research relates to commercial terms of sale we are preparing for a client's website. I look at other, similar websites' terms of sale to back up my research.

1:00pm: I take a walk with one of the other trainees to grab some lunch. We sit outside to eat and catch up.

1:45pm: I return to my desk and note that our client has sent us further information on the trade mark opposition document I have been drafting. I amend the draft and send the updated version to my supervisor for a final check.

3:00pm: I return to my commercial research and ask the associate some follow up questions before I send it to her for review.

4:30pm: I have now received confirmation that the opposition I have been working on is in final form. I prepare a cover letter, pay the filing fee, arrange for the opposition to be filed and update the client.

6:30pm: I review and update my to-do-list and feel satisfied that I have achieved everything I need to for today. I check in with my supervisor one last time, then I leave the office for dinner with some friends in the Shoreditch area (just a short walk from the office).

Training contract applications

Application process

31 July 2020

Deadline for training contract applications.

Applications are made by way of CV and covering letter addressed to our training principal, Michael Cashman (Cashman.michael@dorsey.com).

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 try to keep covering letters to no more than one page.

August 2020

First round interviews.

**August/September
2020**

Second round interviews including a written assessment and presentation.

Contact information

For further information about our training contracts, please visit our website at www.Dorsey.com or email our training principal Michael Cashman (Cashman.michael@dorsey.com).

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