

ROLE PROFILE - Legal Adviser Legal

Career Framework: Policy and Advisory Level 4 (Upper)

Role Purpose:

To provide high quality legal and regulatory advice to all functions within the SRA.

Outcomes:

- Provides high quality legal and regulatory advice to all functions within the SRA
- Delivers high quality, effective and timely conduct of all matters on a public interest, outcomes-focused and regulatory risk basis
- Robustly manages external lawyers and counsel to obtain high quality advice at appropriate cost
- Advises on and where required authorises formal decisions upon evidence and public interest tests
- Identifies and takes appropriate steps to manage complex, sensitive or high profile matters, escalating or seeking further advice where necessary in order to deal with such matters in an outcomes-focused and risk based way
- Has constant awareness of state of own caseload and shares knowledge as appropriate
- Ensures rigorous data integrity in order to facilitate accurate reporting to managers and other colleagues
- Takes responsibility for individual matters potentially involving legal costs and risk
- Engages with, and manages relationships with, internal and external stakeholders to ensure best possible outcomes
- Acts as advocate or gives presentations in public arenas

Knowledge, Skills & Experience:

Essential

- Solicitor or Barrister
- Experience of conducting litigation, or providing legal advice in a regulatory environment
- Practical experience of case analysis and legal drafting in a contentious or regulatory environment
- Knowledge of law, framework and rules within the regulation of legal services
- Pro-active approach to cases and projects
- Understands objectives of own area and how these impact upon the SRA's overall objectives
- Resilient and able to work in a constantly changing environment

Desirable

- Experience of advocacy in courts or tribunals

This role profile is aligned to the SRA career framework.

The career framework profile outlines the generic requirements which are common to all roles within this type and level. This role profile outlines supplementary role specific requirements.

The two profiles should be read in conjunction.