

Procurement Lawyer - Commercial Contracts

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Company: Addleshaw Goddard

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PURPOSE OF THE ROLE

We are currently seeking an advisory (non-contentious) lawyer to support the team's ongoing growth in our Commercial Procurement team.

You will have in the region of 2 years + post-qualifying experience, but we are open minded and welcome applicants with a range of post-qualifying experience; for us it's about getting the right people to join our team.

You will have the opportunity to work on high value, innovative and cutting-edge procurement matters.

This role will offer you increasing levels of responsibility and the chance to enhance your professional reputation, all within a supportive and collaborative environment alongside a team of experienced, dynamic, and knowledgeable individuals.

WHERE WILL YOU WORK?

You will be based in any of the following offices: Manchester, Leeds, Edinburgh or Glasgow for this role. We operate a flexible, hybrid working system comprising a blend of working in the office (3 days per week) and working from home, and we expect that this will continue for the foreseeable future.

THE TEAM

Our procurement team is a recognised market leader, ranked in Band 1 (UK-wide) in the Chambers directory for many years. The team delivers first-rate client service, covering

both advisory and disputes work across the full range of procurement regulations.

Our advisory work includes numerous nationally and internationally significant projects, with a particular focus on Government contracts, transport (rail, bus, ports and aviation), utilities (water, electricity, gas and heat), healthcare, regeneration and wider development.

Our advisory team also works side-by-side with our specialist procurement disputes lawyers, providing technical and strategic input into contentious matters, including behind the scenes settlements and major Court cases.

The team's varied workload covers all of the current mainstream procurement regulations (public sector, utilities and concessions), alongside sector-specific rules such as the passenger transport regime. A big focus for this year and beyond is supporting clients with the transition to the Procurement Act 2023 in England, Wales and Northern Ireland, with certain of our Scottish clients also being subject to the new rules.

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The role requires strong technical expertise, teamwork, and enthusiasm. The work will involve:

Giving strategic advice, to authorities / utilities and their contracting partners, on procurement issues such as the availability of exemptions to make direct awards and contract modifications

Drafting procurement documents, including adverts, selection questionnaires and invitations

Advising authorities / utilities on the design and conduct of procurement processes

Advising bidders on their tenders, including resolving issues that arise during the course of the process

Working with the disputes team to advise on the merits of procurement claims, from a claimant, defendant and interested party perspective

Supporting the disputes team in the preparation of claims / defences

Running the procurement workstreams on major projects being led by colleagues specialising in IT, outsourcing, transport, utilities, construction, real estate and

Supporting and leading business development initiatives (as appropriate to levels of qualification and interest) including client publications, articles and speaking engagements

(including delivering both internal and external procurement training)

Advising authorities / utilities and bidders on the Procurement Act 2023 and supporting clients through the transition period

YOUR AREAS OF KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERTISE

To be successful in this role, what are the:

Recent experience in public and / or utilities procurement law gained at a regional, national or international firm

Enthusiasm for developing further specialist procurement and sector expertise

Excellent inter-personal and communication skills with a focus on teamwork and collaboration

A strong client-service focus and a commercial outlook

OUR FIRM

Addleshaw Goddard is a place where you are valued, encouraged, and challenged to fulfil your potential in a supportive and collegiate environment. Our culture of improvement, growth and collaboration delivers results, drives innovation, and rewards ambition.

We not only provide technical excellence and experience but, crucially, demonstrate real insight into our clients and what really matters to them and as such we are natural choice for FTSE100 clients and their equivalents in other markets.

Our success has been built by people from the widest range of backgrounds, locations, and perspectives. We have a number of employee networks that provide space to discuss the differences that make us who we are and celebrate this at AG.

OUR APPROACH: IMAGINE THE BEST YOU CAN BE

Everything we've accomplished can be traced back to our people and the way we work.

Our reputation is something we are proud of, and constantly invest in.

Here, you'll do high calibre work, with high-character colleagues who care for one another and our clients.

Are you up for the challenge?

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