

Frequently Asked Questions

How long is the programme?

Ten weeks across two rotations. The first rotation is for five weeks before Christmas and the second rotation is for five weeks after Christmas. We have a closedown period of approximately three weeks over Christmas and New Year.

How many years of study do I need to complete before applying to become a summer clerk?

Ideally a minimum of three years if you're studying for an LLB, and four years if you're completing a conjoint degree.

Are there graduate opportunities at the end of the summer law programme?

Yes. Our graduates are, wherever possible, selected from the summer law programme. We discuss opportunities with each summer clerk near the end of the programme.

What is the dress code at work?

Our dress code is wear what's appropriate. It means wearing smart attire in keeping with working in a professional firm. If you are in the office and not meeting with a client, then casual smart attire may be the answer. You may prefer to wear formal business attire every day, and that is fine as well.

Are the break times for morning tea and lunch fixed to certain times?

We generally take a coffee break somewhere between 10am and 10.30am, and lunch is usually between 1pm and 2pm. However, this really depends on your work for the day and break times fit around what you're involved in. If you have a client meeting at 1.30pm, for example, you may take an earlier lunch break.

Do I get paid over Christmas?

Yes, we pay our summer clerks over the Christmas closedown.

What are some types of matters I will be assisting with as a summer clerk?

You will get to see as much as possible of the day to day work that we do. While the assignments will vary depending on the team you're working with, you can expect to be involved in research assignments, drafting opinions, agreements and letters, and attending client meetings. Our aim is to give you real work for real clients and to gain a sense of the differing types of work across the firm. You may also be involved in specific projects or marketing initiatives.

Is there much partner interaction?

You will be interacting with partners throughout your time with us. You will have a nominated supervising partner for each rotation on the programme, who will oversee the assignment of work and assist with prioritising, if this is required. Partners across the teams may delegate work to you as well, although this may come directly from one of their team.



What does my buddy do?

We assign buddies for all of our summer clerks. A buddy helps you to settle into working life at the firm, keeps you company in the tea room over the first few days and is your first point of contact if you have any questions or need some support.

What sort of training will I get when I start?

We have an on-boarding programme for your first week, and practical legal training modules designed specifically for our summer clerks which run for the entire duration of the summer law programme.

Who can I turn to for help?

If your question is in relation to the task you've been given, ask the person who gave you the work. If it's a more general questions, ask your buddy; that's what they're there for!

Is everyone actually this nice, or are they just putting it on?

Amazingly, they're actually this nice!