



HOWARD KENNEDY

Your straightforward guide to working at Howard Kennedy

Solicitor, Team Leader - Residential Development Sales (Fixed Term
Contract - 12 Months)



Welcome message

There's something special about Howard Kennedy.

We can sum it up in a single word: Straightforward.

The market evolves constantly, as do our clients' needs. We must always be ready to meet these changing demands. Our clients are after a lot more than sound advice. They want experts who bring clarity to daunting challenges in areas. It's people who matter most to them – they look for someone they can work closely with, who understands their business and who is there for the long haul.

That's why it's important that people who come to work for us have the same vision and values.

As a law firm we aim to provide straightforward commercial advice to our clients in a world of uncertainty, and to be a place where people thrive and our values prevail.



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About us

We are a London based, full-service law firm, specialising in providing straightforward advice to entrepreneurial businesses and individuals on domestic and international matters. With over 150 lawyers in one location, we ensure our clients have the right team to help them get from where they are to where they want to be.

We advise major corporates and institutions as well as entrepreneurial, ambitious enterprises which are often privately or family owned, or private equity backed. As well as our significant business law capability, we are one of only a few London-based law firms with a large private wealth offering. Our clients find our straightforward approach a compelling alternative to larger, less personal firms.

Our values

Our values act as a built-in compass, guiding us in the way we behave, the things we say and the decisions we make.

- Talk straight
- Think smart
- Be yourself



Howard Kennedy at a glance

We have over 150 lawyers operating out of a single London office so we can be agile and responsive in our decision making and more collaborative in our working style.

375+

People

150+

Lawyers

55+

Partners

At least a quarter of our revenue comes from outside the UK. Our clients' needs often have an international component and the requirement is growing.

25%

International work

70+

Countries

2

International legal networks

Sectors and services

We are a full-service firm organised into 17 legal service teams and a focus on seven key sectors.

- Energy
- Investment Funds
- Media & Entertainment
- Private Wealth
- Real Estate
- Retail & Leisure
- Sport

£56.9m

2020/2021 revenue





Why Howard Kennedy

Working practices

We are a modern employer and strive to continually strengthen our inclusive, values driven culture to create a place where we belong and feel respected. The wellbeing of our people is of top priority and our strategy includes a focus on the physical, psychological, financial and relational wellbeing.

Training and development

Our aim is to provide the opportunities for our people to be the best they can be, to drive change and to meet our strategic objectives. There are established career frameworks in place for both lawyers and support services. We also run a top talent programme for all employees. These are designed to enable our top performers to achieve their potential and ensure succession for key roles within the firm.

Responsible business

All businesses impact the world in which they operate in some way. While we have been undertaking a range of initiatives to encourage the positive and reduce the negative impact of everything we do for some time, we have recently formalised our approach. This was achieved through engaging with both internal and external stakeholders.

Wellbeing

The wellbeing of every employee at Howard Kennedy is important to us and the future of our business. This has been a particular focus for the management during the Coronavirus outbreak. The health needs of our people are supported through employer-funded private medical insurance, the Employee Assistance Programme, Occupational Health support and access to a 24/7 virtual GP service. We have also offered free and confidential counselling during the lockdowns.

Job description

THE ROLE

This is an exciting opportunity to manage the legal process of selling off-plan properties on behalf of large-scale residential developer clients. This role will involve working with a small team of paralegals in order to achieve effective and efficient client service.

The Residential Development Sales team acts on behalf of large-scale residential property developers, including such names as Ballymore and Galliard Homes. Generally, the department manages approximately 10,000 active files with this workload being shared across the enlarged team. Typically, developments can range from 8 to 1,800 flats.

The Team Leader may also hold responsibility for a small number of high-end client development projects including the set-up of the development documentation. You will complete the full conveyancing process over the relevant period of time in relation to the development's plots sales.

Job title: Solicitor, Team Leader - Residential Development Sales

Position Type: Fixed Term Contract - 12 Months

Benefits:

- Competitive salary
- 25 days annual holiday
- Permanent Health Insurance
- Life Assurance
- Interest free Season Ticket Loan
- Private Healthcare
- Pension Scheme
- Staff Introductory Scheme
- Employee Assistance Programme

ROLE RESPONSIBILITY

Working across a variety of tasks and responsibilities including;

- Co-ordinating all aspects of the conveyancing sales process from end to end in keeping with client expectations and deadlines.
- Dealing with any post-completion issues.
- Manage and develop a small team of paralegals (each working on up to 100 files per day).
- Dealing directly with solicitor and client enquiries, along with any internal enquiries.
- Ensuring that up-to-date client matter schedules are maintained for both internal and external use.
- Contributing however possible to the effectiveness of team workflow, including attending departmental and other appropriate briefings to assess current and future needs.
- Ensuring an active role in all business development initiatives.

ABOUT YOU

Ideally you will be able to demonstrate;

- Experience in completing end-to-end high volume residential property work.
- Previous experience in acting for large-scale developer clients.
- Previous experience in supervising and managing others.
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office, particularly Excel.
- Excellent interpersonal skills - must be able to establish and maintain effective working relationships with colleagues and clients at all levels.
- Must be comfortable in taking on responsibility and accountability for matters.
- Excellent organisational skills, attention to detail and ability to prioritise.
- Will always strive for excellent levels of client service. Will consistently review team methods and practices in order to maintain or improve service levels as appropriate.

Want to know more?

People are the key to our success, so it's important that we can attract and retain the very best. As well as being driven to deliver the very best client experience, you'll also need to be someone who lives our values. We want you to help us shape our future.

If you'd like to know more about this role please get in touch with the contact listed below.



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