**Policy adviser**

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| **Job purpose**: To lead on policy development in relation to the work of the Law Society in relation to civil justice, and broader access to justice policy, influence key stakeholders, and work with colleagues to develop resources and services, in the interests of the Law Society’s members and to achieve its strategic goals. |

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| **Key Accountabilities:*** Work effectively with colleagues, elected and appointed members, and external partners, to develop policy that achieves the Law Society’s strategic goals and meets members’ needs
* Be a credible representative for the Law Society, advocating for our strategic priorities with key policy makers, including government representatives and departments, in relation to proposed policy and operational changes, and lobby in support of Law Society positions
* Cultivate strategic partnerships with external organisations, liaising on issues of mutual interest and where appropriate taking forward joint initiatives
* Identify and respond to opportunities for positive operational, law reform and public policy impact, and provide reliable and well-informed advice and leadership
* Keep up to date with policy and legislative developments in civil justice, and their potential impact on the courts, quickly understand new issues, and analyse impacts on the profession and access to justice
* Draft clear, informed, and succinct papers for member policy groups at the Law Society, reliable and well-informed guidance and practice notes for the profession, consultation responses to Government and other bodies, evidence to inquiries and commissions, briefings for internal and external use (including for parliamentarians and media), and other documents, as appropriate
* Support the Law Society’s ‘Get Involved’ strategy to engage more members in the policy-making process
* Liaise and collaborate effectively with Law Society colleagues to support public affairs, media, strategic business planning and reporting work and the member offer
* Work flexibly on projects across the policy agenda to support delivery of the wider Policy Team’s contribution to the Society’s business plan
* Contribute to other Law Society initiatives, projects and campaigns, both internal and external facing

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| Knowledge, skills and experienceEssential* Proven experience in influencing public policy development across government, parliament, regulators and/or the legal profession, including spotting opportunities, developing credible and persuasive policy positions and recommendations, and evaluating, monitoring and reporting on impact
* Strong understanding of the UK’s legal and political systems, good working knowledge of broad public law policy issues, and some expertise in the issues currently facing civil justice in England and Wales or ability to quickly develop this
* Ability to research and analyse complex legal and policy issues and assess their implications for the profession and access to justice
* Ability to explain complex legal and policy issues clearly, concisely and accurately for a wide range of audiences, both orally and in writing
* Ability to build and maintain effective working relationships with a broad and diverse range of people including colleagues across the Law Society, office holders and members, and external stakeholders at all levels, and to be a credible representative of the Law Society
* Willingness to engage with wider Law Society initiatives, projects and campaigns that relate to the policy directorate, including delivery of membership support services and resources that contribute to commercial and member engagement goals

Desirable* An understanding of the civil justice system in England and Wales and the key policy challenges it is currently facing
* Experience of working in a membership organisation
* Experience of delivering projects from design to delivery, in collaboration with others
* Experience of working in a legal setting
 | Planning & OrganisingEssential * Self-motivation and an ability to plan and produce high quality work at pace and to deadlines with minimal supervision
* Ability to work both independently and as part of a team
* Ability to deal with proactive and reactive work and to take on new priorities as they arise
* Constructive, balanced and positive approach to work that exemplifies the Law Society’s values
* Ability to effectively manage wellbeing being during busy and pressured times at work, with support from the Law Society as appropriate
* Willingness to attend occasional out of hours events.
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| LocationThe Law Society, 113 Chancery Lane, London, WC2A 1PLWe support hybrid working. The policy directorate’s current hybrid working charter states that unless agreed otherwise in advance:* all members of the directorate should be in the office for a minimum of eight days per month, and at least one day per week
* the Directorate will hold one meeting per month which all members of the Directorate will be expected to attend in person
* each team will hold one team meeting per month which all team members are expected to attend in person
 | Organisation Charts  Available on request |