



Senior Commercial Property Lawyer (Full Time – will consider four days per week)

Commercial Property Team

We are looking for an experienced commercial property lawyer, ideally from end October 2018, to head up our commercial property team. This position would be suitable for a person with ideally 5+ years post qualification experience; able to handle a wide range of commercial property matters, and with strong commerciality to be able to provide pragmatic business advice.

This is a new position arising because of changes in the team.

The work of the team is varied and includes commercial premises, development land and rural property. The firm has an entirely separate residential property team, so there is no element of residential property within this role other than in site acquisition (albeit this is not currently a major area).

The commercial property team is closely integrated in the wider commercial team at Berwins, and is co-located with that team at its Harrogate office.

This person would be expected to be the face of commercial property, able to lead the team's marketing efforts working with the firm's marketing manager, to have the ability to commit the time necessary to the role (which may include some out-of-hours business development) and to provide leadership in best practice to the team. Within the team, but not part of the leadership structure, we have a former partner of a national law firm who provides invaluable advice and experience.

Person Description

- qualified lawyer, ideally not less than 5 years PQE;
- used to and having the necessary experience to work independently in this field;
- sufficient experience to provide clear and visible leadership, and a confident presence in the market;
- prepared to be involved in business development activities including networking, developing key relationships and creating blog posts.
- specialist commercial property experience;
- used to working with a range of varied-value transactions both independently and as part of a team;
- a client following or strong existing network of clients and contact is desirable, but not essential

This role would suit someone who enjoys the variety and challenge of a broad commercial property caseload rather than a narrow specialism, and who has the experience and well-placed confidence to undertake such a role and lead a team.

Berwins expects every lawyer to be part of the marketing of the firm, working within the team and at the direction of the firm's marketing manager. Every team member promotes personal visibility in the business community and seeks out networking opportunities.

Job Description

To carry out:

- commercial property work at all levels – including commercial leases (landlord and tenant), freehold sales and purchase, development agreements, overages and conditional sales
- Ideally to include familiarity with rural land, or otherwise an aptitude to get to grips with that at an early stage
- Some familiarity with small business sales would be helpful but not essential – i.e. small asset-based business sales where property is the major component
- Familiarity with the requirements of lenders and of panel members
- Business development leadership for the team, able to create a presence and profile in the property market
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Berwins

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Berwins provides: 25 days holiday plus normal bank holidays (full time – pro-rated on days worked), flexi working system, pension, healthcare, life assurance, childcare voucher scheme and others.

To apply please send your CV to Paul Berwin via PaulBerwin@berwin.co.uk

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