



Criminal Defence Solicitors – Trainee Solicitor Vacancy

Derby

VHS Fletchers is one of the leading firms of Criminal Defence Solicitors in the East Midlands, We are looking to recruit a trainee solicitor based at our busy Derby office. The successful candidate must have an enthusiasm and aptitude for Criminal Law and a desire to work within the publicly funded Criminal Defence sector long-term with a view to remaining with us post-qualification.

We welcome applicants who have completed the Legal Practice Course, or are embarking on their SQE, and will be in a position to commence a position no later than December 2025.

It would be preferable for applicants to already hold the Police Station Accreditation qualification. Experience to count against the two-year training period would also be helpful, as would experience of a Crown Court caseload.

If the successful candidate does not hold the accreditation, then they will immediately be assisted to secure this to begin to advise suspects in police interview. The successful candidate will take their place on the firm's out of hours rota to provide emergency advice.

Whilst the position will be based at our Nottingham office the role will, on occasions, entail visiting clients in Prison, Police Stations and Courts within the East Midlands and further afield.

Our aim is for you to gain:

- an encouraging and positive experience in a professional and friendly environment;
- the necessary experience to qualify as a solicitor with the aim of being retained by the firm beyond the end of the training contract with a view to becoming a Duty Solicitor for the firm in Derby.

Salary: Law Society Recommended minimum for outside London

Application: CV and covering letter to david.gittins@vhsfletchers.co.uk

Closing Date: 30 November 2025

Start date: December 2025