

# hopkin murray beskine

Family, housing and public law specialists

## **Vacancy – Paralegal/Trainee Solicitor**

Hopkin Murray Beskine have a vacancy for a paralegal to assist in our busy family and/or housing and public law team.

We are a long established North London firm with clients from across London and beyond, who come to us because of our expertise in family, housing and public law. We have a thriving legal aid practice together with a significant volume of privately funded cases. We are recommended by the Chambers UK Guide and Legal 500.

We are looking for candidates with an interest in family law work and/or public law and housing work. We provide a collaborative workplace where you will be well supported and supervised by experienced lawyers and have the opportunity to work on a variety of different cases. We have excellent resources including a modern practice management system. We invest time in our paralegals, and many of our paralegals go on to complete training contracts with us.

Paralegals in our housing and public law team support solicitors in a range of interesting work, including judicial review, housing possession and disrepair claims in the County Court, illegal eviction, and homelessness challenges and appeals. Paralegals have a varied role, from helping with the County Court duty possession scheme to preparing cases for the Court of Appeal and Supreme Court. The team regularly undertakes high-profile strategic litigation.

The work carried out by the family law team includes care proceedings, privately funded financial remedy proceedings, contact and residence disputes, and international child abduction in the High Court. Paralegals in the family team work in both our public and private law teams and on legally aided and privately funded cases, and take a key role in cases involving domestic violence injunctions.

You will be expected to work hard, be flexible, produce excellent written work and establish relationships with a range of clients, from privately paying clients to vulnerable homeless people. We expect applicants to have a law degree or to have completed the CPE/GDL. Previous relevant experience is desirable but not essential.

We seek to recruit a diverse workforce and welcome applicants from all backgrounds. We are an accredited London Living Wage employer.

The appointment will be for a fixed term of one year, with the possibility of progressing to a training contract.

Closing date: 2pm on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2021

Please note that interviews for shortlisted applicants will be held in the week commencing 4<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

To apply to join our enthusiastic and successful team, download our application pack at [www.hmb Solicitors.co.uk](http://www.hmb Solicitors.co.uk)