



Criminal Defence Solicitors – Paralegal Vacancy with a view to a Training Contract.

VHS Fletchers is one of the leading firms of Criminal Defence Solicitors in the East Midlands, We are looking to recruit one paralegal with a view to traineeship based at our busy Chesterfield office. The successful candidate must have an enthusiasm and aptitude for Criminal Law and a desire to work within the publicly funded Criminal Defence sector with a view to remaining with us post-qualification.

We welcome applicants who have completed the Legal Practice Course, or are close to completing the Legal Practice Course, and will be in a position to commence a position in the late Spring/Summer of 2021.

It would be preferable for applicants to already hold the Police Station Accreditation qualification. Experience to count against the two-year training period would also be helpful, as would experience of a Crown Court caseload.

If the successful candidate does not hold the accreditation then they will immediately be assisted to secure this to begin to advise suspects in police interview. The successful candidate will take their place on the firms out of hours rota to provide emergency advice.

Dependent upon experience, there may be an opportunity for a training contract to begin immediately or for training to be completed with our firm.

Whilst the position will be based at our Chesterfield office the role will, on occasions, entail visiting clients in Prison, Police Stations and Courts within the East Midlands and further afield.

Our aim is for you to gain:

- an encouraging and positive experience in a professional and friendly environment;
- the necessary experience to qualify as a solicitor with the aim of being retained by the firm beyond the end of the training contract with a view to becoming a Duty Solicitor for the firm in Chesterfield.
- potential for development as a Higher Courts Advocate

Salary: Paralegal - dependent upon experience
Trainee - Law Society Recommended minimum for outside London

Application: CV and covering letter to david.gittins@vhsfletchers.co.uk

Closing Date: 21th May 2021

Start date: Late Spring/Summer 2021