

TWO ROUTES TO QUALIFY

LEVEL 3

The CILEx level 3 qualification is the first step in the CILEx career path. The paralegal apprenticeship is popular as it allows you to select the law and practice units to best fit your job role.

CILEx CLE

The next step in this pathway is becoming a Chartered Legal Executive which can take five years dependent on what exemptions you may have. e.g. with a law degree you can fast track.

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Given that as a Fellow you can be promoted to partner and undertake much of the work that solicitors do, it is not expected that many will have the need or desire to cross qualify.

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To cross qualify, you will need to complete further studies. The firm will sponsor your completion of SQE 1 and 2, formerly known as LPC and PSC. You will also have to submit a portfolio demonstrating evidence of competence against the standards.



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DEGREE

You can take either a law degree over three years (five years if part-time), or a non-law degree before completing the Graduate Diploma in Law (GDL), which will take an extra year.

SQE

The Solicitors Qualifying Examinations (SQE1) will have to be completed before you commence your training contract. It is expected SQE1 will take up to three months if completed immediately after a law degree. The firm will sponsor SQ1 and 2.

TRAINING

This is a two year period of training. During this contract you move between legal disciplines every six months. You will then be expected to complete your SQE2 in order to qualify.

SOLICITOR

We work with our trainees during their last seats to find them the right NQ role to suit their skills and career preferences. We have a great track record of retaining all of our NQs in permanent roles.



DEGREE ROUTE