

## Secondment or fixed-term appointment opportunity

The Law Commission is looking for a lawyer with experience of commercial insurance law to work on a secondment or fixed-term basis for between one and three years.

The job is available full-time or part-time (for three days a week or more). Limited home working arrangements may be possible by negotiation.

The starting salary is £50,000 for a fixed term appointment. Terms for a secondment will be agreed with the employer. The Commission offers family-friendly policies and sensible working hours.

### The work

The English and Scottish Law Commissions are conducting a major review of insurance contract law. In July 2007 we published our first consultation paper on non-disclosure, misrepresentation and breach of warranty. A second consultation paper in 2008 will deal with insurable interest, post-contractual good faith and damages for late payment of claims. A final report and draft Bill are planned for 2010.

The work is stimulating and varied. It includes legal research, drafting consultation papers and reports and, where a draft Bill is produced, preparing instructions to Parliamentary Counsel. You will be responsible for analysing the law on given topics, identifying problems and developing a range of solutions. You will also keep in contact with stakeholders, listening to their point of view and presenting proposals at meetings, seminars and conferences.

### How to apply

For further information, please contact Tamara Goriely on 020 7453 1264 or [tamara.goriely@lawcommission.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:tamara.goriely@lawcommission.gsi.gov.uk). We would be interested in hearing from individuals; or from firms of insurers or solicitors who would consider a secondment arrangement.

Please apply with a CV, giving the names of two referees, by Friday **19 October 2007**.

Applications should be sent by email or post to: [barbara.wall@lawcommission.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:barbara.wall@lawcommission.gsi.gov.uk) or Mrs Barbara Wallen, Policy and Personnel Officer, Law Commission, Conquest House, 37-38 John Street, Theobalds Road, London WC1N 2BQ.

You will find further information about the post on the next page. General information on the Law Commission is available on the Law Commission's website at <http://www.lawcom.gov.uk>, and specifically on this project at [http://www.lawcom.gov.uk/insurance\\_contract.htm](http://www.lawcom.gov.uk/insurance_contract.htm).

## **FURTHER INFORMATION**

### **The Law Commission**

The Law Commission is the statutory law reform body for England and Wales. Our aims are:

- To help make the law fair, modern, simple and cost-effective.
- To conduct research and consultations in order to make systematic recommendations to Parliament.
- To codify the law, eliminate anomalies, repeal obsolete and unnecessary enactments and reduce the number of separate statutes.

The Law Commission is sponsored by the Ministry of Justice, but is independent of Government in coming to its conclusions.

### **What we are looking for**

We are looking for an experienced insurance lawyer with an understanding of the commercial market. You should have:

- a good grasp of legal principles
- excellent writing skills
- an understanding of law in its social setting and the ability to think creatively about policy issues
- experience of managing projects against agreed deadlines
- the ability to gain the trust of stakeholders - including insurers, brokers, consumers, and lawyers
- the ability to work within a team, helping the two Commissions come to an agreed policy position.

The position is only open to UK Nationals, Commonwealth citizens, European Economic Area nationals or certain non-European Economic Area family members who have moved to the UK for an approved purpose.

### **Main duties**

The job involves the following:

1. Acting as a lawyer in the Commercial and Common Law team, promoting the reform of the law so as to be fair, modern, simple and cost-effective;
2. Researching both what the law is and how the law works in practice; considering alternatives; formulating policy;
3. Writing consultation papers and reports (and other documents) in conjunction with the Commissioners and, where appropriate, the team manager; preparing these for publication;
4. Consulting stakeholders, using a variety of methods; analysing responses; working with the Communications Manager to organise publicity for our work;
5. Where appropriate, instructing Parliamentary Counsel to draft Bills;
6. Providing assistance, where required, in relation to other work undertaken by the team.