



Solicitor

£36,501 - £39,021 pa, plus excellent benefits

Stratford, London

Closing date: Thursday 22nd December 2016 at 11.30 pm

We're looking for an accomplished **Solicitor** or equivalent to deliver a specialist legal casework service in housing law, to represent homeless people or people in housing need.

If you want to experience housing litigation at the cutting edge including stopping evictions, dealing with disrepair and illegal eviction and challenging public authorities to deliver their duties to the homeless, consider a move to Shelter. We provide the ideal environment in which to develop the expertise to deliver a specialist legal casework service in housing law.

Benefits include 30 days annual leave, the possibility of flexible working and significant opportunities for learning and development.

Your key responsibilities:

- Provide a specialist legal casework service in housing law
- Maintain an active caseload which involves litigation to enable those who are in housing need, including those who are homeless, to enforce their legal rights and challenge the limits of the law
- Provide technical supervision and line management to others
- Provide consultancy work as required
- Ensure funding is maximised on each case
- Carry out court representation including at Housing Duty Possession Schemes
- Ensure all work meets the contractual requirements of the Legal Aid Agency and any other funder
- Support the development of Shelter's policy and legislative responses and provide training to staff on housing law and court procedure.

Preference will be given for candidates with:

- Recent experience of housing litigation including representation in court on behalf of homeless people or people in housing need
- Sound knowledge of legal aid work, including legal representation and legal help
- A demonstrable record of meeting financial targets
- Substantial experience of handling a wide range of housing cases (public and private sector)
- A proactive, creative and innovative approach and the ability to lead change and improve performance
- A real client focus, excellent relationship building, networking and influencing skills, lots of integrity and a genuine respect for other people's opinions.

For further information about the role, the benefits of working for Shelter and to apply please visit our website.

Shelter is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of clients, in particular children, young people and vulnerable adults, and expects all staff, workers and volunteers to share this commitment.

At Shelter, we welcome and encourage applications from everyone regardless of age, disability, gender, ethnicity, religion and sexual orientation. We are facing diverse problems, so need diverse people to tackle them.

Shelter helps millions of people every year struggling with bad housing or homelessness through our advice, support and legal services. And we campaign to make sure that, one day, no one will have to turn to us for help.

We're here so no one has to fight bad housing or homelessness on their own.

Shelter does not accept unsolicited CVs from external recruitment agencies nor accept the fees associated with them.

