

Forward thinking
Straight talking



Corporate Solicitor

JOB SPECIFICATION

Gateley / LEGAL

POSITION:	Corporate Solicitor
LOCATION:	Manchester
CONTRACT TYPE:	Permanent

The *role*

An exciting opportunity is available for a solicitor to join our national corporate team based in the Northwest at our Manchester office. This role would ideally suit a transactional solicitor with 2-4 years' post qualification experience. The successful candidate will gain exposure and be given the opportunity to assist Partners, Senior Associates, Associates, and the wider national team on a variety of M&A, capital markets and private equity (to name a few) corporate transactions.

The *team*

Our Corporate team continues to thrive and with an impressive client list it is the perfect home for ambitious corporate lawyers to develop their career. With a team of 100 corporate lawyers nationally, we advise clients on all types of corporate activity. Our Corporate team has been recognised in the North West as follows:

- Legal 500 Northern Powerhouse Awards 2026 – Deal of the Year (shortlisted).
- Insider's North West Young Professionals Award 2025 – Young Corporate Lawyer of the Year – Ffion Brumwell-Hughes (shortlisted).
- Insider's North West Young Professionals Award 2026 – Young Corporate Lawyer of the Year – Adam Noble (shortlisted).
- Insider's North West Dealmakers 2025 - Deal of the Year (£10-£50m).
- The Business Desk's Northwest Rainmaker Awards 2025 – Large Deal of the Year (shortlisted) and Medium Deal of the Year (winner).

The structure of our highly accomplished national team enables us to offer a partner lead approach on every transaction. Locally in the Manchester team, you will join a team of Partners, Legal Directors, Senior Associates, Associates and Solicitors that all work collaboratively across the Corporate Unit. The corporate team provide a nurturing and supportive environment and has opportunity for genuine long term progression prospects.

The *person*

The successful candidate must be a qualified solicitor (England & Wales) with 2-4 years' PQE experience within a broad range of corporate matters. The candidate must also have:

- The ability to deliver clear, logical and understandable corporate advice in a timely and competent manner.
- An ability and willingness to learn, excellent commercial acumen and great negotiation skills.
- Ambition to build and grow a network of clients within professional services.
- A personable and dynamic personality with a passion for working collaboratively.
- Confidence to shape business development initiatives with colleagues and to take ownership and drive those initiatives.

The *benefits*

With support, coaching and feedback from some of the most engaging colleagues around our great development and progression opportunities will reward your commitment and loyalty. We offer a competitive remuneration package where you'll be rewarded for your individual performance with an opportunity to receive an annual bonus.

In addition, we have a wide range of learning and development opportunities via our Learn platform to develop new skills and progress your career. Our My Flex comprehensive rewards package includes options covering annual leave (and the benefit of purchasing extra days), cycle to work, critical illness benefit, employee assistance programme, group personal pension, health care, season ticket loan and many more benefits (grade dependent). Finally, with Perks At Work/Home you can select a host of retail benefits that suit your needs alongside a Community Online Academy, free courses for all from fitness to coding to languages to hip hop dance.

We are *Gateley*

We are forward thinking and straight talking, our approach is to find solutions to the problems that our clients face. Gateley is a legal and professional services group, we are a group of formidable experts in all areas of law and business. Passionate problem solvers, we get our kicks from finding the right answers and getting our legal and business clients where they need to be. We support more than 5,700 active clients, ranging from FTSE 100 companies to private individuals, in the UK and beyond. Being part of Gateley is not just about the expertise that you bring; it's about attitude too.

The 'Gateley Story' is the story of our people and our culture. It is what has got us to where we are today as a successful business and it's the driving force behind the Gateley Team Spirit and the values that have shaped it. We have a set of shared internal values that capture what the Gateley Team Spirit is and this includes five elements that bind us all together as one Gateley: Ambitious for Success, Forward Thinking, Room to Breathe, Trusted to Do and Working Together. Every year across the group, we recognise members of our team that have gone and above and beyond and have lived these shared values. They are recognised at our annual Gateley Team Spirit awards.

Diversity, inclusion and well being

Diversity, inclusion and well being is an important part of Gateley's culture and values. We recruit talented people from a diverse range of backgrounds and cultures, providing equal opportunities for all to join our team regardless of age, sex, race, sexual orientation, disability, or culture.

We create an exciting and rewarding place to work that aims to fulfil everyone's potential and together to achieve personal and business goals. We offer flexible working patterns to help our staff achieve a good work/life balance and we encourage candidates seeking flexibility in their next role to apply for any of our vacancies.

We are proud to have been recognised by The Law Society as gold standard for our Diversity and Inclusion Charter and to be Stonewall Diversity Champions.

Additional Information

If you are successful in receiving an offer of a role with our company a variety of pre-employment screening checks will be completed. Our screening checks can include but are not limited to your eligibility to work, professional and academic qualifications, any criminal records, your financial stability and references from previous employers. The screening that takes place will be relevant to your role and will vary from role to role.



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