

Criminal Defence Duty Solicitor

- Successful and ambitious law firm based in Kent
- Permanent/Full Time
- Competitive Salary
- Covering Kent

About Us

Main Nickolls is a highly successful legal practice specialising in criminal defence work, regulatory proceedings and family law. We are based in Tonbridge and cover Kent, Sussex, Surrey and London, offering professional and trustworthy advice, alongside excellent service, supporting our clients from the initial consultation through to trial.

Role Overview

We are looking for an experienced Criminal Defence Duty Solicitor to provide support to a highly regarded specialist Criminal Defence team. The role will act as an advocate in the Magistrates' and Crown Courts, representing clients in a wide variety of cases. These range from bail applications, serious fraud, white collar crime, theft, drugs, assaults and murder cases, to criminal appeals.

Main Responsibilities of the Role:

- Attending Police Stations and Magistrates' Courts, as part of the Court and Police Station Duty Rota Schemes.
- Preparing cases for both Magistrates and Crown Court.
- Advising clients and taking accurate instructions
- Understand and adhere to all Legal Aid compliance regulations and standards

Key Skills Required:

- Duty and Police Station Accredited
- A clear understanding of the Legal Aid process
- Must have a clean, valid Practising Certificate
- Committed team player and adapt well to new challenges
- Ability to use own initiative and sound judgment
- A clean, current UK driver's licence and your own vehicle

Benefits and Rewards

A competitive salary with 25 days holiday plus bank holidays, flexible hybrid working arrangements to cover court arrangements and late night representation.

To apply please send your CV with a covering letter to mnickolls@mainnickolls.co.uk