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Training at Simkins



Read below to see first-hand accounts and key pieces of advice from our Partners and Associate Solicitors who joined Simkins through our training contract programme.

Why did you apply to Simkins?
I wanted to train at a lean firm where I could take on real responsibility as part of a small team and work directly with experienced lawyers, while also getting exposure to the highest quality of work. Simkins provides trainees with exactly that. The specialist nature of the firm means that it takes on some of the best work in its area, often right at the cutting-edge of media and entertainment law, while the small teams enable trainees to take on as much as they are able.

Ned Gompertz, *Associate*

How would you describe the training and support you received as a trainee at Simkins?
Excellent — trainees have the opportunity to become integrated into small teams and to carry out substantive work that genuinely progresses a case or transaction.

Luke Bridges, *Associate*

What was your most rewarding experience during your time as a trainee at Simkins?
In my first seat I had the opportunity to help prepare for, and attend, a final hearing in the Employment Tribunal. Seeing the end phases of a case was a really good experience and it also meant that I got to work closely with clients and counsel quite quickly.

Sarah Lovewell, *Associate*

Were there any specific challenges you faced during your time as a trainee at Simkins?
You can be given quite a lot of responsibility early on in each seat if you show that you are willing which can be daunting but ultimately is great experience.

Catherine Clover, *Associate*

How would you describe the culture of the firm?
Very friendly and collegiate, you truly feel part of a team.

Juliane Althoff, *Partner*

What is one piece of advice you were given by a seat supervisor that has stayed with you throughout your legal career?
Always review the feedback you're given. The changes someone makes to the work you've done are a key part of learning how to improve and do things differently. The expertise and experience of those who have been doing this for longer is invaluable and will help you learn and develop your skills

Jessica Welch, *Partner*

What would your top tip be for future applicants?
Be yourself in the application process and try to let your personality come through. Find a way to set yourself apart from everyone else.

Ben Gershinson, *Associate*