

Job Description

JOB TITLE: Solicitor	DEPARTMENT: Agricultural/ Rural Property
REPORTS TO: Jonathan Attey / Rachel Meredith	LOCATION: Leeds

1. Purpose of Role

Wrigleys Solicitors LLP is rated by Chambers and Legal 500 directories as the leading firm in its region in Agriculture and Estates / Rural Affairs - the team is described as "excellent and well respected". We are increasingly regarded nationally as a top flight firm in this area of practice.

Our clients comprise landed estates, farmers, entrepreneurs, charities, ecclesiastical bodies, and a large number of private individuals involved with rural property. Whilst we are based in Yorkshire the firm has a growing number of clients elsewhere.

This is a post for the Property Team of Wrigleys. The candidate will join a team of 24 lawyers across 2 offices. The Team specialises in advice to private individuals, companies and trusts, on rural property issues, together with a small amount of residential property work.

During the probation period and in respect of any unfamiliar work types the candidate will receive regular supervision. In the longer term the candidate may be required to supervise others where necessary and appropriate.

The following is not essential, though desirable. The candidate may be expected to engage in business development activities. The firm hosts occasional seminars in connection with emerging areas of work or in connection with legal developments, in which the solicitor may be invited to participate. Occasionally, it will also be necessary to attend functions for marketing purposes at evenings and weekends, and to expect to travel occasionally as part of the role, but this will likely be fairly minimal. A driving licence and access to a car is therefore desirable, though not essential.

Whilst the successful candidate will handle a wide range of rural property work they will be encouraged to develop expertise in specific areas.

We are seeking energetic and bright candidates who will get on well with clients, have an interest in rural work and fit in well with the friendly environment at Wrigleys. Previous experience of rural work is not essential and the team will share their knowledge with and support a candidate. We are considering candidates at all levels of qualification who meet the above criteria working full or part time.

2. Principal Areas of Work

Wrigleys is seeking a property lawyer to join the Agricultural and Rural Property team in Leeds who has experience and an interest in some or all of the following:

- 2.1 Buying and selling a variety of rural property including agricultural, residential, commercial, development land and sporting
- 2.2 Regular property work including title queries and registration work.
- 2.3 Agricultural tenancies
- 2.4 Sporting Leases
- 2.5 Renewable Energy
- 2.6 Landed Estate work
- 2.7 Intra-family Restructuring

3. Salary and benefits

Salary to be negotiated depending on experience. Salary will be reviewed annually. Benefits include pension, medical and life insurances, 27 days annual leave per year plus Bank Holidays.

4. Hours and Place of Work

The normal office hours are 37½ hours per week, generally between 9.00 a.m. and 5.30 p.m., by arrangement. There is a 1 hour lunch break to be taken between 12.00 noon and 2.00 p.m. It is expected that the candidate should devote sufficient time to work in order to conduct his/her workload properly and from time to time this may include working alternative or extra hours. The role is based primarily in the Leeds office. You may be required on occasion to work from the firm's Sheffield office, reasonable notice will be given for such a request.

5. The Firm

The firm has over 200 employees. The main legal directories recognise various departments and individuals within the firm as leading their field. Candidates should refer to our website (www.wrigleys.co.uk) for further information.

The firm has a commitment to the training of all personnel and is accredited for Lexcel.

6. Equal Opportunities

Every effort will be made to conduct employment practices and provide the services of the firm in a way which has regard to the promotion of equal opportunities and diversity as set out in relevant Codes of Practice.

Please note: The responsibilities identified in this job description are in addition to those detailed in the firm's standard solicitor job description and are not meant to be exclusive or exhaustive.

7. Applications

Applications for this role should be made by way of CV and covering letter to Linda Simms by email at recruitment@wrigleys.co.uk or by post at Wrigleys Solicitors LLP, 19 Cookridge Street, Leeds LS2 3AG.