

WFW JOINS CITY CENTURY SOLICITOR APPRENTICESHIP INITIATIVE

19 JUNE 2023 • PRESS



Watson Farley & Williams ("WFW") is proud to be part of the City Century initiative, a City of London Law Society led collaboration between 50+ top law firms to significantly increase the number of solicitor apprentices entering the legal profession in the City of London.

Implemented by the UK Government in 2014, solicitor apprenticeships are open to post A-level school leavers who work at a sponsoring firm alongside studying for their LLB and SQE 1 & 2 over a six-year period. This allows a wider pool of aspiring lawyers access to first class City legal careers, gaining invaluable work experience from their sponsors as they gain their legal qualifications.

The brainchild of Linklaters Managing Partner Paul Lewis, City Century aims to more than double the current number of solicitor apprentices in the City of London from 50 to 100 by September 2024 and create at least 100 City Century partners by 2040.

WFW Managing Partner [Lindsey Keeble](#) commented: "I'm delighted to have pledged WFW to the City Century initiative, which represents a major, and much needed, boost to promoting social mobility within the profession in the City. I look forward to welcoming our first solicitor apprentices to WFW in September 2025".

In October 2022, WFW signed up to the [UK legal apprenticeship pledge](#) as part of the firm's commitment to diversity and inclusion both in the legal profession and generally.

KEY CONTACT



LINDSEY KEEBLE
MANAGING PARTNER
• LONDON

T: +44 20 7814 8227

lkeeble@wfw.com

MEDIA ENQUIRIES



WILL SALOMONE

T: +44 20 3036 9847

media@wfw.com

DISCLAIMER

Watson Farley & Williams is a sector specialist international law firm with a focus on the energy, infrastructure and transport sectors. With offices in Athens, Bangkok, Dubai, Dusseldorf, Frankfurt, Hamburg, Hanoi, Hong Kong, London, Madrid, Milan, Munich, New York, Paris, Rome, Seoul, Singapore, Sydney and Tokyo our 700+ lawyers work as integrated teams to provide practical, commercially focussed advice to our clients around the world.

All references to 'Watson Farley & Williams', 'WFW' and 'the firm' in this document mean Watson Farley & Williams LLP and/or its affiliated entities. Any reference to a 'partner' means a member of Watson Farley & Williams LLP, or a member, partner, employee or consultant with equivalent standing and qualification in WFW Affiliated Entities. A list of members of Watson Farley & Williams LLP and their professional qualifications is open to inspection on request.

Watson Farley & Williams LLP is a limited liability partnership registered in England and Wales with registered number OC312252. It is authorised and regulated by the Solicitors Regulation Authority and its members are solicitors or registered foreign lawyers.

The information provided in this publication (the "Information") is for general and illustrative purposes only and it is not intended to provide advice whether that advice is financial, legal, accounting, tax or any other type of advice, and should not be relied upon in that regard. While every reasonable effort is made to ensure that the Information provided is accurate at the time of publication, no representation or warranty, express or implied, is made as to the accuracy, timeliness, completeness, validity or currency of the Information and WFW assume no responsibility to you or any third party for the consequences of any errors or omissions. To the maximum extent permitted by law, WFW shall not be liable for indirect or consequential loss or damage, including without limitation any loss or damage whatsoever arising from any use of this publication or the Information.

This publication constitutes attorney advertising.