

Position Available - Second Junior Counsel

Overview

The Undercover Policing Inquiry are seeking to recruit suitably experienced counsel to work as Second Junior Counsel to the Inquiry, at £80 per hour in central London (with occasional work outside of London).

The successful applicant will join an expanding counsel team, which consists of approximately 26 counsel members within the team.

The Undercover Policing Inquiry was established to investigate and report on undercover police operations conducted by English and Welsh police forces in England and Wales since 1968. The Inquiry will examine the contribution undercover policing has made to tackling crime, how it was and is supervised and regulated, and its effect on individuals involved – both police officers and those that came into contact with them. For our terms of reference and more information about our work, visit our website at ucpi.org.uk

Essential skills

- Strong written and verbal communication skills
- Sound legal judgment and strategic thinking
- Ability to assess and evaluate complex material to reach clear and logical decisions

Desirable skills

- A good understanding of the work of a public inquiry
- Exposure to handling highly classified material in legal proceedings.

Main duties

Inquiry work can vary from week to week, and the role will necessarily require some flexibility. However, the main duties are likely to include:

- Identification of evidence required in order to further the terms of reference
- Drafting formal requests for evidence; reviewing and responding to applications for restriction orders over the disclosure of sensitive or private information
- Analysis and review of documents and witness statements disclosed to the Inquiry
- Working with other members of the Inquiry team to ensure effective progress

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- Attending meetings with Counsel for key stakeholders
- Legal research
- Assisting with preparation for oral hearings, including drafting explanatory and other documents
- Attending some oral hearings, including the possibility of some advocacy.

If successful

The successful candidate will need to be 'security checked' cleared prior to commencing work and should be willing to undertake 'developed vetting'.

The Inquiry will cover the cost of clearance if not already held. For further information about what this entails please see: www.gov.uk/guidance/security-vetting-andclearance

There is an expectation that successful candidates will commit to working on the Inquiry for a minimum of 30 hours a week up to a maximum of 45 hours a week.

If you have any queries about this advertisement please contact the Inquiry team on 020 3876 4760.

If you wish to apply for this interesting and varied role, giving the opportunity of working at the heart of a high-profile public inquiry please send your curriculum vitae, with a covering letter (of no more than 2 x A4 pages), providing examples of how you meet the essential criteria for this role and any relevant legal experience to recruitment@ucpinquiry.org.uk

The closing date for receipt of applications is 4pm on Wednesday 8 April 2020.