



Initiatives in Housing, Community Care, Education and Public Law

COURT OF PROTECTION / COMMUNITY CARE

Lawstop is recruiting a Court of Protection solicitor, ideally with knowledge and/or experience of community care more widely. The ideal candidate would have the following skills and competencies:

Essential

- Meet the LAA supervisor requirements for the Community Care legal aid contract, including the contract-specific requirements relating to cases brought under the Mental Capacity Act 2005
- Have knowledge and experience across a range of Court of Protection casework, including 21A Deprivation of Liberty challenges and s.16 proceedings
- Able to advise and represent 'P', via a litigation friend (including the Official Solicitor), or family members within proceedings
- Able to work independently and as part of a team
- Able to create and implement team-wide processes, procedures and precedents that are compliant with our various obligations
- Able to self-supervise
- Have Accredited Legal Representative status, or be willing to undertake the required training and assessment

Desirable

- Knowledge and experience of wider community care law, including issues arising under the Care Act, housing legislation, and legislation relevant to families and children
- Experience supervising other team members
- Able to write and deliver training on mental capacity issues both within the CoP and community care teams and across other teams within Lawstop
- Experience and knowledge of how mental capacity issues arise across the civil courts and our different areas of law i.e. someone who can run their own cases plus field questions from education, housing, immigration, public law, etc

Firm Profile

Lawstop is a specialist firm of solicitors with offices in London, Brighton, Cornwall, Somerset Nottingham, Cambridge, Sandwell, Hull and Leicestershire

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.