

# Edinburgh firm recruits four trainees to its Leith office

**Watermans, the Edinburgh-based solicitor and estate agents, has welcomed its latest cohort of trainees after a record number of applications.**

Earlier this year, the company's innovative recruitment process saw hopeful applicants urged to showcase their personalities, with CVs, presentations and videos welcomed from anyone in possession of a Diploma in Professional Legal Practice.

A record number of entries – almost double compared to last year's inaugural programme – was whittled down to a short list, with four making it through successfully to join the two-year traineeship.

Rachel Durward, Robyn Lynch, Sonya Imtiaz and Bejna Demir (pictured) have now all started their journey in Dispute Resolution, receiving their own caseloads to handle and getting first-hand litigation experience with Watermans, which provides clients with 'straightforward legal advice'.

The new arrivals will be based at the firm's office in Leith.

Scott Whyte, Managing Director at Watermans, said: "We are delighted to welcome our 2024 class of Trainee Solicitors to Watermans.

"Supporting and developing the next generation of solicitors remains a key part of our business strategy and we have a very

strong track record in this area. Once again, this year has seen a very competitive recruitment process and I am sure that our new Trainee Solicitors will grasp the opportunities that come their way over the next two years with both hands.

“They will be learning from an experienced and supportive team and get the opportunity for hands-on experience for the duration of their time with us.”

Watermans also has branches in Glasgow and Dundee and last year welcomed a cohort of seven trainees through its doors.

“We love providing an environment where trainees can come and develop their skills and take the first steps on their journey to become a solicitor,” said Scott. “Law firms have a duty to play an active and positive role in ensuring the next generation are well equipped to take the whole profession forward and we take our commitment to developing the legal profession very seriously.”

