



**READY TO TRAIN?**

**THE LEVEL TRAINING CONTRACT**

# ABOUT LEVEL

Level is a market-leading Sports, Media, Entertainment and Tech law firm.

Established in 2017, Level is now an award-winning firm made up of over 35 forward-thinking, like-minded specialist Partners, regarded as experts in their field.

Highly ranked in the most prestigious legal directories, Level is the go-to firm for high-profile clients working across our four key sectors.



WE ARE

LEVEL



# THE LEVEL TRAINING CONTRACT

## THE TRAINING EXPERIENCE

At Level, we like to do things differently and this applies equally to our approach to our future lawyers.

As a trainee at Level, you can expect more client contact and direct partner training than would be the case in a firm with a traditional hierarchical structure. From day one, you will have immediate exposure to high quality work and clients, working with partners on a broad spectrum of client matters within our specialist sectors.

You will be based in our office in the heart of Soho, London, along with Partners, Associates and the rest of the team.



# SQE

## A THREE-PART JOURNEY

Level was an early adopter of the new SQE framework. Our chosen SQE course provider is **Barbri**, which has already seen our two trainees successfully through all of the SQE exams.

Our training contract is divided into three parts. By the end of Part Three, you will have gained the required qualifying work experience (QWE) through hands-on, specialist work within our Sports, Media, Entertainment and Tech sectors, ensuring you are fully prepared for qualification.

## START DATE

We understand that while many applicants will be aiming to start a training contract as soon as possible following the academic year, for some, applying and starting to train in the year of graduating may not be appealing or even possible. You may have two years to go in your studies, want to go travelling, take a break or have decided to make a move into law from another career.

We don't want to exclude anyone from our process just because the dates don't line up.

With that in mind, this Training Contract can start any time between September 2025 and September 2027, depending on the successful applicant's circumstances.

You can indicate your preference in your application form.



# TIMELINE

01

## SQE 1

10 OR 20 WEEKS

Before the Training Contract begins, you will be expected to study for and pass the SQE 1 exam. You will be offered the option to do either a 10-week intense course (full-time), or a 20-week intense course (part-time), depending on your degree subject.

02

## TRAINING + SQE 2

9 MONTHS

Once you have passed the SQE 1 exam, you can officially begin your Training Contract and start to build up qualifying work experience. As it is useful to have some practical experience when undertaking the SQE 2, we offer a hybrid of training and study time during part two.

03

## REMAINING QWE

13 MONTHS

The final part of the Training Contract will include spending focused time with specialist Partners across a range of practice areas. This immersive approach deepens knowledge and understanding of Level's key sectors, preparing you for qualification. There may also be the opportunity for a six-month secondment at this stage.

# FOCUS AREAS

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Level's flexible approach to training is unique. Rather than following a traditional seat rotation model, your training will be tailored across key focus areas within the Sports, Media, Entertainment and Tech sectors.

You will work closely with our four founders – Dan Lowen, Fraser Reid, Dan Harrington and Morris Bentata – as well as a number of Level partners. This hands-on experience allows you to navigate a diverse range of legal challenges and develop your expertise within these specialist sectors from day one.

LITIGATION  
& DISPUTES

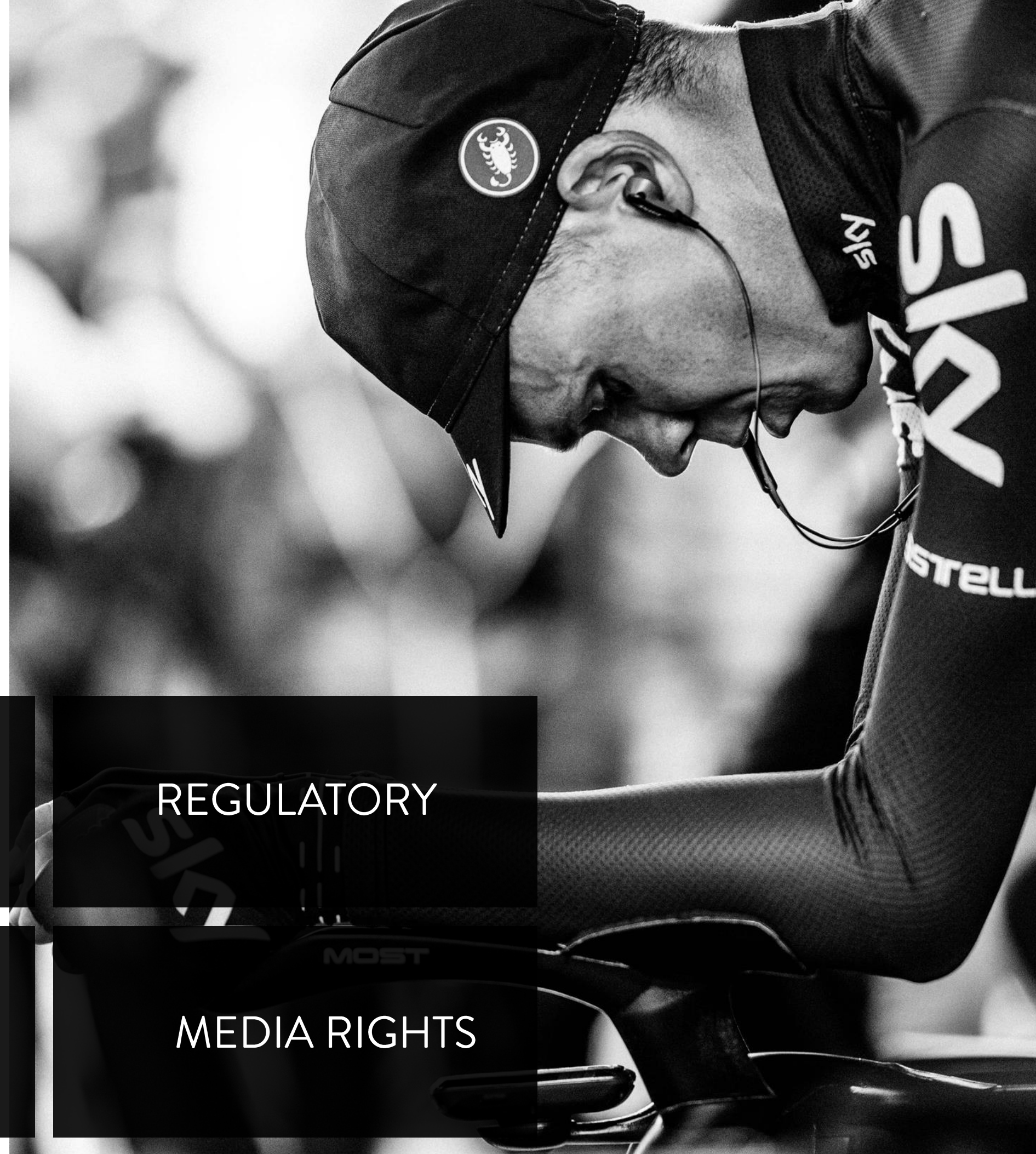
CORPORATE

REGULATORY

COMMERCIAL

IP

MEDIA RIGHTS



# SECONDMENT



**75%**  
LEVEL

**25%**  
SECONDMENT

During Part Three, there may be the opportunity to undertake a six-month secondment, during which you would have the opportunity to work at one of Level's clients / key industry contacts. A client secondment can be an invaluable way of learning about the sectors in which we operate and understanding a client's business, their legal needs and the intersection between legal practice and business strategy / operations.

Our first trainee and now Junior Associate, Yvie Seville, completed a secondment with the Mercedes-AMG Petronas F1 in-house legal team, whilst our current trainee, Georgia Wray, is undertaking a secondment with one of the world's leading sports and entertainment talent agencies.

# SALARY & BENEFITS

## BENEFITS

- All SQE course fees covered by Level
- 25 days' holiday (plus bank holidays)
- Group personal pension
- Private medical insurance
- Cycle-to-work scheme

### PART 1 (SQE 1)

Allowance provided to attend the London office one day a week

### PART 2 (SQE 2)

£35,000

### PART 3

£37,000

### NEWLY QUALIFIED

£65,000





# HOW TO APPLY

## Step 1

Applicants should upload their details, CV and a cover letter through the [online application portal](#).

## Step 2 - “Why Me?” video

We like to know what makes you stand out from the crowd and why you’d be a great fit for Level. In addition to your CV and cover letter, we would love you to tell us why you should be Level’s next trainee in a short video message. We are happy for this to take any format that feels authentic to you – the floor is yours! You can submit the video via the online portal as part of your application.



# RECRUITMENT STAGES

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01

Online application form submission, including CV, cover letter and video submission  
Applications close midnight **Sunday 23rd February 2025**

02

Invites to interview issued by end of February 2025

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Interviews held in March 2025

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Offer issued in April 2025

# APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS

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- Candidates should have a 2:1 or higher (or equivalent) in their undergraduate degree (achieved or predicted) to be considered. \*If you have not achieved this, or are not likely to, please note any mitigating factors on your application form.
- Innovative, interesting people focused on building a career in the core areas of Sports, Media, Entertainment and/or Tech law.
- We welcome people with non-academic passions and look for diverse interests or life experiences.
- Background, race, colour, ethnic or national origin, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, disability, religious beliefs and age are all irrelevant to our application process.



**2:1**

**MINIMUM - ACHIEVED  
OR PREDICTED\***

# MEET OUR TRAINEES

## GEORGIA WRAY TRAINEE

Georgia joined Level in 2023 and has since completed both of her SQE exams. As part of her training, she will be spending her final six months' Qualifying Experience in-house on secondment with one of the world's leading sports and entertainment talent agencies.

Georgia works across several practice areas, including commercial, corporate, reputation management, litigation, regulatory and intellectual property.

“At Level, you work directly with senior partners from day one, which is both invaluable for the early stages of your legal career and means that you are immediately an integral part of the team.”

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A day in the life of a Level trainee is very varied – no day is the same and you never really know what may land on your desk.

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## **YVIE SEVILLE**

### **JUNIOR ASSOCIATE**

Yvie was Level’s first trainee and successfully completed the SQE route to qualification this year, during which she undertook a highly rewarding six-month secondment with the Mercedes-AMG PETRONAS F1 Team in 2023.

Her experience includes a wide range of commercial sports matters, including sponsorship and talent endorsement agreements, media rights, intellectual property and rights protection and enforcement.

As a Junior Associate, Yvie supports the Level partners across all industry sectors, with a particular focus on commercial sports law and IP.

# ANY QUESTIONS?

A list of FAQs and answers can be found online at [level.law/trainwithus](https://level.law/trainwithus)

If you have any other questions regarding your application, please email these to [joinus@level.law](mailto:joinus@level.law)

We look forward to receiving your application.

Best of luck!