

UNDERCOVER POLICING INQUIRY

The Undercover Policing Inquiry invites applications from junior members of the bar (who we would generally expect to be practitioners under four years call) to join a security-cleared panel interested in joining the Inquiry Legal Team upon suitable vacancies arising.

The Undercover Policing Inquiry was established to investigate and report on undercover police operations conducted by English and Welsh police forces in England and Wales since 1968. The Inquiry will examine the contribution undercover policing has made to tackling crime, how it was and is supervised and regulated, and its effect on individuals involved – both police officers and others who came into contact with them. For our terms of reference and more information about our work visit our website at ucpi.org.uk

The Inquiry is seeking to establish a panel of SC-cleared junior juniors keen to work for the Inquiry as and when vacancies arise, in order to assist with the review and analysis of evidence, together with requests for witness statements. Given the time involved in the security process, the establishment of a panel will provide the Inquiry with the capability to fill vacancies as they arise on the Inquiry Legal Team.

Candidates should be able to assess and evaluate large volumes of material quickly and identify legal issues within the context of a public inquiry. Candidates must have strong written and verbal communication skills and be able to display sound legal judgment and strategic thinking. A good understanding of the work of a public inquiry is an advantage, as is some exposure to handling sensitive material in legal proceedings.

Successful applicants will need to agree to submit to vetting for security clearance if this is not currently held. Subject to successfully passing clearance, they would be contacted when a suitable vacancy on the Inquiry Legal Team arises with an offer to join the team. Such vacancies will usually require commitment to a minimum of 30 hours per week. Remuneration is at the rate paid by the Government Legal Service for junior junior counsel: £45 per hour.

If you have any queries about this advertisement please contact the Inquiry team on 020 3876 4750.

If you wish to apply for this interesting and varied role, giving the opportunity of working at the heart of a high-profile public inquiry please send your curriculum vitae, with a covering letter explaining your interest in our work and your relevant skills/experience to info@ucpi.org.uk.