



Solicitor

Insurance/Re-Insurance Litigation - 4 to 6 yrs PQE

The Firm

Devonshires has been based in the City of London for more than 150 years. From our offices in London, Leeds and Colchester we provide legal services to clients throughout the UK.

We are recognised by Legal 500 and Chambers UK as a medium-sized niche firm specialising in construction, commercial litigation, corporate, employment, projects and property legal services to clients based throughout the United Kingdom.

We act for a broad range of clients, including private and public companies, developers, local authorities, funders and regulators. We are a “full service” firm with specialists in Banking, Commercial/Corporate, Litigation, Housing, Employment, Projects & Property. Over the past few years, we have grown significantly and now have approximately 250 employees and a growing international reach.

The Team

The team deals with a broad range of disputes and has significant expertise in resolving complex commercial issues. We focus on achieving the commercial objectives of our clients, including minimizing risk and liability for costs at the outset of a dispute through to advising on the best strategy for securing the desired outcome, whether by way of litigation, negotiation or alternative dispute resolution.

We have substantial experience in all aspects of commercial dispute resolution and litigation, dealing with cases in every tier of the English court system from the County Court to the Supreme Court, together with domestic and international arbitration and other forms of alternative dispute resolution. In addition, we have acted in many overseas cases and have managed large teams within such claims.

Job Purpose

The role will comprise a mixture of insurance (and reinsurance) coverage and claims work and other contentious issues, including cross border work, for insurers/reinsurers, brokers and insurance intermediaries, and also policyholders as well as general commercial litigation work, including commercial contract disputes, professional negligence claims, insurance market disputes and regulatory and civil fraud work.

An important part of the role is providing direct support and assistance to Partners' in the team, whilst also helping with the management and development of more junior fee earners and contributing more widely to the team and its growth, and specifically assisting in the development of insurance and reinsurance work and insurance claims advice to existing and new Devonshires clients.

Main Duties and Responsibilities of the Role

Responsible for the day to day running of files to include, but not limited, to:

- Running and managing own files, delegating to trainees and paralegals as appropriate;

- High Court and County Court Litigation as well as mediation and arbitration;
- Advocacy, where appropriate;
- Drafting documents and assist in managing/manage the dispute resolution process;
- Supporting the partners on large and more complex matters as well as generating a caseload of your own;
- Interact directly with clients, manage their expectations and meet their deadlines.
- Prepare and present training to clients on various aspects of the law as directed.
- To be fully involved in marketing and business development in a client focused manner.
- Organise and maintain tidy and accurate files both in hard copy and electronically.
- Provide support to the other fee earners within the department and to share knowledge as and when required.
- Follow department procedures, the Solicitors' Handbook and Firm's policies and procedures as detailed in the Office Manual, including LEXCEL.
- Undertake such duties and tasks that are appropriate for the role of Solicitor such as changes in information systems and new technology as may reasonably be required.

If you are a direct applicant and 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 and also complete the diversity monitoring questionnaire which can be accessed by [clicking here](#).

All recruiters must submit their candidates' CV via our HR team or using the recruitment inbox listed above. Only HR can agree terms of business with third parties, provide the appropriate privacy notice to be shared with candidates and ensure that the firm maintains its commitments to LEXCEL, ISO27001 and Equality Diversity & Inclusion.

Person Specification

Attributes and Skills Required

- You will have at least 4-6 years' PQE as a Disputes resolution Solicitor with a primary focus on insurance and reinsurance claims and coverage issues in a wide variety of claims areas, ideally with experience and a focus on insurance broker and intermediary issues, and also of other general commercial contentious work;
- You will have a strong academic background, ideally gaining a 2:1 at degree level;
- Previous experience in the High Court;
- You will enjoy client contact and have excellent communication skills, both written and verbal;
- Ability to prioritise workload to increase efficiency;
- You will be commercially aware, proactive and able to convey clear and concise information to clients and external organisations, which will not compromise the practice or the firm;
- A high attention to detail to produce work / documentation which is consistently of a high standard;
- To have a flexible approach to work to ensure client deadlines are always met and clients are communicated with on a consistent and regular basis;
- You will be happy to undertake work with minimal supervision;
- To be familiar with Word, Outlook and Internet applications;
- An advocacy qualification would be an advantage but is by no means necessary.

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