

CHIEF MAGISTRATE

St Helena Island, South Atlantic

3 years FTC commencing as soon as possible

£68,000 pa, taxable in St Helena

A tax free International Supplement will also apply

In this vital role you will maintain and improve the quality and human rights compliance of the administration of justice.

A sub-tropical island of spectacular and beautiful landscapes in the South Atlantic with a warm and friendly population of 4,500, St Helena is a self-governing overseas territory of the UK. Following the opening of its international airport in October 2017, St Helena is better placed to develop both economically and socially.

St Helena is the largest of the United Kingdom Overseas Territorial Grouping of St Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha; the legal systems are based on English law.

The locally-constituted Magistrates' Court has criminal jurisdiction where the maximum sentence does not exceed 14 years and civil jurisdiction is to £5,000 in value (£20,000 when the Chief Magistrate is sitting). The Magistrates' Court has summary sentencing powers of 18 months imprisonment (5 years imprisonment when the Chief Magistrate is sitting)..Frequency of sittings varies so you will also be appointed to a number of other offices and act as a trainer and mentor to the Lay Justices, the Clerk of the Peace and other Judicial Services staff. You will sit in the Magistrates' Court, usually with at least one JP, but with power to sit alone. As Chief Coroner you will train the qualified and lay Coroners

You will be the Registrar of Lands, training and mentoring those managing the Registry, the Labour Regulating Authority, (Employment Tribunal), President of the Land Development Appeals Tribunal, President of the Media Commission and a Trustee of the Legal Assistance Fund. You must convene and chair meetings of the Court Users' Group, the Immigration Appeal Court and the Mental Health Tribunal and be the Commissioner for Workmen's Compensation.

Other responsibilities will be to encourage mediation and alternative dispute resolution, supervise the Registrar of Companies, participate on ad hoc Commissions of Enquiry and you will also be The Magistrate and Chief Coroner of Ascension Island.

Eligible for appointment to judicial office you must be a qualified Solicitor or Barrister/advocate who is eligible for appointment to judicial office in the United Kingdom or a commonwealth, jurisdiction with substantial experience of both civil and criminal work including advocacy. With fluent written and spoken English and good IT skills, you will have an aptitude for rational and objective analysis.

We offer an extensive benefits package with 30 days leave pa, fare paid travel, freight, pension contribution and relocation allowance (see overseas vacancy information). An application form can be found at www.sthelenacareers.co.uk where further information can also be found, or you may contact Kedell Worboys on 0203 818 7610 or email: shgukrep@sthelenagov.com.

Applications must be sent to recruitment@sainthelena.gov.sh and received by Tuesday 31 December 2019. Interviews will be held in London on Friday 24 January 2020.

Due to the potential for high numbers of applications, if you have not heard from us within 2 weeks of the closing date you should assume you have not been short listed. We would like to thank you for your interest in working for the St Helena Government.