

Commercial Solicitor, 4 years' plus PQE

The role

We would be very interested in talking to professional individuals to join our commercial team. We are looking for one or possibly two lawyers, depending on the quality and experience of the candidates that apply, who can advise and support on a range of commercial matters across a number of different business sectors.

All candidates should:

- have a minimum of 4 years' PQE;
- have experience of negotiating complex and high value contracts;
- be used to working in a team and delegating to and training junior lawyers in commercial work;
- have substantial commercial contract drafting, negotiating, reviewing and advising expertise;
- be comfortable speaking at events and attending and generating networking opportunities;
- relish the opportunity to work in a busy, friendly and growing team;
- be keen to identify and help promote business development opportunities and willing to actively work on the team's expansion

Ideally a successful candidate might:

- have sector specific knowledge in for example one or any of pharmaceutical, healthcare, manufacturing, logistics, IT, R&D, food and drink, leisure and retail, HE, FE, energy, general supply chain;
- have experience in advising on procurement and/or state aid;
- have experience in advising and supporting clients operating in public authorities and/or the public sector generally;
- have experience in advising on competition law;
- be experienced in compiling and supporting in the drafting of tenders; and/or
- bring a following of clients.

The successful candidate(s) will be working on a broad range and complexity of typical commercial contract arrangements including collaborations, distributions, agencies, franchises, supply arrangements, research and development arrangements, terms and conditions, manufacturing arrangements, IP, IT, data protection, corporate support, delegating and supervising work and training junior lawyers.

So who are we looking for? We want a commercial lawyer with strong technical ability in this area of law. We are looking for a team player who can easily integrate into a busy and active team, supporting on its business development strategy. An individual who is willing to get involved with all areas of business development, including speaking at and attending networking events.

Our Team

Muckle LLP is the leading North East law firm for business. With nearly 150 people we are the biggest commercial law firm that is based solely in, and focused on, the North East.

Our Commercial team looks after a broad spectrum of clients with a variety of legal requirements. Our clients range from plc's through to start-up ventures and have come to rely on our team to operate in their day to day business environments regardless of the issue.

Our clients are from very different sectors but rely on our commercial advice on matters ranging from online trading through to complex manufacturing agreements, IT procurement contracts, IP protection and exploitation, information law and general contract advice.



We have developed a specialist practice that provides business people with first-class expert advice. We are dedicated to providing our clients with the best advice and service that we possibly can. We combine City-quality advice with the friendly, collegiate feel of the North East. We know that each client is different and each of our specialist teams consistently offers enthusiasm and expertise tailored for specific needs and situations. The right advice is only right for that client; there is no one-size-fits-all solution.

Legal 500 UK comment: "Muckle LLP is 'excellent across the board', forming 'an integral part of its clients' businesses". They awarded us Corporate and Commercial (Regional) Firm of the Year 2017 after completing more transactions than any of the other law firm in the North East, and we continue to top the North East Experian Corp Fin Tables, and have held this position for four years. We're noted for being able to handle multiple UK-wide transactions from our single site in Newcastle, winning work ahead of firms that have a network of offices nationwide. We also won the North East Business Awards Heart of the Community Award (Tyneside and Northumberland) 2017, for the fourth time. We impressed the panel with the amount of CSR work undertaken and the dedication demonstrated by the firm to our clients, employees and the community (including over 2,500 hours volunteering to support numerous projects).

At Muckle LLP, we want everyone to understand how our business is run and we encourage all of our people to get involved. We are proud of the communities in which we live and work and giving something back (time, experience, support and money) matters to us hugely. This is, therefore, an excellent opportunity for someone looking to work in a friendly, open environment who wants to expand and develop their career in a forward thinking, commercial law firm.

If you are interested in applying for the above role, please email your CV together with an introductory letter outlining your salary expectations to recruitment@muckle-llp.com.