

Planning & Development Lawyer

Holmes & Hills are a large regional law firm that has grown significantly in recent years and who are continuing to grow.

The firm's large team of solicitors and legal professionals have earned a reputation for offering a wide range of specialist legal services to individuals, businesses and local authorities across the South East and East Anglia.

Holmes & Hills has several departments specialising in a wide range of private client and commercial work. The firm prides itself on providing expert legal services whilst keeping control of costs. For more information on who we are please see our website www.holmes-hills.co.uk

THE ROLE

We are looking for a junior lawyer to join our highly regarded specialist planning team. The team deal with a broad spectrum of planning and development related matters from providing strategic advice, S106 Agreement and dealing with contentious planning matters.

In this role you will work closely with Steven Hopkins on providing advice on contentious planning and development property matters. The role will have a bias towards property litigation but will involve experiencing a broad spectrum of planning, property and property litigation matters.

RECENT WORK

Our current clients include nine local planning authorities, national developers, land owners as well as private individuals. We have:

- Issued a Statutory Review in the High Court for a developer client seeking to challenge a Planning Inspector's decision to dismiss an appeal in relation to a large residential development.
- Defended a land owner in the Magistrates Court for a prosecution for non-compliance with a Planning Enforcement Notice and an application for a Planning Enforcement Order.
- Successfully represented land owners in civil proceedings seeking injunctive relief to enforce the terms of a restrictive covenant over their neighboring land owner's property.
- Successfully represented a developer in proceedings before the Upper-Tier Tribunal to modify a restrictive covenant to allow a residential development of executive homes.

RESPONSIBILITIES

In this role you will:

- Be a central part of the team.
- Assist with the full spectrum of litigation matters.
- Have a large amount of client contact.
- Take ownerships of files and develop your own clients (under partner supervision).
- Attend site meetings with clients.
- Attend conferences with Counsel.
- Attend court to deal with interim applications and procedural hearings.
- Be involved with the marketing activities of the team.
- Develop specialist knowledge in a number of areas of law.

WHAT EXPERIENCE DO I NEED?

This role will suit someone who is coming up to qualification and wants to specialise in Litigation and/or contentious Property and/or Planning Law. It is advantageous if you have completed seats in Commercial Property and Litigation.

WHAT SKILLS SHOULD I HAVE?

- Strong communication skills
- Pro-active thinker



- Self-motivated
- Commercially aware
- Works well under pressure
- Capable of meeting deadlines

WHO WILL I BE WORKING WITH?

You will report to [Steven Hopkins](#) - Partner and Head of the Team who has personally been recommended by the Legal 500 UK in recognition of his experience. You will also work closely with [Michael Harman](#) - Partner [Joanna Lilliot](#) - Senior Solicitor, [David Whipps](#) - Consultant, [Tom McPhie](#) – Senior Solicitor, [David Sodimu](#) – Solicitor, and [Sarah Cook](#) – Solicitor.