

Solicitor

What is it?

A solicitor's role is to take instructions from clients, which can include individuals, groups, private companies, and public sector organisations. They will advise them on actions they can take about legal matters. In the event of a legal matter going to a Court, a solicitor can instruct a barrister to act on behalf of a client – the responsibility of a solicitor is to prepare the case for a barrister.

Qualifications/Experience Required:

You will need a law degree, or a non-law degree followed by a 1 year conversion course.

There are also other routes through the Chartered Institute of Legal Executives (CILEx) find out more information here: [CILEX | Connect with thousands of like-minded legal professionals](#)

What the Work Involves:

You will advise clients on legal matters, such as making a will or setting up a business. You may also represent clients in court, or you may have to instruct a barrister or advocate to act for your client.

Future Prospects – Labour Market Information:

There are opportunities throughout the UK. Most commercial firms are in central London or similar large cities. There are good prospects in private practice, government, and industry.

Workforce Change (projected)

Growth
3.3%

Replacement
54.8%

The workforce is projected to grow by 3.3% over the period to 2027, creating 4,800 jobs. In the same period, 54.8% of the workforce is projected to retire, creating 79,600 job openings.

Type of person who may be suited to this job:

You must be able to examine and analyse vast amounts of information and pay close attention to detail. You will need to have good communication and interpersonal skills.

Money/Wage Guide:

A newly qualified solicitor can earn £27,000 to £60,000 in a small firm. In large firms you can expect to earn £60,000 to £90,000 or more. A senior solicitor can earn in excess of £100,000.

Related Opportunities:

- Barrister/Advocate
- Crown Prosecutor
- Legal Executive

Further Information:

Law Society of England and Wales

www.lawsociety.org.uk

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