

JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Title:	Family Solicitor
Department:	Family
Reporting to:	Head of Family
Job purpose:	To provide a high quality legal service as a member of the Family Department to a wide range of individual clients on a local, regional and national basis.

Key responsibilities

- Advising and representing individuals on a whole range of family law matters;
- Advising vulnerable clients in relation to court proceedings;
- Deliver a client-focused and commercial service at the highest level
- Where appropriate conducting advocacy;
- Where appropriate advising upon the merits of an appeal;
- Where appropriate instructing Counsel to advise and / or to conduct advocacy;
- Dealing with all aspects of a busy and profitable caseload;
- Taking clients' instructions;
- Advising upon the law and other issues;
- Analysing documents and researching case law;
- Maintaining and growing your own caseload, subject to an appropriate level supervision by the Department Head;
- Financial management on files eg time recording, billing, cash collection (with the assistance of the accounts team);

Quality

- Helping to ensure that quality standards are progressively developed;
- Consistently delivering high quality legal services through appropriate monitoring and management of own personal training and development;
- Contributing to the firm via membership of committees, projects and associations;
- Adherence to the standards as set by the SRA and to all of the firm's policies and procedures.

Finance

• Delivering agreed billing and other targets (WIP and aged debt in particular) in accordance with departmental and personal financial budgets.

Marketing

- Taking an active role in the Department's Marketing and Business Development initiatives;
- In particular helping to cross sell the Department's services internally;
- Also in attending external business development opportunities;
- Helping to maintain Legal 500/Chambers rankings.

General

- Working diligently and in good faith within the general working practices required of a qualified solicitor;
- Maintaining the highest standards in relation to personal conduct, relations with colleagues; stakeholders and third parties;
- Carrying out any other tasks as and when required by the Firm or senior management.