

Job Description

For Non-Streamlined Positions

This form is used to provide a complete description of the specific job (or role) and defines the skills, knowledge and abilities required to undertake the specific and generic role profile.

Section A: Specific Role Profile

The specific role profile provides key information relating to the salary and working conditions e.g. location of a job, along with the current focus of the job role and a brief description of the main duties.

Role Details

Job Title:	Paralegal or Legal Assistant (Level 1)	JEID	N0159
Salary Grade:	Grade F (SCP 17 -21)		
Team:	Legal Services – Corporate; Adults Education and Debt Team		
Service Area:	Governance and Policy – Legal Services		
Primary Location:	Shire Hall		
Political Restriction	This position is not politically restricted.		
Responsible to:	Senior Legal Assistant/solicitor/senior solicitor TBC		
Responsible for:	N/A		

Role Purpose

- To provide clerical and administrative support to the team.
- To undertake fee earning activity to support the team.
- To undertake legal work (under the supervision and direction of fee earners), such as: file opening, letter preparation, preparing statements, preparing bundles, etc.
- To process routine legal matters (such as traffic orders, debt recovery cases etc).
- To provide advice (under supervision) to clients (internal and external).

Role Responsibilities - Generic

- Assistance and support to fee earners.
- Processing of own matters in a timely way and with quality.
- To maintain Visualfiles case records in accordance with Service procedures, the Office Manual and Lexcel.
- Advice to clients on matters within competence (under supervision where required).
- Attendance at court or other hearings, to support fee earners / counsel as required.
- Supporting colleagues by providing support to other members of staff as required.

The Head of Governance Policy or his/her nominated representative may revise the work undertaken by the post holder after discussion with him/her and he/she must be prepared to change and develop his/her role to suit the needs of the service.

Role Tasks & Responsibilities - Specific

Section B: Person Specification

The person specification provides a list of essential and desirable criteria (skills and competencies) that a candidate should have in order to perform the job.

Each of the criteria listed below will be measured through; the application form (A), a test / exercise (T), an interview (I), a presentation (P) or documentation (D).

As part of being a Disability Confident employer we guarantee to interview anyone with a disability whose application meets the minimum criteria for the post. By 'minimum criteria' we mean that you must provide us with evidence in your application form which demonstrates that you generally meet the level of competence required for each competence, as well as meeting any of the qualifications, skills or experience defined as essential in the person specification.

Essential Criteria

Assessed By:

Law degree/ILEX3/Undergraduate degree plus Common Professional Examination OR 6-12 months' experience in a relevant practice area	A, D
To be able to analyse and interpret factual information to solve straightforward problems	A, I, T
To be able to communicate, in person and/or in writing, a variety of information to a range of people and be able to demonstrate tact/sensitivity when dealing with difficult situations	A, I, T
Experience of a range of office systems including the ability to use a keyboard with a high level of precision and speed	A, I
To be able to work under pressure including meeting deadlines and dealing with interruptions	A, I
The ability to cope in situations where there is an emotional demand arising from the work being undertaken	I
Experience of handling and processing manual or computerised information	I
The ability to organise own workload and decide priorities	I
Be able to maintain confidentiality & integrity	I
Ability to work as part of a team	I

Desirable Criteria	Assessed By:
Working with a case management system (Visualfiles)	A, I
Be adaptable to change, and willing to learn new skills	A
An understanding of the Civil Procedure Rules (Civil Law) - gained through qualifications or experience	I

Section C: Working Conditions

The working conditions relate to those non-contractual elements of the job that may impact on the holder of the position, as well as those workplace-based responsibilities that are part of this job. These are not contractual but provide a guide to the working conditions and the potential hazards and risks that may be faced.

Health & Safety at Work

To take responsibility for your own health, safety and wellbeing, and undertake health and safety duties and responsibilities for your role as specified within Warwickshire County Councils Health and Safety Policy, and all other relevant health and safety policies, arrangements, procedures, systems of work as specified for the post/ role.

Potential Hazards & Risks

The potential significant hazard(s) and risk(s) for this job are identified below (those ticked). The purpose of recording this information on the job description is so that the health status of the potential and actual post-holders can be assessed with regard to the significant hazards and risks. These hazards and risks should be based on the appropriate activity, process and/or operation risk assessment whereby all of the significant risks are identified, recorded and appropriately controlled. The list below is therefore not an exhaustive list because it is the risk assessment that details all significant risks that could arise out of or in connection with the work activity, but any others will be identified in the 'other' section.

<input type="checkbox"/> Provision of personal care on a regular basis	<input type="checkbox"/> Driving HGV or LGV for work
<input type="checkbox"/> Regular manual handling (which includes assisting, manoeuvring, pushing and pulling) of people (including pupils) or objects	<input type="checkbox"/> Any other frequent driving or prolonged driving at work activities (e.g. long journeys driving own private vehicle or WCC vehicle for work purposes)
<input type="checkbox"/> Working at height/ using ladders on a regular/ repetitive basis	<input type="checkbox"/> Restricted postural change – prolonged sitting
<input type="checkbox"/> Lone working on a regular basis	<input type="checkbox"/> Restricted postural change – prolonged standing
<input type="checkbox"/> Night work	<input type="checkbox"/> Regular/repetitive bending/ squatting/ kneeling/crouching
<input type="checkbox"/> Rotating shift work	<input type="checkbox"/> Manual cleaning/ domestic duties

<input type="checkbox"/> Working on/ or near a road	<input type="checkbox"/> Regular work outdoors
X Significant use of computers (display screen equipment)	<input type="checkbox"/> Work with vulnerable children or vulnerable adults
<input type="checkbox"/> Undertaking repetitive tasks	<input type="checkbox"/> Working with challenging behaviours
<input type="checkbox"/> Continual telephone use (call centres)	<input type="checkbox"/> Regular work with skin irritants/ allergens
<input type="checkbox"/> Work requiring hearing protection (exposure to noise above action levels)	<input type="checkbox"/> Regular work with respiratory irritants/ allergens (exposure to dust, fumes, chemicals, fibres)
<input type="checkbox"/> Work requiring respirators or masks	<input type="checkbox"/> Work with vibrating tools/ machinery
<input type="checkbox"/> Work involving food handling	<input type="checkbox"/> Work with waste, refuse
<input type="checkbox"/> Potential exposure to blood or bodily fluids	<input type="checkbox"/> Face-to-face contact with members of the public
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify):	