

NOTE TO APPLICANTS

Founded in 2000 to meet the complex challenges of law in the 21st Century, Matrix Chambers has 90 members supported by a dynamic and modern staff team. Described as “the future of the Bar”, Matrix is an accessible, professional and approachable set that is renowned for its wide range of practice areas and emphasis on excellence.

Details of Role

Matrix’s employment team are looking to recruit outstanding employment silks and junior practitioners with 5 to 15 years’ experience.

The Matrix Employment team has an enviable track record of presenting cases in all forums, from the Employment Tribunal, the High Court and the Central Arbitration Committee to the Supreme Court, the Court of Justice of the European Union and the European Court of Human Rights. Recognised as leaders in their field by both Chambers & Partners and Legal 500, Matrix members often appear in high profile and complex cases acting for claimants, respondents and intervenors alike. In addition, members are frequently instructed to carry out internal investigations into actions of companies or employees, conducting audits, grievance and disciplinary investigations with impartiality.

Matrix has expertise in a wide array of practice areas, which means members can draw on expertise in different areas of law which cross over with employment, such as discrimination and equality issues, those with a European dimension (for example, equal pay, the Working Time Directive, and the transfer of undertakings), commercial (including the restraint of trade, the law of confidential information, and executive terminations), media, privacy, data protection, and the free movement of workers regime under EU law.

Matrix’s Employment team have a reputation for imaginative and fearless advocacy and invite applications from individuals seeking more opportunities to conduct ground-breaking and challenging employment work.

This is an exciting opportunity to join a friendly, busy and highly successful team. Matrix’s Core Values are at the heart of everything that we do, and successful candidates will need to demonstrate support of these.

Interested? What Now?

Applicants are asked to send their CV to Lindsay Clarke at recruitment@matrixlaw.co.uk along with a covering letter outlining their aspirations for future practice, their reasons for applying to Matrix and a demonstration of their commitment to Matrix’s Core Values. All applications will be treated in the strictest confidence.

Potential applicants who wish to discuss their application may contact, in confidence, the Employment Law team co-ordinators, Laura Prince (lauraprince@matrixlaw.co.uk) or Mathew Purchase (mathewpurchase@matrixlaw.co.uk), or Senior Practice Manager Alison Scanes (ascanes@matrixlaw.co.uk).

Deadline for receipt of applications: 15th May 2020

Interviews: w/c 25th May 2020

Please note that due to current social distancing restrictions as a result of Covid-19, interviews are likely to be conducted via video-link.

Positive Action Statement

Matrix strives to be an equal opportunities employer and is committed to diversity amongst its staff and members, including supporting flexible working. We therefore encourage and welcome applications from women, people of minority ethnic origin, people with disabilities and LGBT+ candidates, as well as candidates from other groups which are underrepresented in the legal sector. We will make reasonable adjustments to enable disabled candidates to demonstrate their suitability for the position.

Important note to applicants with a disability

If you are a disabled applicant and wish to take advantage of this scheme it may be necessary to inform the individuals who assess applications for this post that you are disabled. If you wish to take advantage of the guaranteed interview scheme and are happy for your disabled status to be disclosed to the assessors, please do let us know within your covering letter. If you are a disabled person and you prefer not to disclose this fact to the individuals who assess the applications forms then you do not have to let us know, however this may mean that you cannot be guaranteed an interview even if you meet the minimum requirements for the position.

Should you wish to discuss reasonable adjustments or anything else relating to a disability in connection with this recruitment exercise, in confidence and with someone unconnected to the recruitment process, please contact Matrix's Disability Officer: Sarah Hannett on 020 7404 3447.

Core Values

Matrix is founded on the following Core Values: They are not an empty mission statement; these Core Values underpin all that we do.

1. A Commitment to working together to deliver legal services

Teamwork and co-operation are important values. Although Members and Associates of Matrix are individual practitioners, they are committed to working together to deliver legal services including, in particular, through sharing legal knowledge and experience.

2. A democratic structure

Within the management structure, all members have an equal say in the running of the practice.

3. Client care and quality of service

Individually and as a practice we are committed to providing a high quality of client care and legal service.

4. Closer links between practising and academic lawyers

Academic lawyers have historically been an under used resource at the bar. We are committed to enhancing collaboration with academic lawyers.

5. Continuing education

Matrix is committed to the continuing education of its Members, Associates and staff, for example by regular internal seminars and discussion groups and by supporting staff who wish to undertake relevant training and education.

6. Efficiency in administration and management

The practice is committed to being professionally managed, using efficient and effective administrative procedures and systems, including state-of-the-art information technologies.

7. Ethical legal practice

Members and Associates of Matrix have a shared commitment to the legal profession's wider responsibilities to society.

8. Independence

We are independent practitioners with a professional obligation to promote the interests of our clients, whoever they may be. The practice is committed to the protection of individuals' rights as well as the interests of corporate clients and public and governmental bodies.

9. Innovation

We are committed to innovation, for example by experimenting with new ways of delivering legal services. The practice is committed to breaking down the traditional barriers between other providers of legal services.

10. Practice diversity

We are committed to respecting the diverse practice aspirations of each member. The practice is run as an efficient business organisation, although the maximisation of income generation is not the principal goal of the practice itself.

11. Promotion of equality of opportunity

The practice seeks actively to promote equality of opportunity. It is a long-term aspiration that the practice be comprised of roughly equal proportions of women and men, and that minorities be properly represented. It is one of the aims of the practice to help facilitate access to the legal profession to those traditionally excluded.

12. Public service ethos

We are committed to a public service ethos. This includes a commitment to publicly funded work (including for public authorities), public interest litigation and, where appropriate, pro bono work. Such work is held in equal esteem with private client work.

13. Respect and Courtesy

Matrix is committed to ensuring that all those who work within the practice are treated with equal respect and courtesy at all times.

14. Training

We are committed to offering training opportunities, including pupillage and other forms of training to members of the legal profession.

15. Work life balance

Matrix is committed to enabling all those who work within the practice to achieve a proper balance between their working and home life.

16. Environment

Matrix will take all reasonable steps to reduce the negative impacts of its activities on the environment including by minimising its contribution to climate change except where the cost of doing so is wholly disproportionate to the benefit gained.