

Training Seat in Litigation & Recoveries



In this seat, you will have an opportunity to work within a niche litigation environment, working for high profile clients in the banking and motor finance industry. You will experience litigation relating to the recovery of vehicles, money and other property. This is a great opportunity to get hands-on experience of drafting, researching and advising, together with regular and direct client contact.

In this Training Seat you will be exposed to a wide range of law including:

- Insolvency proceedings
- Recovery of debts, vehicles and other assets
- Recovery of fixed property
- Dealing with defended cases through to trial
- Applications for injunctive relief
- Without prejudice negotiations and involvement in alternative dispute resolution

What you will hope to achieve in this seat?

- Involvement in a wide range of cases concurrently
- Running your own case load under supervision
- Great drafting experience and exposure to civil procedure e.g. drafting claims, witness evidence and applications and dealing with disclosure and trial preparation
- Gain confidence in dealing with and advising a variety of clients
- Have regular contact in dealing with and instructing counsel (barristers)
- Gain an understanding of the consumer credit regime

Any prep work?

- Read "Leasing as a financing technique: overview" available on Practical Law (in particular sections on hire purchases and finance lease)
- Read "Introduction to UK consumer credit regime" by Toby Riley-Smith QC and Jonathan Lewis available on Practical Law; and review the legislation referred to it in the subsection headed 'Enforcement, default and termination'
- Read "Mortgages and charges over land" available on Practical Law (in particular sections on form of security, release of security and lender's remedies)

Facts and Figures

- Based in our Bournemouth Office with some limited travel
- 3 Partners, 2 Associates, 7 Solicitors, 4 Team Leaders, 1 Trainee, various Paralegals and 1 P.A.

Anything unique?

- Niche area of practice – few firms do this work regionally
- High profile clients
- Fast paced environment
- Exposure to a wide range of cases
- Close knit and non-hierarchical team

What we expect from you as a trainee?

- Keen to learn
- Enthusiastic
- Have a pro-active approach
- Practical thinker
- Developing a commercial awareness

As a trainee in this seat, you may experience cases involving:

- Issues relating to the repossession of fixed property – for example removal of animals upon gaining possession
- Seeking injunctive relief in the High Court to secure recovery of high value luxury vehicles without notice to the Defendant

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Trainee comments:

'Trainee seat in Litigation & Recoveries offers the opportunity to gain experience in a wide range of different finance litigation matters and processing proceedings. While the matters are varied, typical tasks involve dealing with new cases and preparing letters before action to debtors, issuing claims, chasing the courts for information and preparing bundles or instructions to counsel ahead of trials. This seat includes a lot of drafting experience such as drafting particulars of claims, witness statements and various applications to the court. Additionally, another typical task includes emailing clients updating them on the progress of a matter, advising on the next steps and requesting instructions.'

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