



## **City of London Corporation**

### **Office of the City Remembrancer**

#### **Assistant Parliamentary Affairs Counsel**

This post offers the opportunity to join a small team at the heart of the City Corporation providing specialist advice on constitutional matters, legislative proposals, and complex legal issues affecting the City of London and the activities of the City of London Corporation.

It is expected that the post holder will have recently completed the Bar Professional Training Course and have recently been, or will shortly be, called to the Bar. The role is designed to provide the post-holder with the necessary experience and skills to obtain pupillage and become an outstanding pupil barrister.

The post-holder will assist in taking forward the City's Private Bills, including preparing and commenting on policy proposals, drafting clauses, and assisting with their Parliamentary passage, and scrutinising public bills and drafting amendments to them. Major priorities for the Office at present include the City's forthcoming markets relocation bill and responding to the consequences of the decision to leave the EU.

The City of London Corporation traces its origins back over a thousand years. The liberties and customs of the City were confirmed by Magna Carta. Although the City Corporation has been granted many charters, it has been recognised as a corporation by prescription and therefore enjoys all the legal capacities of a natural person except in so far as limited by statute or custom. Since the nineteenth century, the City Corporation has also been granted certain statutory powers and become subject to statutory duties, but its unique history means that there is a continuing requirement to obtain legislation applying specifically to the City alongside its common law powers.

The post-holder will be a member of the City Remembrancer's Office. The Remembrancer is one of the City's four law officers and the City's Parliamentary Agent. The post-holder will be responsible for assisting with the research and drafting of law officers' opinions and contributing to the parliamentary policy work of the Office.

The post-holder will represent the Remembrancer at City Corporation and external meetings, liaising with internal and external contacts at all levels of seniority. In addition to the ability to undertake comprehensive legal analysis and research, excellent written and oral advocacy skills, strengths as a team player, and good interpersonal skills are essential.

An interest in the work of Parliament and legislative drafting will be assumed, and there will also be opportunities to participate in the work of other parts of the Office including diplomatic activities, protocol, ceremonial functions, and individual projects allocated by the Remembrancer.

The current post-holder has developed a small criminal and civil (housing, and commercial landlord & tenant) practice for the Comptroller & City Solicitor (the Corporation's in-house legal advisors) and it is anticipated that the successful candidate will continue this arrangement as an adjunct to the parliamentary duties.

The successful candidate should have a 2:1 or first-class degree, completed the GDL achieving a commendation or better (if required), and have completed the Bar Professional Training Course achieving a Very Competent or better. The current post-holder is leaving the Office to take up pupillage at a leading commercial and chancery set, and all previous post-holders have been successful in obtaining pupillage.

The starting salary for this position will be negotiable up to £55,000 reflecting the individual's circumstances.

The post is available for a 2-year contract commencing in the summer.

If you are interested in this position, please contact:

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