**Job Summary**

Legal Adviser – Criminal Division

This is an exciting opportunity to join the Criminal Division of the Law Officers’ Department. The role will be to prosecute criminal cases in the Magistrate’s Court and to provide advice and give comprehensive legal guidance in mainly, although not exclusively, low and medium risk criminal matters.

The ideal candidate will have experience of advocacy in the Magistrate’s and/or Crown Court and be able to provide detailed written advice to stakeholders such as the police or a regulatory body.

The work will be interesting, challenging and varied, working with different government agencies both in Jersey and internationally. You will have the support of a friendly, inclusive and highly professional team at the Law Officers’ Department, under the leadership of the Attorney General for Jersey.

For an informal discussion please contact Howard Tobias on 01534 441478.

**Job accountabilities**

1. Provide legal advice to the States of Jersey Police, Honorary Police, Customs and Immigration and other investigatory authorities in relation to particular cases under investigation by reviewing the adequacy of the evidence and the public interest. This will include considering the nature of the offence, identifying the most productive lines of further enquiry and recommending the acceptable limit and range of each investigation.

2. Represent the Attorney General in criminal matters before the Magistrate’s Court and other forums.

3. Provide training to Centeniers and others on relevant aspects of the criminal law and procedure.

4. Supervise Band 1 legal advisers, assistant legal advisers and support staff, providing advice and guidance as appropriate.

5. Support the team to plan and deliver their workload in line with LOD and GoJ priorities.

6. Supervise, research and analyse the implications of case law, legislation and regulatory matters and provide reports as appropriate. This will include supporting senior officers with research and reasoned advice.

7. Ensure adherence to LOD and SoJ administrative procedures and policies including time recording, working within delegated authorities and monitoring progress.

8. Carry out such other duties as the LOD may reasonably request.

**Job context / dimensions**

This is a busy, established team dealing with a demanding caseload in both the Magistrates’ and Royal Courts, advice to the police on prosecutions and investigations, fraud and money laundering investigations ordered by the Attorney General and mutual legal assistance to other jurisdictions.

**Qualification requirements**

Professional legal qualification required - minimum 4 years PQE or equivalent experience

**Experience requirements**

The post holder will have:

- experience of preparing and presenting advice on mainly, although not exclusively, low and medium risk cases, with the ability to demonstrate an aptitude for applying legal theory to practice;

- broad professional knowledge, and a broad range of experience, which demonstrates the ability to develop, articulate and defend conclusions;

- broad technical competence in more than one specialism of Criminal Law;

- experience of handling relatively complex areas of law, with the ability to absorb and interpret information quickly and accurately;

- experience of acting on own initiative on low and medium risk matters, only referring to others on more complex high risk cases.

**Skills, knowledge and competency requirements**

The post holder will:

- have the ability to present a point of view convincingly and persuasively through rational argument.

- be able to engage effectively with clients, external counsel and other experts on a regular basis at all levels of seniority;

- have general advocacy and litigation knowledge and experience.

- have an understanding of how the law works and be able to demonstrate a willingness to stay abreast of current developments in legal practice, Jersey laws and Jersey Court procedures;

- have the ability to interact effectively with colleagues, managers and other relevant stakeholders to maintain an understanding of a wide range of related activities;

- have the ability to work effectively in a team of lawyers to achieve high levels of professional and technical standards, with the ability to supervise the work and provide support to more junior colleagues;

- have the ability to confidently and effectively to take decisions on low and medium risk cases.