

Initiatives in Housing, Community Care, Education and Public Law

## SENIOR HOUSING PARALEGAL/CASEWORKER OR HOUSING SOLICITOR

Work Location: Hybrid remote in Birkenhead CH41 1AL

Lawstop, an expanding legal aid law practice, is seeking top calibre Housing paralegals/caseworkers.

The position will involve conducting initial client interviews and recording their instructions, advising clients, communicating with external bodies, time recording, and general administrative duties. In addition you will support our solicitor in the development and running of outreach legal advice services within Wirral and Cheshire.

We require a mature, self-motivated individual with excellent spoken and written communication skills, the ability to quickly absorb legal information and to conduct legal research. You will have very good organisational and time management skills and be able to produce documents to tight deadlines. Patience and tact are necessary as you will be assisting vulnerable people whose welfare is our priority.

As a case worker joining our friendly team, we will provide support and on-going training; however, you must have enough experience to hit the ground running. We are a versatile and adaptive practice with a unique approach to the delivery of legal services. Make a difference, join Lawstop.

This long-term position would be ideal for a person seeking experience and to develop a legal career in housing and public law and who enjoys working in a fast-paced environment.

# Duties will include.

- · Meeting clients (either in person or by video call)
- · Advising at outreach locations within the community (in Wirral and Cheshire).
- Taking detailed instructions
- · Drafting correspondence
- · Drafting legal documents
- · compiling bundles
- · Instructing counsel and experts (such as psychologists/psychiatrists)
- · Making applications for legal aid
- · Liaising with other solicitors
- · Working with local community groups and support services to improve access to justice and housing rights in Merseyside and Cheshire.
- · Reporting to the Legal Aid Agency
- · Attending court with counsel (either in person or by telephone/video)

## You must have:

- · A strong academic background
- · Initiative
- · Time management skills
- · A desire to want to help people
- · The ability to work under pressure
- · Experience working with vulnerable people
- · Legal aid experience is very desirable.
- · Knowledge of Housing rights and/or work experience within the Housing rights sector is very desirable. Previous experience in other areas of social welfare law will also b considered.

# **Firm Profile**

Established in 2018, Lawstop is a specialist firm of solicitors with offices based nationwide who are driven by social justice

# **Inclusion & Diversity**

We are committed to building an inclusive culture here at Lawstop where our people can thrive, regardless of their background or circumstance. As well as being the right thing to do, it makes good business sense too. A richness of backgrounds, experiences and perspectives helps us best serve our clients and the communities in which we operate. You can find out more about inclusion and diversity at Lawstop on our website.

# **Equal Opportunities**

Lawstop is committed to providing equal opportunities for all. We welcome applications from everyone including of any age, ethnicity, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, nationality, neurodiversity, disability, or with parental or caring responsibilities. We also offer flexible working hours.

During the application process, all applicants have the opportunity to tell us about any adjustments or support they require so they are able to perform at their best. Any information you share with us during the application process is treated in confidence.

The recruitment process will fully comply with GDPR and other applicable laws.

Job Types: Full-time, Permanent

Pay: Paralegal from £24,000.00 -£28,000 per year depending upon experience Solicitor competitive and negotiable depending upon experience

#### Benefits:

• Work from home

## Schedule:

Monday to Friday