

## Job Description

Role: **Housing Disrepair Fee Earner**

Department: **Housing Disrepair**

### Overview

We are looking for a Fee Earner to join our expanding Housing Disrepair department, based in Newcastle.

No prior knowledge in Housing Disrepair is required but a keen interest to develop is required.

### Roles & responsibilities

The successful candidate's duties will include (but are not limited to):

- Undertake caseload of 110+ files from inception to settlement
- Checking and review of initial information
- Identifying and processing files to be rejected
- Talking to potential clients to assess if they have had disrepair to their house and if there is a claim to be made.
- Reviewing disclosure and calculating quantum
- Checking and recording/diarising important dates (e.g. limitation, striking out, setting down, application for judgement, directions, assessment of damages, trial)
- Keeping individual client database/files up to date
- Reviewing files and reporting regularly to clients, introducers, team leaders or others
- Liaising, instructing and negotiating with solicitors, courts, Counsel and other agencies
- Reviewing surveyor reports
- Liaising and negotiating with councils, solicitors, courts, Counsel and other agencies
- Preparing files for issue for court proceedings
- Preparing files for setting down, assessment of damages and trial
- Considering information/updates in relation to legal procedures and/or assessment of quantum
- Dealing promptly with telephone enquiries from clients
- Assisting other team members as necessary
- To carry out such other duties as might reasonably be requested by the Partners

## Candidate requirements & attributes

- Prior Fee Earning experience would be required although it does not need to be in housing disrepair
- 1 year Litigation experience
- IT literate in MS Office
- Strong organizational skills and ability to prioritise
- Team player with a positive and enthusiastic approach
- Ability to cope with conflicting demands and meet deadlines
- Ability to communicate at all levels, both verbally and written

## Salary

A **competitive** salary will be offered.

## Hours

Monday to Friday 9am until 5pm with 1 hour unpaid lunch.

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- **Hybrid working** (office & home working) if eligible.
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- **Holiday purchase scheme.** (You can buy up to 1 week's annual leave).
  - **Attendance bonus.**
  - Quarterly funded **team-bonding activities.**
  - **Death in service** following 1 years' service.
    - Auto-enrolment **company pension.**
  - **Employee assistance programme** 24-hour helpline.
- **Travel to work schemes;** bike to work scheme, public transport pass scheme.
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