**Job Title:** Lawyer (Construction Team) 2-5 yrs PQE

**Status:** Full time, permanent

**Main responsibility**: To provide a full range of construction advice to our clients. Assist in growing Construction business.

**The Team**

The Construction team at Wedlake Bell consists of 4 Partners and 12 fee earners. The team advises at every stage of the construction life cycle, from feasibility planning and design, throughout the procurement of the building project, resolving problems when they arise, to successful completion. The team plays a proactive role in any project team – responding to the client’s needs and driving the project forward.

The team is highly rated and noted in *Chambers & Partners 2022* as providing "*practical advice that offers solutions*" and for being "*knowledgeable, thorough and attentive*."

As part of the team you will be trusted with direct contact with clients and will work closely with them and their other professional advisors, giving you the opportunity to develop relationships with the key stakeholders. Wedlake Bell construction lawyers are experienced across the real estate industry sector spectrum. As such, you will deal with a varied and interesting workload with clients (ranging from developers to sub-contractors) within a number of different sectors across the construction industry including hospitality, offices, logistics, retail, residential development and healthcare to name a few. You will work with other teams across the firm, principally with the wider real estate department, dealing with development work, supporting on transactions and giving advice to clients in relation to issues which arise both during a construction project and after the project has reached completion.

You will predominantly work with the Partners in the team, and you'll be given a good balance of matters and will be trusted to progress your work properly without over the top/unnecessary supervision. However, when dealing with more complex matters or if you want support, the Partners are all very approachable, actively interested in seeing you develop and quick to help. The wider team of qualified fee earners are all also extremely willing to help, and you will be assisted by trainees and paralegals.

The construction team is not stuffy - everyone is very friendly and supportive, and there is a genuine team spirit helped by regular social events not only within the team but also with the wider firm. You'll be given plenty of room to develop your skills as a lawyer. You will also have the opportunity to participate in business development activities for the team and the wider firm.

**Profile**

* Primarily non-contentious but having some contentious advisory experience would be an advantage.

**Duties**

* Domestic construction work for a wide range of clients (on and offshore) including high net worth individuals, joint ventures, corporate and commercial organisations, institutional investors and developers, industry bodies and private healthcare providers.
* Wide range of contract drafting and advisory including bespoke and based on recognised industry forms such as JCT, FIDIC and NEC, bonds, guarantees and other construction security documents, development agreements and agreements for lease.
* Construction finance both acquisition and development acting for lenders and borrowers.
* Wide range of projects e.g. Healthcare, senior living, high end residential developments, offices, industrial and logistics, mixed use schemes and infrastructure.
* Working directly with construction team clients and also providing integrated cross firm transaction support.
* Working with clients in relation to issues which arise in connection with their projects and assisting to provide solutions and strategies to help achieve the client's required outcome

**Essential Skills or Knowledge:**

* Strong academics
* Excellent technical skills
* Commercially aware and ability to handle a diverse range of work
* A willingness to get involved with marketing activities and understand the importance of nurturing professional contacts and developing referrals and repeat referrals from clients and contacts.

Please view <https://wedlakebell.com/services/construction/> for further information on the team.

If you are interested in this role, please contact Darren Chidgey, Recruitment Adviser at dchidgey@wedlakebell.com