

HOWARD KENNEDY



SPACE  
TO BE  
EXTRAORDINARY

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# Welcome message

## At Howard Kennedy you have the space to be extraordinary.

Rewarding work with great clients and exceptional colleagues. Plenty of responsibility and the chance to make a real difference in an agile, growing firm. For the right person, Howard Kennedy is a place to actively develop your business practice and career.

Whether you are an ambitious and talented individual wanting to hit the ground running from day one, or an established professional looking for a new opportunity, Howard Kennedy is the firm where you can really make it happen.

The firm has earned a strong reputation for its exceptional and uniquely talented people who between them deliver outstanding results for clients. In a firm of our size, our strong team dynamic creates a thriving culture of creativity and entrepreneurialism. Howard Kennedy is a pragmatic and non-hierarchical environment where success is shared, and you are proactively encouraged to thrive at your own pace.

Our distinctive culture is built on fairness and respect. Guided by the firm's values of 'Talk Straight, Think Smart, Be Yourself', everyone in the firm holds equal value, and everyone plays their role in supporting, encouraging and inspiring colleagues to do their best work.

At the same time, Howard Kennedy recognises and rewards individualism, celebrating the diversity of its people and supporting them to grow their practice and drive their own career advancement.

As well as client work, there is opportunity to broaden your horizons at the firm with fulfilling pro bono and charity projects. And we have a regular social calendar full of wellbeing activities, charitable and social events too.

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# About us

We are a London based, full-service law firm, specialising in providing straightforward advice on domestic and international matters. With almost 200 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.

We are a firm with ambitious plans. In the international arena, we have been a member of Meritas and Lawyers Associated Worldwide for many years working with a truly global range of clients across the Middle East and Israel, Africa, Asian subcontinent, Far East, Western Europe, and the US.

## 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 almost 200 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.

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.



**500+**

People

**25%**

International work

**195+**

Lawyers

**70+**

Countries

**60+**

Partners

**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

**64.9m**

2022/2023 revenue

# Why Howard Kennedy?

## LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT

At Howard Kennedy you have the space you need to be yourself, while working with some of the most brilliant minds who will inspire, challenge and support you every day. We will nurture you as you grow your career, while recognising that everyone's goals and aspirations are different.

There are established career frameworks in place for both lawyers and support services. Our talent development programmes are designed to enable our future leaders to achieve their potential and ensure succession for key roles. At the same time, development is available to everyone regardless of your aspiration.

## RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS

Our responsible business strategy is designed to impact our society and world in which we operate. We focus on six strategic areas, People; Environment; Social Impact; Ethics and Supply Chain, Clients, which were designed through engagement with our people, clients and suppliers and have a comprehensive plan of delivery behind each one. We encourage our people to get involved.

## WELLBEING

The wellbeing of every employee at Howard Kennedy is important to us and the future of our business. The health and financial needs of our people are supported through employer-funded private medical insurance, the Employee Assistance Programme, Occupational Health support, free independent mortgage advice and access to a 24/7 virtual GP service. We also offer free and confidential counselling for anyone that needs it.





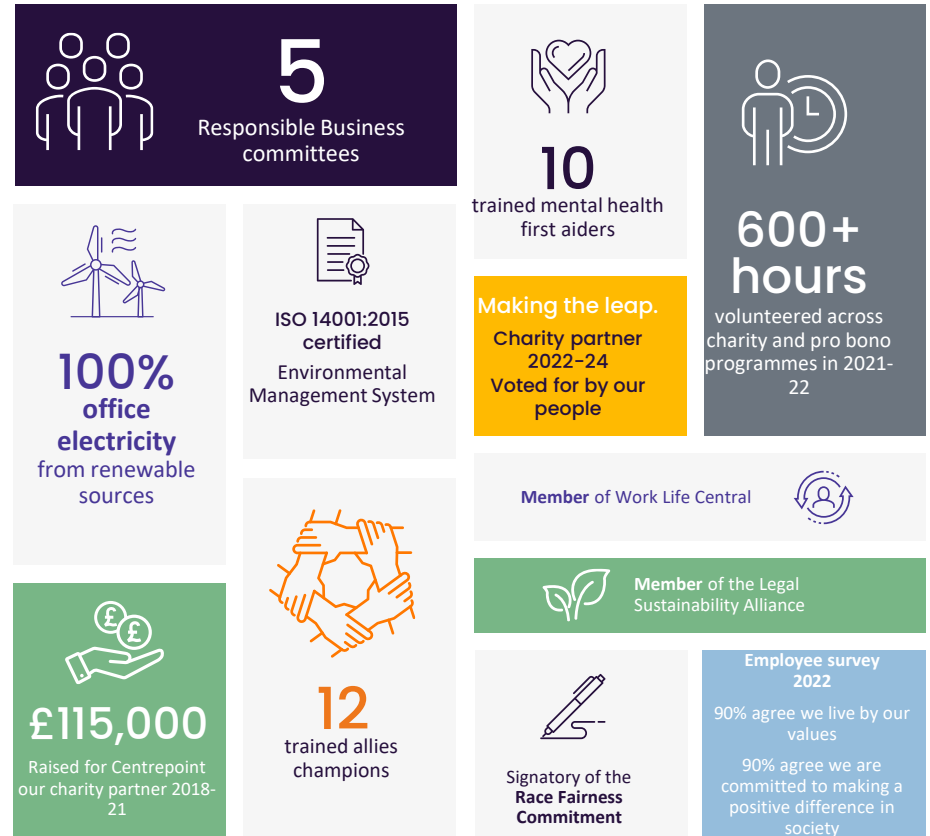
# Responsible Business

Guided by our values, we're committed to inclusively and sustainably supporting our people, our clients, our communities, and the environment.

At Howard Kennedy, we take our responsibility to manage the impact we have on the world in which we operate, seriously. That's why responsible business is a core part of our business strategy. It's seen as essential in helping us achieve our vision to be a progressive, independent and profitable business

## As a responsible business we focus on:

- **People:** Nurturing an inclusive, values-driven culture where everyone can be themselves, with their development and wellbeing at the centre.
- **Environment:** Working to reduce our environmental impact and promote environmental awareness and responsibility among our people.
- **Social Impact:** Promoting equality of opportunity and access to justice by sharing our time and skills through volunteering, fundraising and pro bono services.
- **Ethics:** Ensuring and maintaining the highest standards of professional integrity, operating ethically with clear and transparent governance.
- **Supply Chain:** Working with suppliers who are compliant, responsible and share the same values as we do.
- **Additional:** We're helping our clients to achieve their own Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) ambitions offering support with a range of issues.



# The Role

## HR Business Partner

As HR Business Partner (HRBP) you will be the central point of contact for partners and employees on the full spectrum of HR services. Building in-depth knowledge of the respective business areas, you will become part of the department as well as maintaining strong and close relationships with the HR team.

This is a hands on and varied role in a collaborative team of 13. The role offers plenty of scope to support the business by partnering with senior stakeholders to improve business performance. We are looking for someone who can challenge and encourage change in existing working practices and behaviours.

The HR Business Partner will operate at multiple levels, ranging from handling day-to-day employee relations matters, to complex matters.





## Main Responsibilities

- Understanding and interpreting strategic initiatives such as growth plans in the designated teams;
- Providing expert advice on employee and partner ER issues, taking a commercial view on options;
- Working with financial information to look at utilisation and issues around resourcing;
- Supporting, coaching and upskilling line managers to deal with underperformance and challenging issues;
- Liaising with the Recruitment team on senior level and lateral partner hires;
- Managing annual activities such as talent reviews, promotions and pay review;
- Continuously encouraging a culture of regular feedback;
- Building trusted relationships with senior stakeholders and leaders in the business;
- Driving the delivery of the HR priorities whilst considering the wider firm strategy;
- Using experience, skills and knowledge of the HR industry to make an impact in key areas such as change management, organisational design, engagement and talent;
- Coaching and mentoring junior team members.





## About you

Ideally you will be able to demonstrate;

- Proven experience working in HR, currently operating at Manager or HRBP level;
- Previous experience of working in a partnership culture – legal or professional services experience is preferable;
- A credibility with the ability to influence senior stakeholders;
- Experience of solving strategic people and organisational barriers to performance;
- Ability to facilitate change initiatives;
- Professional qualifications, or the desire to pursue one, are valuable but not essential;
- Excellent organisational and administrative skills;
- High standards and strong attention to detail;
- Ability to coach people managers;
- Enthusiastic and proactive approach;
- The desire to work in a collaborative team, supporting others when required; and
- Strong listening and problem-solving skills.



# Want to know more?

Our firm champions individualism and thrives on dynamic teamwork. We've built a strong reputation on the success of our exceptionally talented people - each of them bringing a unique set of strengths, skills and perspectives that when combined, lead to outstanding results for our clients.

However you want to progress your career, Howard Kennedy can help you make it happen.

Join us, and find your space to be extraordinary.

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



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