

ROLE PROFILE - Legal Adviser Legal - General Counsel

Career Framework: Policy & Advisory Level 4 (upper)

Role Purpose:

To provide and supervise the provision of high quality regulatory and public law advice and support on policy, compliance and governance matters to all functions across the SRA.

Outcomes:

- Provides high quality, effective and timely advice on the legal obligations and regulatory powers available to the organisation, including robust construction of statutes and delegated legislation, necessary procedures, and practical application to the work of the SRA
- Provides clear and precise technical legal drafting, including of delegated legislation
- Assists in providing innovative solutions to complex legal problems in order to meet the SRA's objectives, escalating where appropriate.
- Proactively shares expertise with the team and across the SRA to promote a high performance culture
- Assists in defending litigation and judicial review applications when required
- Assists in managing external lawyers and counsel to obtain high quality advice at appropriate cost
- Engages with, and manages relationships with, internal and external stakeholders to ensure best possible outcomes
- Acts as a positive role model to others, role modelling the SRA's values

Knowledge, Skills & Experience:

Essential

- Qualified Solicitor or Barrister (England & Wales)
- Knowledge of the law in one or more of the following areas: regulatory, public law or professional discipline
- Experience of providing high quality legal advice and legal drafting, with good attention to detail
- Good analytical and research skills with the ability proactively to solve problems in a wide variety of legal fields
- Able to work both autonomously and under supervision to deliver effective solutions
- Pragmatic and able to communicate effectively and work collaboratively with legal and non-legal colleagues
- Understanding of SRA objectives, key deliverables and how to connect this with the political landscape

Desirable

- Legal knowledge in one or more of the following additional areas: procurement, contract, education, and/or information law

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.