

Job of the week

Barrister

Key Skills

- Legal knowledge including court procedures and government regulations
- Excellent verbal communication skills
- Active listening skills
- Analytical thinking skills
- To be thorough and pay attention to detail
- The ability to think clearly using logic and reasoning
- The ability to accept criticism and work well under pressure
- Persuading skills
- To be able to use a computer and the main software packages competently

Salary

£21,000 - £200,000

Working hours

40 – 48 per week
Evenings/weekends
Away from home

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College

There are no college courses available to become a Barrister

University

You could do a degree in law to become a barrister. You also have the option to do a degree in any subject and complete a Graduate Diploma in Law afterwards.

Once you've graduated, you need to complete:

- the Bar Professional Training Course which takes one year
- a year of practical training called a pupillage

To get into some universities you'll need to pass the Law National Aptitude Test (LNAT).

Entry requirements

You'll usually need:

- 2 to 3 A levels, or equivalent, for a degree

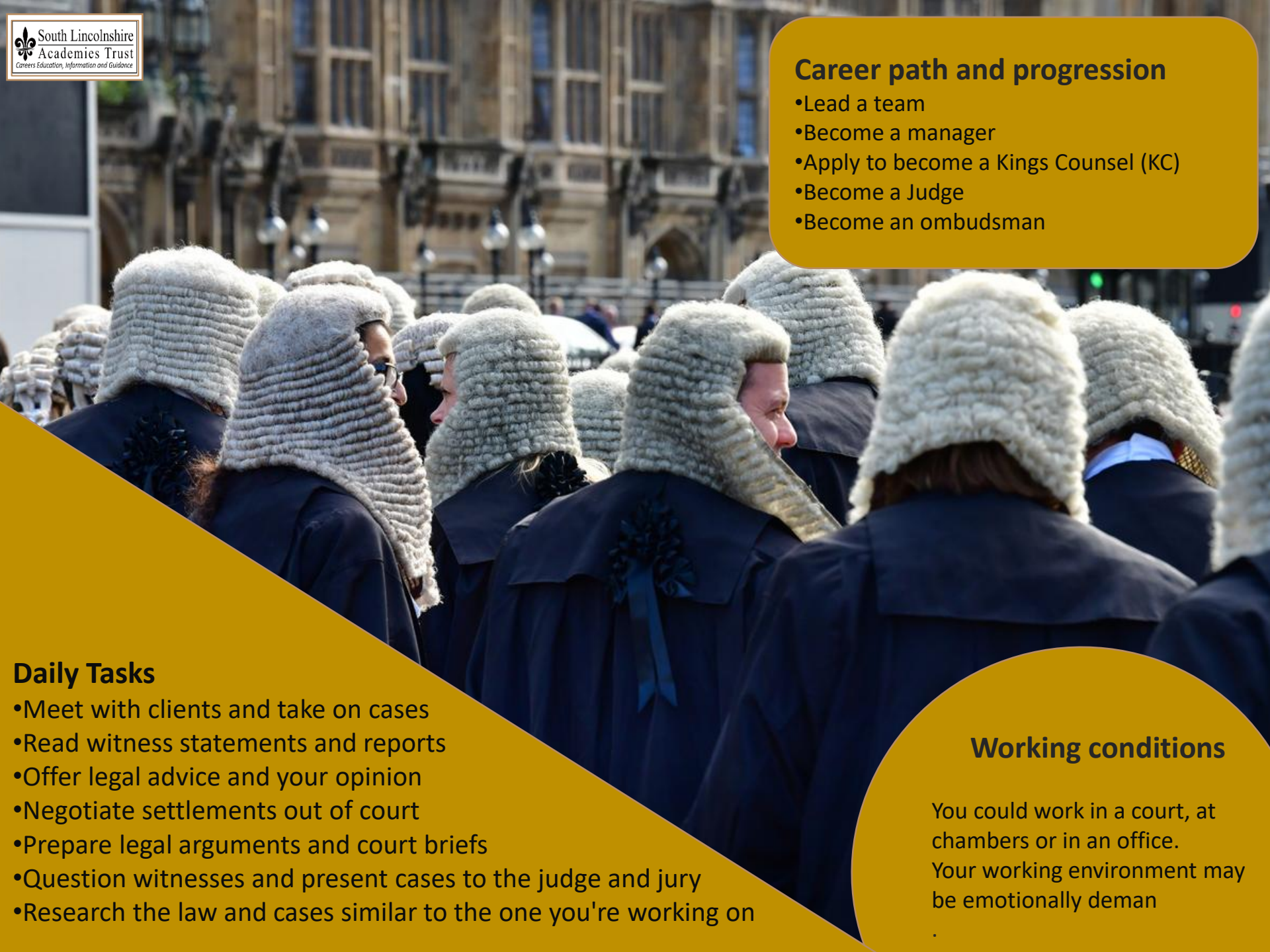
Work

You could start your career by working in a law firm or the law department of an organisation. With support from your employer, you could complete a qualification like the Level 6 Professional Higher Diploma in Law through the Chartered Institute of Legal Executives. If you're a solicitor, you can apply to become a barrister if you get approval from the Bar Standards Board and sit a Bar Transfer Test

Apprenticeship

Apprenticeships are not currently available to become a Barrister





Career path and progression

- Lead a team
- Become a manager
- Apply to become a Kings Counsel (KC)
- Become a Judge
- Become an ombudsman

Daily Tasks

- Meet with clients and take on cases
- Read witness statements and reports
- Offer legal advice and your opinion
- Negotiate settlements out of court
- Prepare legal arguments and court briefs
- Question witnesses and present cases to the judge and jury
- Research the law and cases similar to the one you're working on

Working conditions

You could work in a court, at chambers or in an office. Your working environment may be emotionally deman

Labour market Information

In the Careers section of the school website you can find the useful comparison tool the 'Labour Market Information widget'.
Use the widget to compare different job roles in any employment sector or relating specifically to the 'Job of the Week'.

Legal associate professionals	
Weekly Pay £870	Annual Pay £45,240
Hours/Week 37h	Hourly Pay £24
Workforce Change (projected)	
Growth 4.6%	
The workforce is projected to grow by 4.6% over the period to 2035, creating 2,700 jobs.	
You might find this job in Legal & accounting Public admin. & defence Auxiliary services Financial services Head offices, etc	
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Legal secretaries	
Weekly Pay £520	Annual Pay £27,040
Hours/Week 35h	Hourly Pay £15
Workforce Change (projected)	
Contraction -19.4%	
The workforce is projected to contract by -19.4% over the period to 2035, losing 11,000 jobs.	
You might find this job in Legal & accounting Public admin. & defence Membership organisations Other professional Computer programming, etc	
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Solicitors and lawyers	
Weekly Pay £1,170	Annual Pay £60,840
Hours/Week 36h	Hourly Pay £33
Workforce Change (projected)	
Growth 12.2%	
The workforce is projected to grow by 12.2% over the period to 2035, creating 26,100 jobs.	
You might find this job in Legal & accounting Public admin. & defence Sport & recreation Real estate Membership organisations	
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Labour Market Information



Legal associate professionals	
<p>Legal associate professionals provide administrative support for legal professionals and investigate and make recommendations on legal matters that do not fall within the province of a normal court of law.</p>	
<p>Common tasks in this job:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> runs chambers on behalf of principals, develops the practice, manages the flow of work, decides which cases to accept, arranges appropriate fees and prepares financial records ensures judges have the necessary legal other documents, manages their diary and carries out other administrative duties collates information, drafts briefs and other documents attends court to assist barristers and solicitors in the presentation of a case ensures their organisation complies with relevant regulations and their organisational policies 	
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Legal secretaries	
<p>Legal secretaries file and maintain legal and other records, transcribe notes and dictation into typewritten form and perform other routine clerical tasks in legal practices.</p>	
<p>Common tasks in this job:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> types letters and legal documents such as wills and contracts maintains court and clients' records, organises diaries and arranges appointments answers enquiries and directs clients to appropriate experts attends meetings and keeps records of proceedings 	
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Solicitors and lawyers	
<p>Solicitors advise and act on behalf of individuals, organisations, businesses and government departments in legal matters.</p>	
<p>Common tasks in this job:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> draws up contracts, leases, wills and other legal documents undertakes legal business on behalf of client in areas of business law, criminal law, probate, conveyancing and litigation, and acts as trustee or executor if required instructs counsel in higher and lower courts and pleads cases in lower courts as appropriate scrutinises statements, reports and legal documents relevant to the case being undertaken and prepares papers for court 	
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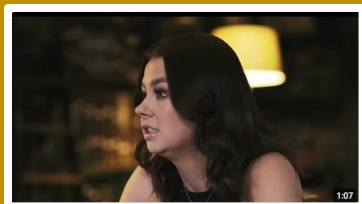
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[How Do You Become A Barrister UK? - United Kingdom Explorers.](#)

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