

Legal Career Guide

Why work in Legal?

Those in the Legal sector perform a valuable role, especially as law is intertwined with every aspect of our society – from the minimum wage you can expect to earn in a new job to the rights you have should you lose it.

Working in law requires hard work, commitment and attention to detail. To succeed you require a logical and analytical approach, together with excellent verbal and written communication skills. Competition is strong and standards are high but the results can be rewarding and well-paid.

The sector is broad with a variety of opportunities available, roles include:

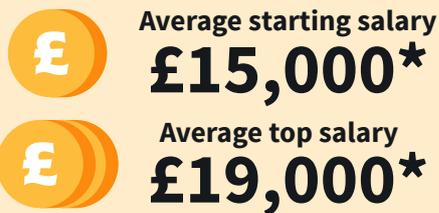
- Solicitor
- Paralegal
- Partner
- Legal secretary
- Associate

Progression Example:



Solicitor
Associate
Senior Associate

Non-qualified salaries



Qualified salaries



62% of those working in the legal sector are satisfied or very satisfied in their role**

Is Law right for me?

A number of key skills are needed to be a good lawyer, core strengths include:

- Intellectual ability
- Motivation
- Resilience
- Attention to detail
- Leadership
- Commercial awareness
- Communication skills

What qualifications do I need?

The Legal sector is an intellectually rigorous career, which is why firms and chambers require excellent academics. Most will require a law degree whilst others accept legal apprentices. Whilst a degree in law is favourable, you can study another subject and convert to law by doing the Graduate Diploma in Law (GDL). But note: most firms do favour traditional academic subjects (eg, history or sciences) over more modern options (eg, media studies or drama).

What makes a good Legal CV?

- Giving examples of working under pressure
- Showing ability to persuade
- Demonstrating commercial awareness
- Tailoring CV to the firm you are applying for

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