

Role description

Competition Associate
London

The opportunity for you

Key responsibilities

This role will suit a bright associate with partner aspirations who is looking to develop their career within a friendly team that is recognised for its expertise in the area, at a firm with strong growth ambitions for the coming years.

The ideal associate will want to have full involvement in client matters (supported by the supervising partner), including a high level of client contact as well as continuous involvement in the strategic aspects of client matters.

The candidate should also be enthusiastic about business development. This includes the development of the firm's and the candidate's own brand in the market, as well as strengthening existing and building new client relationships. Business development, including collaboration with the firm's practice and sector groups, will be a key area of focus for the practice.

Knowledge, skills & experience

Candidates should be UK qualified solicitors with circa 2 – 4 PQE, or equivalent qualifications and experience in an EU jurisdiction.

Candidates should ideally have experience in the following areas.

- Strong competition law experience in relation to EU and UK competition law, including handling merger control and foreign investment matters, acting on public enforcement matters, and advising on horizontal and vertical agreements as well as unilateral conduct. We recognise that not all candidates at this level will necessarily have strong experience in all these areas, and if so, it will be important that the candidate is self-motivated to acquire that experience and knowledge, with appropriate support from the team.
- Exposure and experience of business development activities.

Job title

Competition Associate

Recruiting manager

Stephen Whitfield

Department

IP, Regulatory and Digital

Working hours

Monday to Friday (09:30 – 17:30)

Working at least 3 days a week from our offices.

Location

London

Perm/FTC

Permanent

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

The following skills are essential:

- Excellent analytical and communication skills
- A strong commercial focus
- Good client facing skills
- A commitment to business development
- Good financial management
- Strong academics

The Team

The Competition team currently comprises 2 partners and 1 senior counsel.

The team handles the full range of competition law and economic regulatory matters for its clients, including dealing with competition investigations, obtaining merger control and foreign investment clearances, resolving competition law disputes including follow on damages litigation, dealing with sector inquiries and market studies/investigations, advising on commercial agreements and corporate documents, and providing guidance on compliance with competition law. The team also have significant experience in competition litigation, representing companies in front of the Competition Appeals Tribunal and the European Court of Justice, as well as advising on competition matters in the context of IP litigation.

The team works across all sectors, and collaborates closely with the firm's market leading sector and practice specialists in areas such as tech, life sciences, telecoms, media and financial services (in particular fintech).

The Team



Paolo Palmigiano
Partner, London

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Paolo Palmigiano is the head of our Competition, Trade and Foreign Investment practice. Qualified in England & Wales and in Italy, Paolo has over two decades of experience advising on EU and UK competition law, both in private practice and in house, in regulated sectors such as telecommunications and media, financial services and payment systems, as well as in the tech and life sciences sectors.

Paolo's extensive experience extends to all areas of competition law including cartels, abuse of dominance, investigations, mergers, state aid and follow-on damages claims. He has advised on vertical agreements and information exchanges. He has created and implemented antitrust compliance programmes and handled dawn raids situations as well as possessing deep experience in competition litigation. He has often represented clients in front of the Competition Appeals Tribunal and the European Court of Justice.



Stephen Whitfield
Partner, London

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Stephen represents clients on all aspects of contentious and non-contentious competition law, including merger control matters, UK National Security & Investment Act reviews, foreign direct investment clearances, investigations by competition authorities, as well as competition litigation.

Stephen acts for a diverse range of clients, including private equity investors, management teams, investee companies, listed companies, privately held companies, financial institutions, and trade associations.

Stephen's expertise covers a broad range of sectors including technology, financial services, infrastructure, utilities, life sciences, construction, sports, media, consumer products and brands.

Stephen is regularly recognised by the legal directories, as well as having been shortlisted for "Partner of the Year" at the British Legal Awards, and in the "Innovative Lawyers in Private Capital" category at the Financial Times Innovative Lawyers Awards.

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 are committed to fostering an environment of continuous professional growth. Our dedicated approach to employee development ensures that each member of the firm receives the support and resources necessary to achieve their career aspirations. In line with this commitment, we have tailored development plans that align with both individual goals and our firm's strategic vision.

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](#)

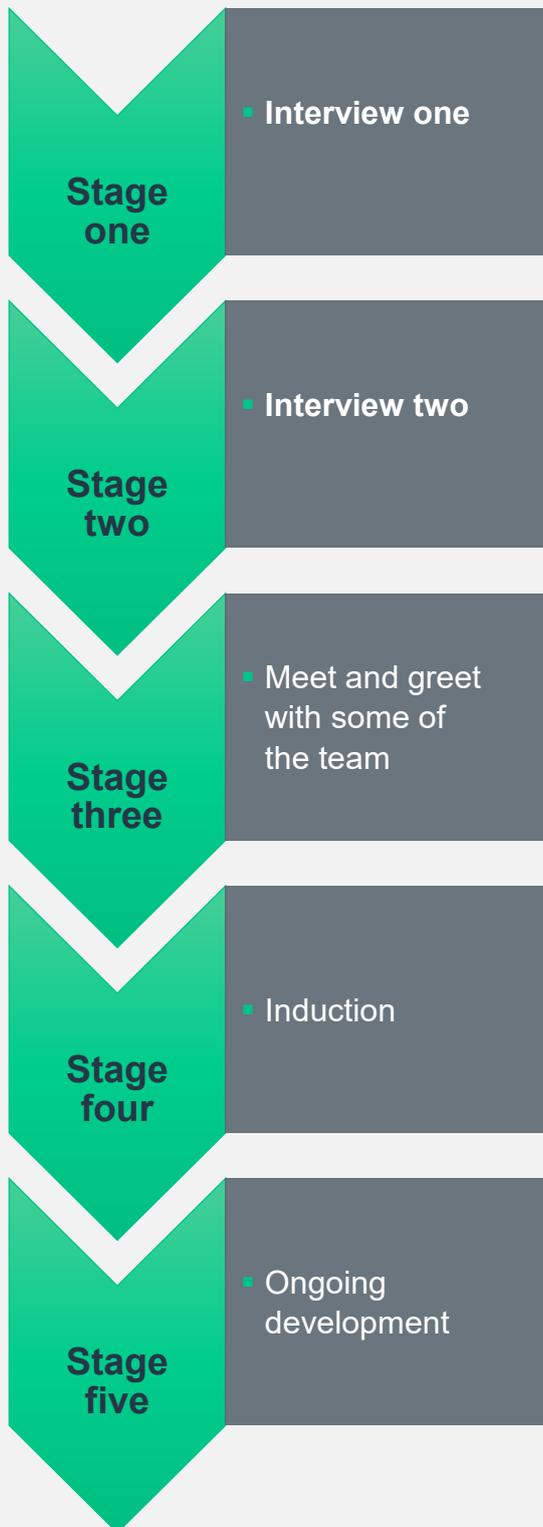
Responsible Business Networks

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

Argentina*	Buenos Aires	Ireland	Dublin
Austria	Vienna	Italy**	Milan Rome
Belgium	Brussels	Mexico*	Mexico City
Brazil*	Belo Horizonte Brasilia 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
Czech Republic	Brno Prague	Portugal*	Braga Lisbon Porto
Dominican Republic*	Santo Domingo	Puerto Rico*	San Juan
Ecuador*	Cuenca Guayaquil Manta Quito	Slovakia	Bratislava
El Salvador*	San Salvador	South Korea**	Seoul
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Germany	Berlin Düsseldorf Frankfurt Hamburg Munich	UAE	Dubai
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