Solicitor (Public Law and Human Rights, London)

We are currently looking for a 1-4 year PQE Solicitor/ILEX with a particular interest/expertise in Court of Protection health and welfare cases and social care judicial review cases to work within our Public Law and Human Rights Department based at our London office.

IM and Public Law Department

IM's Public Law and Human Rights Department is a leader in its field and offers really exciting opportunities to work alongside talented lawyers on high profile, cutting-edge cases – with some cases progressing up to the Supreme Court and the European courts. Our current specialisms cover disputes in the health and welfare arena, civil liberties, education, commercial judicial review and planning/environmental/local government fields. We have forged a reputation for work on complex, sensitive cases and test cases. Our work regularly receives considerable media attention and we have a national reach.

We hold Legal Aid Agency contracts in public law, actions against the police/crime and community care. We are instructed by privately funded individuals, businesses, professional associations and institutions including national and local charities and other voluntary organisations. Irwin Mitchell is passionate about the law and providing clients with the very best legal advice, and support during disputes. Our client care is second to none and this, underpinned by our promise to exceed client expectations, has helped the firm to grow to become one of the UK's most successful, best-known and respected law firms. The firm and its lawyers are consistently recommended as leaders in the legal directories.

Today we employ over 2800 people in 17 UK city centre offices.

The Role

We are looking for a 1-4 year PQE solicitor/ILEX to focus on health and social care judicial review and Court of Protection welfare and serious medical treatment cases. You will have the opportunity to work in a supportive team and alongside experienced and respected practitioners. We are the national leaders in Public Law services and have worked on a significant number of leading reported cases. We are regularly instructed by the Official Solicitor and national charities. Our lawyers have the opportunity to develop case law, raise our legal profile and give legal information talks.

Candidates with experience of and a reputation for generating regular referrals of cases in this field are encouraged to apply.

The Attributes we are looking for

Successful candidates will have excellent client care skills and a sensitive and sympathetic understanding of clients' needs. As a firm we are committed to protecting clients' rights and the solicitor should have excellent communication skills in order to be able to work effectively with all types of people. Candidates will also be expected to have excellent analytical and organisational skills, be committed to teamwork, take a thorough approach to documenting their work, and have the ability to use their own initiative. The position would suit motivated individuals with intelligence, ambition, lateral thinking skills, sound judgment and confident business development skills.

The solicitor will work in a team under the supervision of a partner but, depending on experience, will be expected to take responsibility for handling a full caseload. Experience of supervising other team members work will be an advantage, but not essential. Experience of working with various funding models including legal aid is also desirable.

If you thrive on being busy and can adapt well to new challenges, then we will give you all the training and support you'll need to help you succeed. You must be IT literate and attentive to detail, with proven expertise in client care. If you're a self-motivated solicitor looking for an important role then we'd like to hear from you

The Benefits

In addition to your competitive basic salary we have an exciting benefits package including a contributory pension scheme, critical illness cover, health cash plan, death in service, discounted legal services, 25 days hols (this increases with length of service), discounted online shopping, season ticket loans, childcare vouchers.

Additional Information

The reference code for this vacancy is Z110317/SOL. To apply for the role, please go to our website https://irwinmitchell.engageats.co.uk/

Feel free to contact Clare Fatkin, Recruitment Officer on 0161 838 3193 if you have any further questions relating to the role.

Please note that we are not accepting agency CVs for this position.

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