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# Ever thought about becoming a judge?



## The Judicial Work Shadowing Scheme

If you are a legal practitioner and would like to know more about shadowing a judge, please visit [www.judiciary.gov.uk/workshadowing](http://www.judiciary.gov.uk/workshadowing) or call 020 7073 1630

# What is the Judicial Work Shadowing Scheme?

The scheme gives legal practitioners (solicitors, barristers, legal executives, patent and trade mark attorneys) in England and Wales the opportunity to spend up to three days observing the work, both in and out of court, of:

- A High Court Judge;
- A Circuit Judge;
- A District Judge (sitting in Civil or Family jurisdictions);
- A District Judge (Magistrates' Courts); or
- A Tribunal Judge.

It gives those who are thinking of applying for judicial office an insight into judicial life. The scheme aims to demystify what it is really like to be a judicial office holder, particularly for groups which are currently under-represented in the judiciary.

Please visit [www.judiciary.gov.uk/workshadowing](http://www.judiciary.gov.uk/workshadowing) for more details about the scheme and information on how to apply.

If you need this flyer in an alternative format, please call 0207 073 1630.

## Feedback on the scheme

"It gave me a fantastic insight into the role of a District Judge and confidence that it was something that I wanted to and could endeavour to do."

"I was not certain as to whether I would enjoy the role of Recorder, but my shadowing has made me feel very positive and enthusiastic about applying."

"There is no substitute for sitting with a judge when trying to assess if Judicial Office would be of interest."

"All those I came across whether full time judges, Recorders, or other staff were exceptionally helpful; and the insight I gained dispelled many misconceptions I held."