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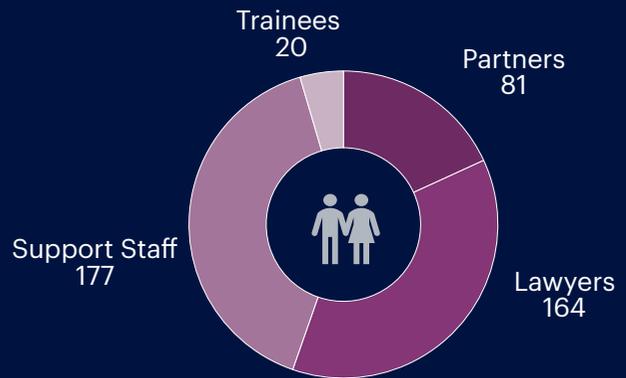
About Farrer & Co

Farrer & Co is synonymous with the highest quality legal advice and service.

We advise individuals, families, businesses, financial services, educational and not-for-profit organisations on every aspect of the law, wherever the need arises. From our offices in London we work with trusted professionals around the world to deliver a seamless international service.

Our clients present us with complex and varied challenges. Whether that's a complicated family trust issue, a multinational corporate transaction, or an emerging threat to their reputation, they need clear thinkers who can advise on the best solutions, fast thinkers when speed is of the essence and agile thinkers who can produce a fresh approach to get the job done. That's why they choose us.

1 Facts & Figures



Over £63m turnover in 2018



Serving clients in over 55 countries worldwide

2 Anisha Birk



Anisha is a second year trainee. She studied Philosophy and Theology at Durham University and has an MA in the History of Art from the Courtauld Institute of Art.

"Farrers has such an impressive and diverse range of work and the six seat system affords a real opportunity to sample as much as possible. By sitting in different areas across the firm, I feel I have developed a broader range of skills to draw on, as well as having many friendly faces to call on. Trainees can take comfort in knowing that their choice of wild card seat is guaranteed and we are given eight months in the area we intend to practice in."



Our Trainees and Senior Partner
September 2018

“ At Farrers our trainees are a key part of the future of the Firm and so it seems obvious that we must recruit carefully and then nurture and invest in them not just while they are training, but also along their career path. Our unique mix of practice areas and our place in the market mean that we offer trainees a chance to experience a broad range of stimulating work. ”

Anne-Marie Piper
Senior Partner

3 Charlie Fikry



Charlie qualified into the Family Team in September 2016. He studied History at the University of York.

"I found the transition from trainee to 'newly qualified' to be a very natural progression; by the time September rolled around I was already the lead solicitor on a number of cases. Equally, colleagues are aware that I'm junior and are always willing to offer help and advice if I want it. There's certainly no stigma about asking obvious questions or getting your work double-checked! I think this is one area where our six seat system really helps."

4 The training programme

The two-year training period is divided into six "seats", each lasting four months. The first five seats are spent in one of the 13 different practice areas. Final seats are always spent in the area where the trainee will be joining on qualification. This helps to facilitate the transition from trainee to associate.

All trainees receive a solid grounding in commercial, contentious, private client and property law by sitting in four seats that focus predominantly on each of these legal areas.

Our training programme concentrates on the development of essential practical skills such as drafting, negotiation, interviewing and advocacy as well as the necessary IT, legal research and marketing know-how.

We are proud to partner with:

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5 Claire Gordon



Claire is a partner in the Family team and oversees the trainee recruitment process. She trained at Farrer & Co, having first studied Jurisprudence at the University of Oxford.

“We see ourselves as engaging individuals with cutting edge technical knowledge, matched with a deep understanding of our clients and their needs. We believe that the variety and quality of our work make us unique. We are equally proud of our values: integrity, excellence and partnership. They help us gain the trust of significant clients with whom we build long-standing relationships - and they make the firm a great place to work.”

6 Training with us

Trainee solicitors benefit from our personal and comprehensive approach.

Through meeting clients and working directly on their cases, trainees are given real responsibilities, while receiving full support and guidance from the Firm’s most experienced lawyers. Trainees benefit from the breadth of experience that our training programme provides. It enables them to make an informed choice about the area of law in which they would like to specialise.

They have an opportunity to learn from lawyers who are recognised as the leading experts in their fields while undertaking very high quality work of their own.

7 Who is best-suited to work here?

Farrer & Co receives many applications each year and, after a rigorous selection process, some 50 or so applicants are invited for interview.

The qualities which we look for, both in the written applications and at interview, include:

- A keen analytical mind
- Initiative
- Good communication skills
- Commercial awareness
- Teamwork
- Leadership skills
- The ability to develop long-term client relationships
- Drive and ambition
- A sense of humour



8 Shehnal Amin



Shehnal qualified into the Employment Team in September 2016. She studied Law with French Law at University College London.

“I spent my fifth and sixth seats in Employment and chose to qualify there primarily because of the incredibly varied work; not just contentious and non-contentious employment but also safeguarding. The team is welcoming and friendly and our clients are exceptionally diverse.”

9 Making a good impression

A large part of a lawyer’s work is conducted by correspondence, and a well-constructed covering letter of no more than 350 words forms part of the online application. The covering letter gives you an opportunity to expand on why you believe you are well-suited to the firm.

Farrer & Co runs Easter and Summer vacation schemes. The dates of the schemes are fixed at the beginning of November and can be found on our website. Successful applicants will be invited to an open day where we will select our vacation scheme attendees. The open days are usually held in March and are a good opportunity to get to know the firm.

10 How to apply

Every summer, Farrer & Co selects between eight and ten outstanding individuals to begin training contracts with the firm in two years’ time. Law students may apply any time from the end of their second undergraduate year. Non-law students may apply at any time from October of their final year.

We review applications throughout the year but all applications should be received by the end of July. First interviews are generally conducted in August and early September by a member of the graduate recruitment team.

Please visit our website for further details of how to apply.

