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Job title: Solicitor or Legal Executive

Department: Utilities

Location: London

Status: Full time, 09:30-17:30 Monday to Friday, Permanent

Reporting to: Utilities Partner

Role context: Wedlake Bell's highly regarded Utilities team are recruiting a Solicitor or Legal Executive to join their team, to lead on advising and litigating matters in the Utilities sector.

The Utilities team are a specialist team dealing with large utilities provider clients – including the majority of Big Five electricity and gas providers in the UK – acting on a range of disputes work. Matters can include court litigation, debt recovery, insolvencies, as well as some advisory work on licensing and regulatory issues.

A Solicitor/Legal Executive in this team will handle a busy caseload of disputes matters, as well as handling more complex matters – many of which are affected by current affairs you will see in the national press.

This is a fantastic opportunity to join a thriving team in an environment which offers professional development and growth opportunities.

Find out more about our Utilities practice [here](#).

Key role duties:

- Handle a caseload of utilities disputes matters, seeing through the litigation process from start to finish, including court visits and instructing counsel, through to settlement or recovery
- Provide strategic guidance and quality control for more junior team members
- Drafting claims, statutory demands, bankruptcy and winding-up petitions, etc
- Conduct legal research
- Being a day-to-day contact for clients for updates on their cases and providing legal advice
- Maintaining up-to-date schedules for both internal and client uses

Attributes:

- Be a practicing solicitor or legal executive, with significant experience gained in relevant matters (litigation, debt recovery, insolvency, etc)
- Ideally but not essential, having specific knowledge of the utilities sector and relevant issues
- Excellent communication skills – must be able to interact and communicate effectively across all levels of seniority and on both an internal and external basis
- Must have the ability to formulate and maintain good working relationships both internally and externally
- Able to work well under pressure and in keeping with deadlines
- Must have excellent attention to detail
- Strong IT, organizational skills
- Able to manage own workload and show initiative
- Flexible in approach to work
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills

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Located in the heart of the City of London, Wedlake Bell LLP is a “UK Top 100” law firm with core strengths across Private Client, Real Estate, Business Services and Disputes. The firm has 74 Partners supported by over 160 other lawyers. Whilst the firm can trace its roots back to 1780, we are a modern and innovative law firm that offers pragmatic and commercial solutions. Our offices are located in the heart of London, close to St Paul's.

We work with our clients as business partners and not simply as suppliers of legal services. We are always striving to understand and add value to our clients’ businesses. We pride ourselves on developing excellent personal, as well as professional, relationships.

We provide a wide range of legal services to UK and international corporate clients, public institutions and entrepreneurs, across all sectors. Our clients range from trade associations, governmental bodies, education establishments, charities and private investors to FTSE 100 companies, major retailers, insurers, banks and financial institutions, pension fund trustees, owner-managed private companies, entrepreneurs, and start-ups.

Alongside our UK practice, we have established a highly innovative international business model under the brand iGlobal Law. iGlobal is a specialist subsidiary established in 2013 focusing on international labour and compliance law. iGlobal provides an efficient, driven, single contact point cross-border and country-specific labour law and compliance advice to global businesses in over 60 jurisdictions.

We also have an innovative data protection offering under the brand ProDPO which is a subsidiary of Wedlake Bell. ProDPO was founded in 2017 to provide outsourced data protection officer services to businesses, including requirements to maintain records of personal data and processing activities.

There is a strong international dimension to our practice. Wedlake Bell founded TELFA (Trans European Law Firms Alliance) in 1989 and it was born out of the need to serve clients doing business across Europe. TELFA now has an affiliation with USLAW giving all TELFA clients privileged access to the same quality of service in the United States. We act regularly for overseas clients from the US, the Middle East, Asia, South Africa and Europe.

Primary benefits offered by the firm:

- Competitive pension plan
- 25 days paid holiday per annum
- Additional leave provided for key moments in your life – birthdays, moving house, getting married/entering into a civil partnership, and having children
- Additional Holiday Scheme – the option to buy up to five additional days holiday each year
- Life Assurance – 4 x salary cover upon joining the firm
- Competitive income protection scheme
- Private Medical Insurance – eligible upon joining the firm
- Dental Insurance – eligible upon joining the firm
- Enhanced maternity, adoption and shared parental leave
- Employee Assistance Programme, including face to face counselling services
- Travel Season Ticket Loan
- Give As You Earn Scheme
- Cycle to Work Scheme
- Subsidised Gym Membership
- Pilates classes
- Staff Recruitment Referral Bonus Scheme
- Client Introduction Bonus Scheme

To Apply:

Please email a copy of your CV/Resumé (ideally two pages) to recruitment@wedlakebell.com with a short covering note highlighting your interest in and experience for the position.

If you have any questions about this position, our interview process, or anything else about Wedlake Bell, please contact a member of our recruitment team on recruitment@wedlakebell.com