Criminal Solicitor

1. We invite applications from energetic, enthusiastic applicants to join a close-knit team of experienced and committed defence solicitors. We would expect a prior interest and/or involvement in the challenging areas of representation in which we primarily work, whether via specific legal experience or more generally.
2. Your work would involve representation in police stations, magistrates’ courts and Crown courts in cases on your own. In more difficult and sensitive cases, you would work as part of a team with colleagues of considerable experience. Your work would involve supervision as a second supervisor.
3. Our criminal contract is for “own client” representation.
4. The specific requirements for the post are to already have CLAS and in the last 12 months to have had:
5. a  minimum of six Police Station Advice and Assistance cases and
6. a minimum of 20 magistrates’ court representations and advocacy under a Representation Order; or undertaken a minimum of 10 Magistrates Court representations and advocacy and five Crown Court representations and advocacy
7. undertaken at least 350 hours of direct casework or if you have been working part-time, 1,050 hours of direct casework in the previous five years.
8. The work will involve:

Attending police stations (sometimes outside of London) and on occasion, advice/attendance at port stops under Schedule 7 TA.

Being on our out of hours telephone call rota – no more than one evening a week and no more than once every 6 weekends.

Magistrates courts advocacy work –including covering hearings for other fee earners.

Being responsible for your own caseload of mixed criminal cases.

Having involvement and input into more complex cases with solicitors of considerable experience (trials, extradition cases and appeals).

Attending Crown court hearings with Counsel when required as our representative.

1. If you have Higher Rights advocacy would constitute a further aspect of the work – in pre-trial hearings and in trials if appropriately qualified, including potentially as a junior advocate in complex cases.
2. We would not rule out the possibility of a job share.