

# WILLKIE



1,300 LAWYERS | 16 OFFICES | 6 COUNTRIES



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## Welcome to Willkie

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We are proud to continue our trainee solicitor programme in London. We look forward to welcoming our seven new trainee solicitors in September 2026 and to meeting prospective trainees over the next 12 months.

Now is an exciting time to join Willkie in London, we were recently ranked as one of the fastest-growing firms in London over the past five years and recognised for our market-leading practices and lawyers in *Legal Business*' Global London 2024 report. Working here is not about maintaining the status quo but looking to the future with big ambitions. It allows for opportunity and initiative and there is a sense of excitement and pride amongst our people. At Willkie, you will work in small, nimble teams, alongside partners. Although challenging, this means that you will be integrated into deals and matters from the outset, giving you meaningful work and a platform to excel.

We want to recruit the very best talent, regardless of background. Having grown up in a council estate, attending a local comprehensive and being the first member of my family to attend university, I understand the importance of diversity and inclusion.

I hope you enjoy reading our brochure. I look forward to meeting you.

**PLAY FILM**  **Jane Scobie**  
Tax Partner and Training Principal



“At Willkie London, we all have a little bit of an entrepreneurial spirit, actually getting involved in seeing the firm take itself to the next level; our trainees will be part of that journey.”



**Peter Burrell**  
Managing Partner, London

## About Us



**1,300**  
lawyers

Approximately 1,300 lawyers  
across 16 offices

**Fastest**  
growing law firm in London

with headcount more than doubling since 2019,  
Willkie's London office is the fastest growing law  
firm in the capital (Legal Business)

**33%**  
female partners

33% of our London partnership  
are women

**35**  
practice area rankings

35 practice area rankings in the 2026 editions of  
*Chambers UK*, *Chambers Europe*, *Chambers France*  
and *Chambers Germany*

**68**  
lawyer rankings

68 lawyer rankings in the 2026 editions of  
*Chambers UK*, *Chambers Europe*, *Chambers France*  
and *Chambers Germany*



# Antitrust & Competition

Working closely with colleagues in our New York, Washington, Brussels, Paris and Frankfurt offices, our Antitrust & Competition team in London advises on a broad range of EU and UK competition matters, including complex cross-border and UK mergers, national security investment reviews, cartel investigations, dominance cases as well as competition litigation before the EU and English courts.

“Willkie’s expansion in London has been extraordinary – it has achieved this exceptional growth by giving associates the opportunity to grow and make a real impact at the firm. The partnership is committed to continuing this trajectory by identifying the stars of the future and investing in their careers.”

**Rahul Saha**  
Partner

The London practice was a finalist for Competition Team of the Year at the *Legal Business* Awards 2025

Shortlisted – “Merger Control Matter of the Year” at the Global Competition Review Awards 2026





# Asset Management

Willkie's market-leading Asset Management practice of around 125 lawyers across eight offices throughout Europe and the United States provides legal services to 250+ clients in the asset management industry, including privately owned sponsors and investment managers, publicly-traded asset management firms, broker dealers, insurance companies and banks, on fund formations, investments, restructurings, financings, mergers and acquisition transactions, compliance and regulation.

"At Willkie, you are really given the opportunity to thrive as a lawyer. We work on complex multi-jurisdictional transactions which means from day one, you gain experience of negotiations, drafting, being the point person for client interaction and driving matters forward, always with the support of the partner leading the deals. With the firm's excellent training programme for its junior lawyers, you also get the chance to put into practice everything you are learning whilst continuing to develop, not only on a personal level, but also on a professional one. The kind of hands-on experience you get at the firm is truly invaluable."

**Almahdi Coker**  
Associate

Globally ranked  
for Investment Funds &  
Asset Management  
(International &  
Cross-Border) by  
*Chambers Global 2026*



# Capital Markets

Willkie’s Capital Markets team in London handles debt and equity capital markets transactions in the UK, US and Europe. They complement Willkie’s finance and private equity groups to provide clients with the complete array of tools needed to achieve their goals. In particular, Willkie advises corporates and private equity sponsors on high yield bond offerings in leveraged buy-outs and refinancing transactions. In addition, the team works on public exit opportunities for private equity portfolio companies, such as IPOs.

Willkie’s Capital Markets practice also handles a variety of cutting-edge work, such as green and sustainability-linked bonds, emerging markets bond offerings, reverse takeovers and issuances in the insurance industry where Willkie has market-leading experience. They work seamlessly with Willkie’s restructuring and leveraged finance teams to advise on bond restructurings in stressed and distressed capital structures, including delivering all manner of liability management transactions such as consent solicitations, tender offers, exchange offers, and amend and extend transactions.

“One of the great things about Willkie is how much interaction you will have with partners. The matters that we work on tend to be complex and our teams are streamlined. This means that all levels need to pitch in and juniors get great exposure to partners as part of a small team. It’s a great way to learn from some of the best in the business.”

**David Griffiths**  
Partner





# Competition Litigation

Willkie's Competition Litigation team in London regularly acts in most of the high-profile, high-stakes competition disputes, usually at the cutting edge of competition law.

The team has shaped the overall antitrust and competition litigation landscape in a way that few others have, achieving judgments that have impacted the conduct of competition disputes.

We are particularly at the forefront of the development of the UK's collective action regime. As one of the only teams that regularly acts for claimants and defendants, we have a unique perspective.

Recent highlights include, representing Microsoft in defence of a proposed collective action seeking billions in damages arising from alleged anti-competitive practices in respect of the licencing of second hand software. The team also successfully secured a £200 million settlement in the landmark Merricks v Mastercard litigation, the largest ever settlement in a group litigation in the UK, and then obtained court approval for the settlement in a contested hearing with the litigation funder seeking to block the settlement.

"Trainees have access to market-leading work, and the tools required for a successful career, from day one. What sets Willkie apart are the people: via our mentoring and training programmes, partners, counsel and senior associates invest a huge amount of time to help develop associates and trainees' technical legal skills, alongside the provision of valuable advice as lawyers navigate their careers."

**Michelle Clarke**  
Partner

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Winner –  
Competition Team  
of the Year at the  
Legal Business Awards  
2025

Partner Boris  
Bronfentrinker was  
recognised by *The Lawyer*  
as one of only five partners  
to appear on four or more  
of the Top 20 Disputes  
in the UK over the  
past ten years

Partner Boris  
Bronfentrinker – Finalist –  
"Litigator of the Year"  
at the Global Competition  
Review Awards 2026.



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# Corporate Insurance

We are a corporate and transactional practice. We advise on high profile M&A, debt and equity capital markets, structured finance, risk transfer, longevity and regulatory matters on cross-border corporate transactions.

We have flexible teams. We uniquely allow lawyers to practise in each of those specialisms relevant to insurance industry transactions instead of only one legal practice area.

We have international and diverse clients. We are integrated with our pre-eminent practice of 100+ lawyers advising the leading general insurers, life insurers, reinsurers, insurance intermediaries, insurtechs, investment banks, brokers, and private equity and hedge funds on transactions in London, Europe, the United States and Bermuda.

Our London Insurance Team was named "Law Firm of the Year" at the Insurance Insider ILS Awards 2025

Insurance partner, Joseph Ferraro, was named "Lawyer of the Year 2025" for Insurance by *Best Lawyers UK*



“There is real interaction between partners, associates and trainees, meaning juniors learn directly from partners as part of our small teams working ethos. One of the best things about my role is helping develop our junior talent.”

**Melanie James**  
Partner





Willkie is recognised  
as one of the UK's leading  
Finance practices by  
*Chambers UK*, 2026  
for Banking & Finance:  
Sponsors

Willkie is  
recognised in the  
areas of Debt Capital  
Markets: High Yield and  
Equity Capital Markets:  
Mid-Large Cap by  
*The Legal 500*,  
UK 2026

## Finance

Willkie's Finance team in London represents clients in complex, high profile domestic and cross-border financing transactions. The team works closely with Willkie's leading corporate, restructuring, capital markets, insurance, real estate and tax groups to achieve timely, efficient and smooth execution of transactions.

We have deep knowledge of market terms in both large-cap and middle-market deals and the ability to execute all types of finance and capital markets transactions, including senior secured loans, asset backed and recurring revenue loans, high yield bonds, junior capital and preferred stock issuances.

Our ability to combine an expert understanding of credit fundamentals with broad exposure to the leveraged finance and private equity markets allows us to provide advice that is both commercial and constructive.

"I was on secondment for six months to an asset management company. As a junior associate, my secondment was invaluable in creating relationships with clients .... and bringing that back to the office. It ensures transactions run smoothly and helps us to best service our clients."



**Lindsay Murray**  
Associate



# International Arbitration

Willkie's International Arbitration practice in London comprises an international and multi-jurisdictional team of highly experienced international arbitration lawyers. Regularly acting for states, state-owned entities, individuals and businesses in the energy, mining, biotechnology, construction, financial services, pharmaceutical, private equity and defence industries, our team has acted as counsel in 200+ international ad hoc, as well as institutional, arbitrations.

"Willkie's exciting growth over the past five years, particularly in London, means it is a fantastic time to join the firm. There is a huge amount of collaboration between practice teams and office, emphasising the positive, welcoming culture that has been at the forefront of my experience since joining the London office in 2022."

**Dharshini Prasad**  
Partner

Willkie is recognised in GAR 100 2026, *Global Arbitration Review's* annual guide to the top international arbitration firms worldwide

Five Willkie lawyers globally recognized in Lexology Index: Arbitration 2026





## Litigation and Investigations & Enforcement

The team recently obtained a judgment for US\$850m against a number of defendants in one of the largest trials in recent Commercial Court history

Peter Burrell, Chair of Willkie's Litigation, Investigations & Enforcement, and White Collar Defense Practice Groups in London, was named to *The Lawyer* Hot 100 2024

Willkie's Litigation and Investigations & Enforcements team in London advises clients on high profile, multi-faceted and frequently cross border issues. Clients particularly turn to us when a problem can give rise to criminal, civil or regulatory enforcement proceedings, and in many cases all three. Our focus on financial crime means that we are frequently looking at bribery, sanctions and money laundering issues as well as insider trading and modern slavery. Acting for both individuals and public companies/financial institutions, the global team has conducted more than 100 internal investigations on the ground in dozens of countries in the last three years. We are also actively engaged on advising clients on sanctions and on risk mitigation strategies around ESG issues.

"In our team, trainees will be exposed to a huge variety of work relating to all aspects of white collar crime, both civil and criminal proceedings, innovative legal advice and bespoke compliance programmes. Consequently, Willkie trainees will need to be able to pick up and adapt to each task quickly. You will be challenged, but in a truly supportive environment."

**Yannis Yuen**  
Associate



# Private Equity and Mergers & Acquisitions

Willkie’s Private Equity practice is widely recognised as one of the market-leading teams in Europe and the United States, having advised private equity sponsors for over 50 years. Clients looked to our team for advice on more than 200 private equity deals in 2023 alone.

Globally, our 600+ private equity focused lawyers represent more than 300+ private equity sponsors, as well as thousands of portfolio companies and management teams. We are one of few international law firms with extensive experience in virtually every type of private equity transaction, from early-stage venture capital financings to complex cross-border, multi-billion dollar leveraged buyouts and take-private transactions.

Recent significant mandates includes advising Insight Partners on the sale of its majority stake in AMCS, a global leader in performance and sustainability software to resource-intensive industries, to EQT Private Equity; Levine Leichtman Capital Partners (LLCP) in connection with LLCP and ICG’s strategic partnership with Law Business Research; Searchlight Capital Partners in connection with a £500 million consortium investment in RSK Group Limited, a leading provider of environmental consulting and engineering solutions; and EMG, a portfolio company of PAI Partners, on its combination with Gravity Media, creating one of the world’s largest broadcast technology and production companies.



“At Willkie, we work in small teams of three or four people. This means our trainees work directly with partners and senior associates on market-leading deals, giving you client exposure and real responsibility from the outset.”

**Will Buchanan**  
Partner



Shortlisted for  
"Restructuring Team of  
the Year" and "High Yield  
Team of the Year" at the  
IFLR Europe Awards  
2025

#1 New Engagements,  
2026(Q1) – 9Fin European  
Restructuring & LME  
law firm league tables

## Restructuring

Willkie's Restructuring team works collaboratively with our international restructuring practices in New York, Houston, Chicago, Paris, Frankfurt, Hamburg, Munich and Milan. We focus on complex cross-border situations, and advise all stakeholders, including debtors, creditors and officeholders. Recent highlights include advising the noteholders on the restructuring and recapitalisation of the Lowell Group, one of Europe's largest credit management companies with significant operations in the UK, Western Europe and Scandinavia. This consensual recapitalisation transaction involved over £1.6 billion of senior secured notes.

"Trainees will be thrown into some really interesting and exciting transactions .... What's really interesting about restructuring is that it's high stakes, everyone has a lot to lose in a restructuring and some people have a lot to gain. Trainees will be able to see how we work, see how we negotiate and be in that environment with us."

**Graham Lane**  
Partner



# Tax

Willkie's Tax practice in London represents clients on corporate and international tax matters, including structures for UK and international business investments, and the tax aspects of public and private M&A, private equity investments, insurance, including Lloyd's, investment structures, joint ventures/ partnerships, fund formation, reorganisations and demergers, insolvency and restructurings, capital markets issues and employee share plans.

"Since joining Willkie, I have consistently felt that the partners are very invested in seeing that everyone at the firm achieves their potential and has a successful career. I have been consistently encouraged to take on as much responsibility as I can handle on client matters. Partners have always been supportive in seeking additional development opportunities to progress my practice."

**Scott Wallace**  
Associate





# Inclusion & Community

Inclusion and community are at the heart of Willkie’s values, in our London office and at the firm generally. 2023 saw the re-launch of our Working Group in London and the appointment of partner Kirsty Maclean to lead our Inclusion initiatives in London, supported by a working group which represents partners, associates, trainees, paralegals and business professional staff. This re-invigoration represents a step-up in energy and support of our Inclusion strategy and goals.

Our efforts to enhance Inclusion at Willkie has resulted in widespread recognition:

Our efforts to enhance inclusion at Willkie has resulted in widespread recognition: in 2024, Willkie again received Mansfield Certified Plus status in the U.S. in recognition of our success in building a diverse leadership, highlighting the firm’s effective, long-term focus on recruiting, developing and promoting lawyers of all backgrounds.

London initiatives include:

**Affinity Groups**

We have several active affinity groups, aimed at promoting inclusiveness and community in London. Groups include members representing the LGBTQI+ community, parents, the Jewish community, neurodiversity and those with minority ethnic heritage. We also have the London Chapter of the Women’s Professional Development Committee (WPDC). The WPDC was established more than a decade ago to offer professional development programmes and guidance.

**Mentoring**

Trainees, paralegals and associates benefit from our mentoring programme. Trainees are assigned one partner and two associate mentors each year, with mentor pairing rotating each year until associates reach 6PQE. Our mentoring programme provides the opportunity for our people to enhance their visibility and benefit from career guidance and practical advice from other professionals across several practice areas.

**RARE**

Willkie is proud to partner with Rare Recruitment on two initiatives: Rare’s Contextual Recruitment System and Vantage. Partnering with Rare means social mobility measures and educational data are embedded into our recruitment process. This means we will better understand your academic achievements.

**GROW**

Willkie London is delighted to work with GROW, a registered charity which works with aspiring lawyers (67% of whom are socially mobile and 51% from an ethnic minority background) through one-to-one mentoring. Some 20 per cent of our London partners, associates and trainees have volunteered to mentor one or two GROW candidates.



“I am deeply committed to further advancing Inclusion in the legal profession and want to ensure that Willkie London is a workplace where all our people feel that they belong.”

**Kirsty Maclean**  
Partner



# Pro Bono

## Pro Bono

In London, our lawyers work on a number of different projects, both in the UK and the US, some of which are listed below. Our London office encourages our lawyers to introduce new pro bono matters to the firm. Additionally, our London lawyers work in partnership with attorneys in our US offices on immigration, family law and other pro bono matters.

**A4ID (Advocates for International Development):**

A4ID supports development organisations, such as charities in need of pro bono legal assistance throughout the world. Their work is focused around the UN Sustainable Development Goals/2030 Agenda and provides trainees and associates with varied pro bono work across different types of entities.

**Cleantech Accelerator Programme:**

The Green Tech Legal Collaborative, a groundbreaking pro bono initiative founded by Willkie, Bloomberg L.P. and other firms, has been shortlisted for ESG Programme of the Year at the 2024 Legal Business Awards. The Green Tech Legal Collaborative, launched in 2021, provides pro bono legal and compliance support for green tech start-ups from Imperial College’s Enterprise Lab.

**IPSEA (Independent Provider of Special Education Advice):**

Our involvement with IPSEA is new and is an example of the London office’s continued expansion and commitment to pro bono. Willkie assists IPSEA in supporting the families of children with special educational needs and disabilities through the provision of legal services.

**Probonoskills** provides educational resources to those providing legal assistance so that they can do more, help more, and achieve more for local communities. London associates, trainees and paralegals have delivered webinars and provided other materials to facilitate access to pro bono resources.

**Rainbow Migration** supports LGBTQI+ people from around the globe through the UK’s asylum and immigration system. Willkie lawyers have taken on individual cases on behalf of Rainbow Migration’s service users. This involves interviewing service users, drafting necessary documentation and visiting the Home Office.

## Community work

We recognise the need to partner with local communities and, in London, we partner with a local school, providing work experience placements for at least two Year 11 or 12 students each year. Additionally, we have one paid apprenticeship a year, for a school leaver to work in our business services team. A number of our lawyers in London regularly mentor a Law student from Queen Mary University of London to provide advice on a career in law and to help develop each mentee’s commercial awareness.

## Willkie Green

For more than a decade, Willkie has implemented myriad sustainability initiatives to reduce our environmental impact. These have spanned programs related to energy and water, technology, waste, travel, and procurement, as well as pro bono and community involvement. Willkie is committed to be net zero across its operations by 2050 and works internally on developing a transition towards sustainability in the short and long term.

The London office’s pro bono work has been recognised by independent bodies across the legal industry including:

- 28 Willkie lawyers named to the 2025 Pro Bono Recognition List of England & Wales
- ESG Programme of the Year – The Green Tech Legal Collaborative won this at the Legal Business Awards 2024, and also won the LawWorks Most Effective Pro Bono Partnership Award



“Our pro bono programme encourages everyone to work on matters which are of fundamental importance to individual lives. We are proud to partner with a number of charities, including Rainbow Migration.”

**Jerry Healy**  
Partner and Graduate Recruitment Partner

 For more information on current initiatives, you can visit Willkie’s annual Sustainability Report here.



# Training Contracts

Our training contract is designed to give you broad experience across a range of practice areas over the course of two years. From an early stage, you will take on genuine responsibility and work alongside partners and other team members who provide hands-on mentoring and individual support throughout your training.

Our training contract programme is structured around four six-month seats, giving trainees exposure to a range of contentious and transactional practices. Trainees will complete both a contentious seat (litigation, competition litigation or international arbitration) and a transactional seat (private equity or corporate insurance) during their training contract. For their remaining two seats, trainees can choose from any of the firm’s other practice groups: asset management, capital markets, competition and antitrust, competition litigation, corporate insurance, finance, international arbitration, litigation, private equity, restructuring and tax.

Trainees get to work on exciting, multijurisdictional cases and transactions and will take on a high level of responsibility. Our teams are lean, and trainees gain first-hand experience working with our partners and associates. Trainees are trusted with genuine responsibility on complex, industry-leading matters from the outset.

Our training contract provides an environment where junior lawyers can excel and be challenged, with strong support throughout. When trainees join us, they will have a comprehensive one-week induction that



focuses on developing the key skills expected of a successful trainee. Day-to-day, trainees share an office with their supervisor, ensuring involvement, coaching, and continuous feedback throughout their seat. Trainees also have one-to-one support from our dedicated Trainee Development and Learning & Development teams. We are proud to have retained all, 100%, of trainee solicitors in 2026, with all qualifying trainees accepting permanent positions with the firm. This reflects our commitment to developing and investing in our trainees, and the supportive, high-quality training environment we provide.

It’s an exciting time to join Willkie London. It is the fastest growing law firm in London – with headcount more than doubling since 2019 – and we are looking for self-starters who want to contribute to a dynamic, growing workplace, and who have a genuine interest in Willkie and our clients.



“Working on real live matters while on the Willkie vacation scheme was a great experience. Within the two week period, the firm provided the opportunity to work on exciting, multijurisdictional cases and transactions. Gaining first-hand experience in working in lean teams with partner contact helped me make the decision to train and qualify at Willkie as I was keen to challenge myself within a supportive environment.”

**Christopher Selwyn**  
Vacation scheme 2021, training contract 2023, and associate 2025





“During my vacation scheme, I was involved in real client work, from drafting board minutes to joining client calls, as well as contributing to pro bono matters. What stood out to me most was the culture of support. My supervisors were genuinely invested in my development, offering tailored guidance that accelerated my learning. This has only continued to prove true since commencing my Training Contract. I have been given the right tools and guidance to thrive from day one, surrounded by brilliant yet approachable people who care about my growth and continue to support me at every stage.”

**Maroua Benbrahim**  
Trainee solicitor

## Vacation Schemes

We are proud of our vacation schemes at Willkie Farr & Gallagher, and we offer structured work experience involving exposure to the day-to-day realities of a trainee solicitor. Our vacation schemes are designed to give our participants a genuine insight into who we are, what we do, and what life as a trainee at the firm looks like.

We exclusively recruit our trainee solicitors through our vacation schemes. We have 20 places on each scheme and we will allocate participants to a scheme at the offer stage, taking individual circumstances into account. This year, we are recruiting participants to start their training contract in September 2028 and September 2029.

### About our Vacation Schemes

We run two schemes per year, Spring and Summer, and every participant on our schemes will be considered for a training contract. Each scheme runs for two weeks, and during that time our participants will work alongside our trainees, associates and partners on real, meaningful work and will assist on live matters. Participants will sit in two different practice groups, giving them the chance to experience two distinct areas of the firm, and they will share an office with their supervisor. They will also be supported by a trainee buddy and the graduate recruitment team. Throughout the scheme, our participants are treated like a trainee, and will attend practice area talks, training sessions, networking events, and social events with our lawyers. We pay our vacation scheme students £750 per week to cover any expenses.

If you are a penultimate-year law student, a final year undergraduate (law and non-law), a graduate, a postgraduate or a career changer, then you are eligible to apply. We welcome applicants from all universities and degree disciplines. We are looking for consistently strong academics, and you must be on track for, or have achieved, a 2:1 in your undergraduate degree.

### Application Process

Our application process takes place in four stages. Please note only those successful at each stage go forward to the subsequent stage:

- Online application form;
- Video interview;
- Written analytical exercise: to ensure fairness, the written exercise is marked by at least two different associates from Willkie's London office. Neither marker will have seen any applications or video interviews and each exercise is marked on a name-blind basis; and
- Partner interview: our interviews are conducted on a CV-blind basis, and will include suitability questions and a commercial case study.

The application deadline for our Spring and Summer Vacation Schemes 2027 is **Monday, 7 December 2026**.



To apply, please click here

For any questions, please connect with us at [graduaterecruitment@willkie.com](mailto:graduaterecruitment@willkie.com)



# Salary and Benefits

|          |          |                 |
|----------|----------|-----------------|
| £60,000  | £65,000  | £180,000        |
| Year one | Year two | Newly qualified |

### Law School

For those who have accepted a training contract with us, we offer full sponsorship of the SQE which covers course fees in full and a £20,000 maintenance grant, pro-rated.

We will ask future trainees to complete the SQE and we partner with the University of Law to deliver market-leading qualifications that we believe will prepare our future trainees for practice. All future trainees will study the LLM Legal Practice, which incorporates preparation for SQE 1 & 2 as well as the SQE Plus, an enhanced programmed designed to go beyond the standard SQE syllabus to ensure our trainees can be confident in their ability to hit the ground running.

Future trainees who have not studied law in England and Wales will take the nine-month Postgraduate Diploma in Law, before the LLM Legal Practice, to ensure they have a solid academic foundation in law.

### Benefits

Our benefits include: 25 days’ annual leave, private medical care, private dentalcare, employer pension contribution, health & well-being allowance, lunch vouchers (every Thursday and every other Monday), tuck shop of snacks, eye tests, interest-free season ticket loan, life insurance plan, Cycle to Work scheme, employee assistance programme for employees and their families.

### Life at Willkie

We hold a retreat every two years for all European lawyers. Most recently, in 2025, over 200 Willkie lawyers from all our European offices gathered in Venice.

The London office is sociable, with monthly informal gatherings, office-wide summer and Christmas parties, plus an annual ski trip (“Willski”) (contributory). We also have a running club, tennis club and football team, for all abilities and genders. Our affinity groups also host office-wide events.

We take part in a variety of fund-raising events with our annual charities (chosen by our people). In 2026, the firm participated in the Tour de Law, the Great City Race, the Thames Walking Challenge and The Great Willkie Bake Off.



“I came into the UK as an immigrant and to be given the opportunity to grow and thrive in my chosen profession has been a part of my entire journey. Diversity is also diversity of thought. If you are able to articulate positions that are different from the mainstream, then you bring something different to the firm and difference increases our collective knowledge and increases our delivery of service to clients.”

**PLAY FILM**  **Solomon Wifa**  
Partner



“Since starting my training contract, I have been trusted with genuine responsibility on complex, live matters from the outset. Working in lean teams with direct partner contact has meant I am constantly learning and developing, not just technically but in how I approach problems and communicate with colleagues and clients. The supportive, collaborative culture I experienced during my vacation scheme has proved even stronger as a trainee and I genuinely look forward to what each new seat brings. It is a place where you are challenged and supported in equal measure, and I feel I am building the foundations of a career I am truly excited about.”

**Jonas Oswald**  
Trainee solicitor



“One of the greatest advantages of training at Willkie is the size of the teams. Working in smaller, leaner groups means you quickly get to know the people you work with and build strong relationships across the firm. This fosters trust and gives you the opportunity to take on meaningful, substantive work from an early stage. The work is demanding, but it has accelerated my development considerably, and the support and willingness of colleagues to help has made the experience incredibly rewarding.”

**Lucas Prokopi**  
Trainee solicitor



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