

# SPACE TO BE EXTRAORDINARY





## 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+ 25% People

International work

195+ Lawyers

70+ Countries

70+ **Partners** 

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

74.4m 2023/2024 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.





sources







trained allies champions



trained mental health first aiders

# Making the leap. Charity partner 2022-24 Voted for by our people



Member of Work Life Central





Member of the Legal Sustainability Alliance



Signatory of the Race Fairness Commitment Employee survey

90% agree we live by our

90% agree we are ommitted to making a positive difference in society

### The Role

#### Associate - Debt Recovery

This is an excellent opportunity for either a qualified Associate or Paralegal / Legal Executive with significant Debt recovery experience to join our debt collection litigation team, focusing on the recovery of the firm's debts.

You will bring proven expertise in contested debt recovery litigation, including Solicitors Act assessments, and demonstrate leadership in managing varied caseloads and supervising junior staff.

You will play a critical role in driving the team's performance in managing a portfolio of debt cases, supervising trainees and paralegals, ensuring regulatory compliance, and contributing to the firm's financial health through effective litigation and recovery strategies.





## **Main Responsibilities**

- Matter intake: Ensure all of the matters referred to the team have the relevant forms completed by the referring fee earner and the files have been correctly transferred to the debt collection team.
- Strategic Case Management: Lead a portfolio of debt recovery matters from preaction through to enforcement.
- Solicitors Act Expertise: Conduct and advise on Solicitors Act assessments, ensuring compliance and strategic use in recovery proceedings.
- Team Leadership: Supervise junior legal staff, including trainees and paralegals, ensuring quality, consistency, and professional development.
- Partner Collaboration: Provide technical and administrative support to the designated partner overseeing debt recovery.
- Reporting & Analysis: Prepare monthly reports for the Partner, Chairman, and Head
  of Finance, summarising case progress, financial outcomes, and strategic insights.
- Legal Drafting & Advocacy: Draft documents including letters before action, claim forms, statements of case, application notices, witness statements, and court orders. Attend hearings and liaise with counsel; advocacy experience is advantageous.
- Process Improvement: Identify and implement efficiencies in collaboration with Finance and other departments to streamline workflows and enhance recovery outcomes.
- **Financial Oversight:** Manage the team's financial operations, including logging disbursements, allocating recovered funds, and resolving residual balances.



## **About you**

You will be able to demonstrate:

- Experience in debt recovery litigation, ideally within a law firm or professional services environment.
- Proven experience in Solicitors Act assessments and legal billing disputes.
- Familiarity with all forms of enforcement including the presentation and prosecution of bankruptcy and winding up petitions
- Strong leadership skills with experience of managing others.
- Ability to collaborate effectively with a wide range of senior stakeholders, include fee earners, business service functions and senior management.
- Confidence in handling client queries and reviewing case files.
- · Excellent drafting, analytical, and organisational skills.
- Ability to manage competing priorities and deliver in a deadline driven environment.



## 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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