

Job Description

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JOB TITLE: Solicitor

DIVISION: Commercial Property

OFFICE: Kidderminster

RESPONSIBLE FOR: //

RESPONSIBLE TO: Senior Associate/Divisional Head

PURPOSE OF ROLE

To provide comprehensive and articulate legal support to clients, ensuring a high standard of service is consistently delivered in line with the firm's procedures. To seek to identify means of continuous improvement of self and the wider firm.

PRINCIPAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Tasks and Activities:

1. To draft and negotiate sales contracts, transfers, leases.
2. To deal with due diligence and prepare Reports on Title and Certificates of Title.
3. To progress own files in a professional, timely and personable manner, seeking appropriate support where required.
4. To carry out work to the highest possible standards, adhering to and implementing Law Society and firm guidelines and regulations including inter alia those on client care, time recording, billing, disbursements, collection of bills, confidentiality and client and office accounts.
5. To ensure the confidentiality and security of all firm and client documentation and information.
6. To ensure that clients are regularly updated as to the current situation of their case even if the matter is going through a period of inactivity.
7. To handle telephone calls effectively and efficiently.
8. To ensure that all complaints are dealt with professionally, promptly and in accordance with the firm's policies.
9. To maintain files in a neat and orderly state and in accordance with firm policies and to ensure that each file is reviewed regularly.
10. To ensure that documents are completed in accordance with firm procedures.
11. To understand the obligations relating to client accounts and ensure bills, payments and receipts comply with the Solicitors Accounts Rules and the firm's rules.
12. To take positive steps to ensure that existing clients are aware of the various types of legal work carried out by the firm.
13. To carry out any other duties as may be allocated by the Partners.

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Generic Responsibilities and Expected Standards:

1. To assist with the implementation of good working practices, maintain a high standard of work and client service/care within your area of responsibility, in accordance with the firm's policies, procedures and guidelines and/or as directed by your line manager.
2. To use initiative on all matters.
3. To ensure confidentiality and security for all firm and client documentation and information.
4. To undertake any specific training course as and when required.
5. To effectively demonstrate the firm's values and behaviours at all times.
6. To maintain clear and precise communications with other members of staff.
7. To develop good working relationships with external institutions, organisations and other third parties.
8. To ensure that any equipment supplied for the purpose of your work is used correctly, maintained and any defects/faults are reported.
9. To ensure that Health & Safety principles and safe working practices are followed at all times. Employees have a legal duty that gives them responsibility, so far as is reasonably practicable, to ensure that they do not endanger themselves or anyone else by their acts or omissions.
10. To cooperate with the firm on Health & Safety matters and do not interfere with or misuse anything provided for health, safety and welfare purposes.
11. To keep areas of work clean and tidy.
12. All employees have a responsibility to carry out their work with due regard for the environment. The firm's Environmental Policy and procedures relevant to your area must be followed.

PERSON SPECIFICATION

Skills, Knowledge, Experience and Attitudes

1. A comprehensive understanding of Law and the legal context, including resources to maintain continuous professional development.
2. Experience of acting for landlords, tenants and lenders.
3. Ability to draft and negotiate option agreements and conditional contracts an advantage.
4. Ability to work within a team and interact effectively with others.
5. Articulate with a high level of attention to detail.
6. Organised and able to handle a busy and varied workload.
7. Committed to a high level of client service.

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8. Proactive and tenacious in seeing to resolve client matters irrespective of their nature.
9. IT literate with experience of the Microsoft Office suite of applications including Word, Excel and Outlook.
10. Experience of using legal software, including SOS case management, is desirable.
11. Ability to interact effectively with others, both face to face and over the telephone, including an excellent telephone manner.
12. A high level of attention to detail.
13. Focused on achieving goals, adopting a proactive can do attitude.
14. Uses initiative, works creatively and solves problems.
15. Highly motivated and willing to learn.
16. An understanding of and adherence to General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), and maintaining confidentiality and integrity at all times.

SUMMARY

The details outlined in this job description reflect the content of the post at the date the job description was prepared. It is inevitable that over time the nature of a defined job role will change, existing duties may be lost and other duties gained without changing the general character of the work or level of responsibility entailed. It is intended that this job description will be revised from time to time in discussion with the post holder.

In addition, you may be expected to perform other duties commensurate with this position or as required to assist the business needs. Any additional tasks will be kept within your abilities and skills range, and training will be provided if necessary. Such agreement should not be unreasonably withheld.