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DEBEVOISE & PLIMPTON LLP
London

Who We Are

Debevoise is a leading international law firm. The London office works on many of the highest profile and most complex transactions in Europe and worldwide. We do this by using our English and New York law expertise and close integration with our other offices.

How do you build a successful career?

Start with a great blueprint.

Debevoise & Plimpton LLP is a dynamic, innovative and fiercely collegial law firm practising law at the highest levels of ethics and client service.

The foundation for these descriptive words, which are key components of Debevoise's character as an institution, were laid by Eli Whitney Debevoise himself, when he envisaged the firm he wanted to create over 75 years ago. In choosing to create a firm dedicated to the bedrock principles of superior client service, diversity and decency, Debevoise created a blueprint for the firm we know today.

As you consider the shaping of your own career, we invite you to explore what Debevoise has to offer, and how we can help you create your own blueprint for success.



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If you are successful in securing a place on our vacation scheme, you will gain some invaluable, hands on experience. You will be assigned an associate mentor to shadow, but as we do not sit in structured teams you will be exposed to several different practice areas. A member of the recruiting team will meet with you at the end of your first week to get a better idea of your interests and where you would like to gain experience in your second week. This is your opportunity to gain an insight into what could be your future career, so we want to ensure that you obtain the best possible experience.

As well as the work side of things, we co-ordinate a full calendar of social events for you to attend alongside associates and partners. We feel it is important for you to get to know us better in a more informal setting and also to give you the chance to ask any questions that you may not have had the time to ask during the working day.

The Application Process

We accept applications for places on our vacation scheme during February each year. You can download an application form from our website which should be completed (preferably typed but handwritten applications will be accepted) and then either posted or emailed to london-recruit@debevoise.com.

We complete the application screening process in the first two weeks of March and short listed candidates are then invited to an Open Day in April. This will be hosted by the graduate recruitment team and will give you the opportunity to have a tour around our offices, meet some of the existing trainees, associates and partners, and generally learn more about Debevoise.

Successful candidates will then be informed of their vacation scheme dates during the following week.

"During my vacation scheme, the first thing that struck me was how friendly everyone was. Everybody went out of their way to stop by and introduce themselves. During my two weeks at Debevoise, I was supervised by two associates in the litigation department, but had the opportunity to work not only with them, but also with two partners in the litigation department, one of the US summer associates and an associate in the Corporate department. I was amazed at how interesting and varied the work was and the extent to which I was included. Well before the end of my two weeks, I knew that the combination of friendly and intelligent people, the collegial atmosphere and the quality of work at Debevoise were unique and that it was where I wanted to work!" John Rife, 2006 vacation scheme student who is now an associate at the firm.

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