

**1. What is mfg's position in respect of candidates looking to qualify as a solicitor via the SQE route?**

*We very much welcome trainee solicitor applications from graduates who have completed SQE1 and are moving onto SQE2.*

*Following introduction of the SQE, the firm has decided to maintain its traditional training contract structure of 4x six-month 'seats' for all successful applicants, which will include contentious and non-contentious work. We view that this provides the right breadth of experience and assessment process to ensure our Trainees qualify into the practice area of best fit for both the individual and the firm.*

*To apply for a training contract, please complete the application form on our website careers page and submit this to [recruitment@mfgsolicitors.com](mailto:recruitment@mfgsolicitors.com) by 31 January.*

**2. Does prior work experience count as Qualifying Work Experience (QWE) for the purpose of becoming a qualified solicitor with the firm?**

*Whilst not guaranteed, we may potentially agree up to six months' 'time to count', at the Firm's discretion and will maintain that potential flexibility in respect of historical paralegal work undertaken with this firm. We do not deem that prior work experience with other firms, or other QWE, is transferable as QWE.*

**3. Will a Paralegal or Legal Assistant role enable me to secure a training contract or qualify as a solicitor with mfg?**

*There is no guarantee that securing a Paralegal or Legal Assistant position with the firm will lead to a training contract as you are still subject to the same stringent application and selection process.*

*The firm does not consider or guarantee that work undertaken in either of these roles will be classified as QWE for the purpose of qualification as a solicitor with the firm (where you have completed the SQE). As such, the completion of two years' work experience in either role, and/or other QWE, does not guarantee a qualified solicitor role with mfg at the end of this period. This will however be kept under review and is subject to the Firm's discretion.*

**4. I have already studied and passed the Legal Practise Course (LPC), or plan to do so as I am still eligible. Will I still need to complete the SQE?**

*No, you are still eligible to apply for a training contract with the LPC. The training contract structure and application process is set out above.*

**5. Does mfg have a preferred training provider for the SQE?**

*We have close links with the University of Law, however applicants will equally be considered if they have completed their SQE with another training provider.*

**6. Does mfg sponsor the SQE?**

*We do not currently sponsor the SQE.*