



Property Litigation Solicitor

Practice Area	Property Litigation
Line Manager	John Wagstaffe
Hours	Full time
Location	Hertford

About Longmores

Longmores is a progressive firm of specialist solicitors renowned for its professional yet personal service that has been advising businesses and individuals in Hertfordshire and across the country since 1819. All our solicitors and fee earners are specialists in their respective areas of law acting for a wide range of commercial, private and public sector clients.

We are ranked in the legal directories [Chambers UK](#) and [The Legal 500](#) and hold many accreditations including Lexcel, Customer Service Excellence, Cyber Essentials+. Everything we do is underpinned by our core values:

- Open and honest
- Working together
- Valuing people
- Taking pride in what we do

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About the role

This is a specialist property litigation role in which you will be required to provide advice and assistance on a wide range of property-related disputes.

Typical work will involve giving advice to landlords, tenants, management companies, managing agents and property owners. You will be dealing with breach of covenant claims, landlord and tenant disputes, co-ownership disputes, business lease renewals, Land Registry disputes, possession claims, easement and boundary disputes, and lease extensions and enfranchisement.

You will have an immediate caseload of mainly County Court and First-tier Tribunal work for which you will take primary responsibility.

With any remaining time you have you will build your practice through networking and other marketing activity with the aim of having your own client base, perhaps developing a particular specialism, and your being recognised individually in the legal directories.

Skills, experience and qualifications

You will need to have a solid understanding of property law and good experience of dealing with the type of work which the role entails.

On a day-to-day basis you will be required to:

- Provide sound advice to management companies, landlords, tenants and other clients by letter or e-mail in simple language that can be easily understood
- Meet on your own with clients for the purpose of taking instructions and giving advice
- Write persuasive letters to opponents
- Produce statements of case, witness statements and court notices with the need to rely on counsel only in cases of genuine complexity
- Attend court with counsel as appropriate
- When appropriate, appear in simple County Court and First-tier Tribunal matters without assistance of counsel e.g. possession claims
- Participate in team meetings and the firm's other internal meetings
- Promote the firm generally and develop the practice area via regular marketing activities including attending regular networking events and writing articles, blogs and use of social media
- Present seminars and workshops on topics within your area of practice to existing and prospective clients and referrers

About the person

- 4 - 5 years PQE
- Good experience of a range of property litigation work
- Commercially minded
- Strong academics
- Confident, professional and friendly with the ability to build good working relationships internally and externally
- Exceptional written and oral communication skills
- Strong organisational and administrative skills
- Effective team player
- Able to pay attention to detail in executing your written work particularly
- Able to demonstrate empathy and understanding of client needs
- Able to network with local businesses and key referrers
- Able to build your own client following
- Willing to work long hours when the circumstances require it

- Sense of humour
- Driving licence with access to own car

How to apply

Please email Su Turley, Head of Operations, at su.turley@longmores.law with your CV and a covering message explaining your interest in the role.