

Role description

Employment Associate
Cambridge

The opportunity for you

Executive summary

This is an exciting opportunity for the successful candidate to work closely with a Partner and a Senior Associate based in our Cambridge office, working with exciting innovation companies – and funders - leading pioneering research and commercialising novel solutions into next-generation medicines, tech solutions and community projects, while also collaborating with the wider team located in London, Liverpool, Ireland and beyond.

Key responsibilities

The successful candidate will be involved with a variety of matters, which will include:

- Advising founders, and those responsible for talent growth, including In-house Counsel, boards and other senior personnel on strategic people matters, talent growth frameworks, policies and procedures and complex employee relations issues, with a focus on supporting business growth and scaling objectives.
- Advising global organisations on talent/legal objectives in the UK and advising UK growth organisations on their global expansion plans, including how to engage and retain talent in other geographies.
- Working alongside colleagues with leading capability in venture capital, IP, brand and community matters to support all pillars of growth for scaling innovation businesses.
- Working on conflict resolution and contentious disputes for employer or employees, including Employment Tribunal and High Court litigation.
- Working with the Cambridge based and wider team to support the growth objectives within the Oxbridge innovation cluster.

Job title

Employment Associate

Recruiting manager

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Department

Employment

Working hours

Monday to Friday (09:30 – 17:30)

Working at least 3 days a week from our offices.

Location

Cambridge

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Permanent

Salary

Competitive

Working pattern

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

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Knowledge, skills & experience

- Candidates must be UK qualified lawyers with circa 1 - 3 years' PQE in the UK and experience in the relevant areas described above.
- The following experience/skills are essential:
- A keen interest in the Cambridge and Oxford ecosystems, with particular focus on the technology and life sciences sectors, and a genuine enthusiasm for working with scaling innovation businesses.
- Bright with strong technical ability.
- Good commercial acumen with an entrepreneurial attitude and a client-centric approach.
- A demonstrable willingness and commitment to be active in business development, attending networking events and building relationships in the market.
- Good listening and written communication skills.
- Experience of, or demonstrable potential for, performing a lead role in negotiations and transaction management.
- A high level of client contact and previous responsibility for managing client files with appropriate supervision.
- A proactive, collaborative approach and willingness to grow professionally within a dynamic team supporting scaling businesses.

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 Cambridge



Operating in the heart of Cambridge for over 20 years, we offer a full-service legal solution for clients ranging from IP-rich start-ups to technology and life sciences companies that are rapidly scaling up.

Alongside our work for these companies, we advise local, national and international investors seeking to secure investments in Europe's largest technology and life sciences innovation hub.

Why Cambridge?

Cambridge is Europe's largest technology and life sciences cluster. IP-rich start-ups and large multinationals including Amazon, Apple, Microsoft and AstraZeneca have established a presence in the city to access its leading innovation capabilities and talent pipeline.

Over 25,000 companies are based in Cambridge, where they're hard at work developing the future of deeptech, biotech and pharmaceuticals.

Our Cambridge team

We were one of the first international law firms to establish a presence in Cambridge over 20 years ago. Since then, our Cambridge office has built a reputation as one of the leading firms in the region for life sciences, patents and corporate work and is ranked in the top tier across multiple practice areas by The Legal 500.

We renewed our commitment to supporting our Cambridge clients in 2023 when we opened a new permanent office space in Cambridge's prestigious business area on Station Road.

Today, our team in Cambridge have an exciting remit advising clients that are developing cutting-edge technology in the region and beyond. Clients benefit from our on-the-ground specialists and local knowledge, as well as our ability to call on our teams in London and across our international network to solve their business challenges.

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](#)

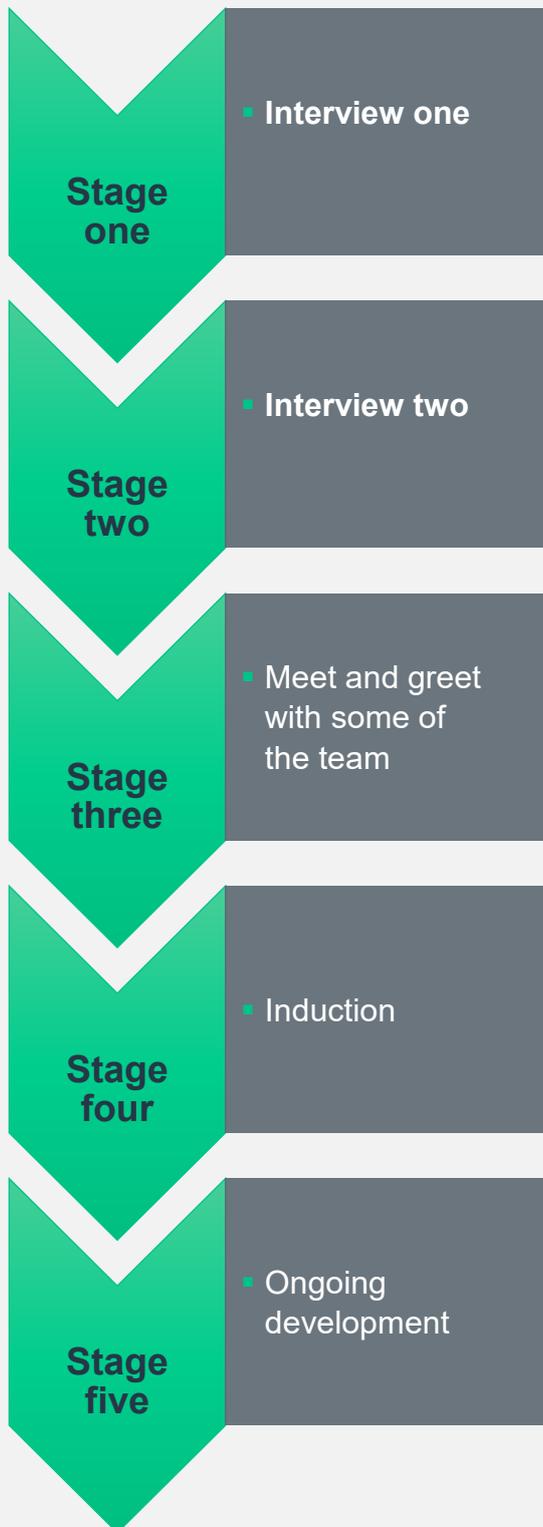
Responsible Business Networks

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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