



## Paralegal

### *Securitisation team – Colchester office*

#### **The Firm**

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#### **Job purpose and ideal candidate**

We are seeking to recruit a Paralegal to assist our Securitisation team based in our Colchester office. We are looking for somebody who is ambitious, driven and willing to learn and with previous conveyancing or property experience.

The Paralegal will eventually be responsible for their own caseload and carrying out the property due diligence required in order to charge social housing properties to a private lender.

This is an ideal job for those looking to improve their property legal skills and gain experience working in a leading city law firm albeit based in our Colchester office.

#### **Main Duties and Responsibilities:**

This is not an exhaustive list and from time to time it may be necessary to vary these to meet the department and business needs.

- Assisting the Solicitor supervising you in the securitisation team with specific tasks allocated on his/her files to include: identifying Titles, obtaining Official Copy Entries and Office Copy Documents from the Land Registry Link, carrying out Searches, obtaining items from Local Authorities, chasing for outstanding items, carrying out pre-completion Land Registry Searches and dealing with post-completion matters;
- Providing the Solicitor supervising you with progress reports as and when required;
- Assisting with the organising and maintaining of the Solicitor’s tidy and accurate files electronically;
- Providing cover and support to the other paralegals within the team as and when required and assisting on securitisation matters;
- Meeting targets that may be set from time to time;
- Following department procedures, the Solicitor’s accounts rules and the Firm’s policies and procedures as detailed in the Office Manual;

- Undertaking such duties and tasks that are appropriate for the role of Paralegal such as changes in information systems and new technology as may reasonably be required.

### Person Specification

#### Essential

- Ambitious and willing to learn.
- Diligent and able to take responsibility for their own caseload.
- Conduct effective legal research.
- Competent in all MS applications, to include Word, Excel and Outlook.
- Good communication skills at all levels with the ability to communicate in “plain English.”
- Must be client focussed and have an approachable manner with good communication skills/telephone manner.
- Have a methodical approach, with good attention to detail and the ability to communicate clearly and confidently at all levels.
- Possess a strong customer service ethic with the ability to empathise with clients.
- Excellent administration skills, organisation and attention to detail.
- Good time management skills, able to deal with more than one task at a time, able to work with limited supervision, able to work under pressure and to tight deadlines, able to prioritise a heavy workload.
- Be a supportive team player and willing to assist others.
- Self-motivated, enthusiastic, tenacious and approachable.
- Be assertive and confident with dealing with people at all levels.
- Be calm and professional at all times.
- Be punctual and flexible. If you have capacity, you may be required to help other departments, or team members, though this tends to be very rare.

#### Desirable

- 2:1 degree or equivalent in Law (or appropriate conversion).
- Successful completion of the LPC or studying the LPC part time.
- Studying CILEx.
- Knowledge of DMS (Document Management System).

Please note we are only accepting CV's from direct applicants at this stage.

If you would like further details or wish to apply for this position please email your CV and covering letter direct to [legal.recruit@devonshires.co.uk](mailto:legal.recruit@devonshires.co.uk) and also complete the diversity monitoring questionnaire which can be accessed by [clicking here](#).

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