



# Role description

Deputy Director of Risk  
London

# The opportunity for you

## Executive summary

This is a senior specialist position at the heart of Taylor Wessing's Risk Management function. The role is responsible for driving high-quality AML and financial crime compliance across the firm.

Working closely with the Business Acceptance Manager, MLRO, Director of Risk, Head of Risk and other senior stakeholders, you will act as a trusted subject-matter expert on AML processes, sanctions, conflicts, data, OCGs and regulatory expectations.

This role is a short term role to support the existing Head of Risk who will be focussing (almost exclusively) on project work during this period.

This role is ideal for a senior risk/AML professional with strong analytical capability, excellent regulatory awareness, and the confidence to influence senior stakeholders in a fast-paced legal environment.

- Acting as the principal point of contact partners and other fee-earners in relation to business acceptance issues.
- Overall day-to-day responsibility (together with the Head of Risk) for Business Acceptance within the firm, including acting as a point of escalation where necessary for the Business Acceptance Manager who supervises the team of Business Acceptance Analysts based in our Liverpool office.
- Advising the firm (with the assistance of the MLRO) on any sanctions related queries.
- Supporting the MLRO with dealing with law enforcement agencies (including the National Crime Agency) on escalations to those entities.
- Advising partners and fee earners on conflicts of interest and financial crime issues and assisting the Director of Risk in the resolution of national and international commercial conflicts.
- Keeping up-to-date with changes in relevant legislation, policies, procedures, and practices, and ensuring that appropriate training is delivered to the firm.
- Assisting the firm with, and being the principal point of contact for the annual AML Risk Assessment and the annual Independent AML audit.
- Supervising the response to Outside Counsel Guidelines and Client Questionnaires.

### Job title

Deputy Head of Risk

### Recruiting manager

Director of Risk and MLRO

### Department

Risk Management

### Working hours

Monday to Friday (09:30 – 17:30)

Working at least 3 days a week from our offices.

### Location

London

### Perm/FTC

6 month FTC

### Salary

Competitive

### Working pattern

We are committed to finding the right person for this role and are open to discussing flexible working patterns.

# The opportunity for you

## Knowledge, skills & experience

- Strong technical understanding of UK AML regulations and financial crime obligations within a legal or professional services context.
- Experience supporting or delivering AML risk assessments, audits or regulatory reviews.
- Skilled at interpreting complex information, identifying risks, and forming evidence-based recommendations.
- Ability to manage the resolution of risk conflicts of interest both with regard to the applicable regulatory requirements and taking account of the competing needs of the firm's partners and international offices.
- Ability to communicate effectively with individuals and teams at all levels across the firm's UK and international practices.
- Understands the demands of fee earners and is able to provide commercial solutions under pressure.
- Able to manage a range of projects effectively to completion.
- Shares knowledge across the team and provides ongoing instruction and support.
- Calm and professional in the face of competing demands.
- Leads by example;
  - Approaches challenges logically, identifying issues in complex situations and communicating solutions effectively.
  - Excellent time management and organisational skills.
  - Actively promotes teamwork across the risk management team, promoting a team culture that encourages co-operation, support and knowledge sharing.

## Essential experience

- Significant experience working in business acceptance in the legal sector or professional services firm.
- Significant experience in AML, financial crime, risk or compliance in a professional services environment.
- Experience in a senior or supervisory role.

# About us

Taylor Wessing is a global law firm that serves the world's most innovative people and businesses.

Deeply embedded within our sectors, we work closely together with our clients to crack complex problems, enabling ideas and aspirations to thrive. Together we challenge expectation and create extraordinary results. By shaping the conversation in our sectors, we enable our clients to unlock growth, protect innovation and accelerate ambition.

## Our UK sector focus



Technology, Media  
& Communications



Private Wealth



Real Estate,  
Infrastructure & Energy



Life Sciences  
& Healthcare

## Our areas of expertise

- Banking & Finance
- Brands & Advertising
- Commercial & Consumer Contracts
- Competition, EU & Trade
- Copyright & Media Law
- Corporate Crime & Compliance
- Corporate/M&A & Capital Markets
- Data Protection & Cyber
- Disputes & Investigations
- Employment, Pensions & Mobility
- Environmental, Planning & Regulatory
- Financial Services Regulation
- Information Technology
- Patents & Innovation
- Private Client
- Private Equity
- Projects, Energy & Infrastructure
- Real Estate & Construction
- Restructuring & Insolvency
- Tax
- Venture Capital

## Challenge expectation, together

With our team based across Europe, the Middle East, US and Asia, we work with clients wherever they want to do business. We blend the best of local commercial, industry and cultural knowledge with international experience to provide proactive, integrated solutions across the full range of service areas.

**1250+** lawyers | **350+** partners | **26** offices | **16** jurisdictions

# About us

## The way we work

At Taylor Wessing, we never settle for average. We're creative thinkers, problem solvers and continuous learners who excel at what we do and believe our best work is still ahead of us. We are a firm that's large enough for you to achieve your ambitions, but connected enough to be a true community.

You are joining an inclusive culture that allows you to be yourself and balance your work and home commitments. You'll gain access to high-end technology, agile processes and the trust to deliver your best work in a flexible way whilst spending the balance of your time with colleagues in our offices.

## Employee development and career progression

We recognise that our business services professionals are integral to our success and are therefore dedicated to their career development. We offer comprehensive development plans designed to support the growth of our business services people in their respective roles. From technical training to softer skills, these plans are crafted to ensure that our people realise and reach their full professional potential, but also complement our firmwide strategic goals allowing both the firm and our people to flourish.

For a detailed look at these development opportunities and how they can support your career progression, please refer to our [Always Learning Brochure](#). This document will provide an in-depth view of our commitment to skill development and show you the support network available as you advance within Taylor Wessing.

# About us

## Investing in you | Tailored benefits

Your wellbeing is always our priority and we are proud to offer bold and progressive ways of working alongside an excellent range of benefits and perks designed to support you and your family.

### Key benefits

- 25 days' annual leave
- Life assurance
- Group personal pension – salary sacrifice
- Income protection
- In-house and digital GP services

### Health and wellness benefits

- Annual wellbeing allowance
- Private medical insurance (individual)
- Health assessments
- Dental insurance
- Critical illness insurance
- Flu vaccinations
- Eye tests
- Employee assistance programme
- GymFlex
- Counselling sessions

### Lifestyle benefits

- Enhanced family leave – after one year qualifying service, you are entitled to up to 26 weeks leave full pay if you or your partner give birth or adopt a child
- Salary sacrifice electric car scheme (UK staff only)
- Cycle to work scheme
- Payroll giving
- Technology loan
- Health cash plan
- National Art Pass
- Financial wellbeing support
- Interest free season ticket loan
- Cloud Nine – our subsidised restaurant and coffee bar (London only)

# Taylor Wessing in London



Located in central London, our office is a stone's throw from some of the UK's biggest names in technology, fashion and retail, as well as the courts housing the capital's legal profession.

In 2023, we faced the choice whether to move to a new location in London or stay in 5 New Street Square. We decided to stay and invest in an extensive refurbishment as this would have less of an environmental impact than building and fitting out a brand-new space.

We're now back in 5 New Street Square and we look forward to clients and other guests experiencing our reimagined, modernised and more sustainable premises.

## Why London?

London is one of the top financial centres in the world and a key international tech hub. Our UK lawyers combine their deep understanding of the law with their outstanding market knowledge to support some of the most innovative businesses across the technology, media and communications, life sciences and healthcare, real estate, infrastructure and energy and private wealth sectors that do business in the capital and beyond.

We thrive on the challenge of keeping ahead of legal and regulatory developments to advise our clients in these dynamic sectors who are pushing the envelope in terms of the products they develop and offer and the business and economic models they operate. Our UK and international strength in M&A, disputes and intellectual property complements our focus on our key sectors.

## Our London team

Working alongside our lawyers, teams based in our London office support our UK and international business operations, including:

- IT
- Strategic Digital Ventures
- Finance
- Talent
- Risk
- Business Transformation
- Business Development, Marketing and Communications.

Anyone who works for Taylor Wessing in London becomes part of a fully integrated, UK-wide team. This is a fantastic firm for talented people who are intellectually curious, ambitious and want to work in one of the best cities in the world.

# Our values

## What we stand for

We are a community of independent thinkers, connected by our values and our drive to challenge expectation. Our values shape what we do and how we do it. We have built a team that reflects the firm's core values and which exemplifies inclusivity. To learn more, [click here](#).

Excellence

Creative

Responsible

Team

Integrity

Respect

## Acting responsibly, together

We're committed to being a responsible business and taking accountability for our actions.

We have high ethical standards and take care of our people. We're reducing the footprint we leave in nature and engaging with our communities through cultural and charity work. Being a responsible business means we're active members of our broader society, of the legal community, and of our clients' sectors.

Whether it's building an inclusive workplace, reducing our waste or supporting the arts; we're actively working together to build a better business, and a more sustainable world.

Find out more about our responsible business initiatives [online](#).

Read our latest impact report by clicking the link below.



**Our Responsible Business  
Impact Report 2024**

[Read the report](#)

# Diversity & Inclusion

## Mansfield Certification



We are proud to announce that we have achieved Mansfield Rule UK Certification Plus for the 2024–2025 period, reaffirming our dedication to diversity, equity, and inclusion within the legal sector.

We're committed to delivering an inclusive culture and a progressive environment where we empower all our people to lead, learn and grow. The Mansfield Rule keeps us and the wider legal profession accountable for achieving and surpassing these goals; over the last year alone the Mansfield Rule has helped us continue to focus on monitoring our recruitment and promotion activities, as well as improving the diversity of our firm.

We've seen tangible changes in our firm from championing diverse voices across all areas of our business, something we want to see continue to flourish in the years to come and with Mansfield as a key partner in building in an inclusive environment for all.

## Inclusive Recruitment Charter

Take a look at our new Inclusive Recruitment Charter...

The Charter builds on some of our great initiatives from the last year, like taking part in the 10,000 Black Interns programme, introducing mandatory inclusion training for all our people, and achieving Mansfield Certification Plus.

Learn more about our commitments to being a responsible business by [clicking here](#)

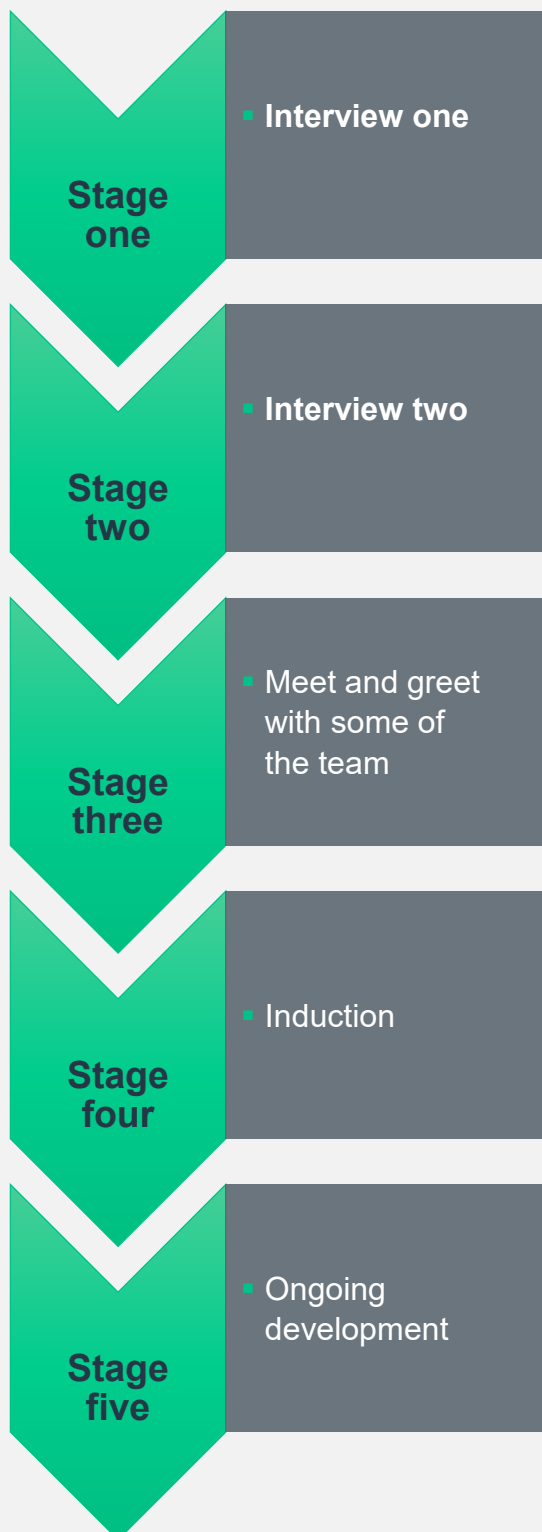
## Responsible Business Networks

We embrace individuality and bring diverse teams together, creating an inclusive work environment where all of our talent can flourish. Our inclusion programme has five priority areas, each with partner champions and network groups, in addition to other networks and societies that bring people together within the responsible business programme.

### Our current networks include:

- Arts Society
- Balance in Business - our gender balance network
- Cultural Diversity network
- equaliTW - our LGBTQ+ network
- Family Matters network
- Social Mobility network
- Sustainability network
- Wellbeing network

# Your recruitment journey



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**2700+ people**  
**1250+ lawyers**  
**350+ partners**  
**26 offices**  
**16 jurisdictions**

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Austria	Vienna	Italy**	Milan   Rome
Belgium	Brussels	Mexico*	Mexico City
Brazil*	Belo Horizonte   Brasília   Rio de Janeiro   São Paulo	Netherlands	Amsterdam   Eindhoven
Chile*	Santiago de Chile	Nicaragua*	Managua
China	Beijing   Shanghai	Panama*	Panama City
Colombia*	Bogotá   Bogotá, main office	Peru*	Lima
Costa Rica*	Guanacaste   San José	Poland	Warsaw
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