

Public Solicitor

St Helena Island, South Atlantic

2 years FTC commencing as soon as possible – £57k pa, taxable in St Helena A tax free International Supplement will also apply

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, poised for future transformation with scheduled, commercial air access. The island has its own legal system and legislature, applying relevant English law where no local law exists.

As well as providing independent legal advice to the community, the role of Public Solicitor is to improve access to justice and contribute to human rights awareness. The range of issues arising is very wide, but criminal and safeguarding matters remain the priority of the office.

Advising on human rights and constitutional issues, you will be in charge of an office that conducts civil litigation, provides advice to, and representation for, defendants in criminal proceedings, advises on rights of appeal and represents both applicants and respondents in civil proceedings. You should facilitate and encourage mediation and Alternative Dispute Resolution. As a trustee of the Legal Assistance Fund, you will be responsible for approving claims and the proper expenditure and administering the legal aid system (with other stakeholders). You will appoint, train, assist and supervise Lay Advocates as well more junior solicitors within the office.

The office is about to start the process of a review of the provision of legal services on the island and you will be expected to play a substantial role in shaping the

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 **1 July 2020**. Interviews will be held in London or by Skype.

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.

future of private practice on St Helena, especially in relation to funding streams and the relationship between the post of Public Solicitor and the Saint Helena Government.

You may be asked to assist residents of Ascension Island and Tristan da Cunha. Your contract will provide support towards the cost of Continuing Professional Development and your annual fees for an SRA Practising Certificate (if registered with this regulatory body). This role has proven to be an opportunity to professionally develop with previous postholders moving to the role of Chief Magistrate and subsequently undertaking judicial roles within the UK.

It is essential that you are a qualified solicitor (with Higher Rights of Audience) or barrister with substantial experience in criminal work including advocacy. It is desirable that you also have some/moderate experience of civil matters. You must hold a full current practising certificate not subject to any conditions or investigation.

