



Release is a charity that campaigns for the reform of the UK drug laws to bring about a fair and compassionate legal framework for drug use in our society. We provide well-informed legal expertise and advice to drug users and their families as well as the related professional organisations on a daily basis. This contact brings unrivalled in depth knowledge of the problems caused by the present legislation and how this could be significantly reduced.

LEGAL ADVISER – APPLICATION GUIDANCE

We invite applications for this post from those who share our commitment to supporting the legal and human rights of people whose lives are affected by drug use. As a member of our dynamic legal team, based in London, your responsibilities will include:

- Legal advice and assistance at our legal surgeries across London, on issues including debt, welfare benefits and housing;
- Legal advice to the public and professionals about legal issues connected with drug use;
- Updating our specialist publications;
- Presenting specialist training to professionals who work with drug users;
- Contributing to our commentary on drugs legislation;
- Assisting with the development of our website and other IT-related service initiatives and their legal compliance; and
- Assisting with the supervision and training of volunteer advisors.

Requirements for the post include:

- At least 1 year PQE solicitor/barrister although in exceptional cases applications from those who have recently qualified may be considered.
- An understanding of the criminal law as it relates to drug use, and relevant civil and human rights issues or an understanding of welfare benefits and housing law. Training will be given to those practitioners who only have experience in one area of legal practise referred to above.

Salary £28,401 - £32, 094 p.a. (inc. ILW)

Closing date: 30th April 2013
Interviews to be held: 7th & 8th May 2013
Start date: As soon as available

To apply for the position, please send a current CV and a covering letter (total maximum 6 pages) detailing why you are suitable for the position to recruitment@release.org.uk or post at Release, 124-128 City Road, London EC1V 2NJ.

For an informal and confidential discussion regarding the position, please contact the Head of Legal Services – Kirstie Douse on 020 7324 2982.

****** For this job, Release will only consider applications from those who already have the right to live and work in the UK. This is because, in order for Release to apply successfully for a work permit, we need to show that there are no suitable candidates who are normally resident in the UK or are nationals of the European Economic area (EU States plus Norway and Iceland). See the Home Office Immigration & Nationality Directorate (www.ind.homeoffice.gov.uk) for information on the UK Government's immigration policy.

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