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Job Description, Managing Partner

Title: Managing Partner

Location: Leeds and satellite centres (England & Wales)

Salary: £24,000

Contract Type: Permanent

Accountable to: Directors & Non-Executive Board

Liaises with: Directors, Non-Executive Board, external organisations, mediators, staff

and clients

Objectives:

- To manage mediation cases of clients
- Direct staff in their responsibilities
- Maintain relationships with business contacts
- Ensure the company is meeting all required standards and regulations
- Give presentations to other organisations

Accountabilities:

The Managing Partner is responsible for the effective management of the company, either personally or through delegation. This senior role includes the following activities:

- Provide information to potential clients
- Manage any legal issues that relate to the company
- Address any concerns that mediators have in relation to the company
- Make sure that all staff members are performing their role in line with company expectations
- Give lectures/training to groups and organisations as appropriate
- Attend functions and meetings with company contacts to maintain good relationships
- Identify opportunities to increase the company's revenue

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Job Description, Family Mediator

Title: Family Mediator

Location: Leeds and satellite centres

Salary: As agreed by the Managing Partner

Contract Type: Freelance – hourly paid

Accountable to: Managing Partner

Liaises with: Clients, external organisations and staff

Objectives:

Manage mediation cases of clients

- Ensure effective and safe document collection with regard to cases and funding
- Maintain relationships with business contacts
- Ensure the required standards and regulations of the FMC are adhered to
- Give presentations to other organisations
- Adhere to the FMC professional mediation standards as set out in the FMC
 Code of Practice for Family Mediators
- Follow updates in legislation/regulation

SERVICES

Accountabilities:

- Working alone or with another mediator, facilitate the mediation process, meeting with both participants individually in the first instance and then jointly if appropriate
- Carry out Legal Aid assessments, including the collection of supporting documents as required by the Legal Aid Agency
- Write a summary of the session and send to clients within three working days of the mediation session. Copy DMS on all emails
- Facilitate discussion between both participants, exploring any issues they have and help them to reach an agreement
- A draft of this agreement is to be completed by the mediators and sent to both participants for confirmation
- Once an agreement has been confirmed, advise the Managing Partner
- Adhere to company policies
- Attend quarterly staff meetings

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Job Description, Office Manager

including Internal Audit and Quality Assurance

Title: Office Manager

Location: Leeds

Salary: As agreed by the Managing Partner

Contract Type: Permanent Part-Time

Accountable to: Managing Partner

Liaises with: Managing Partner, Finance Manager, external organisations, mediators,

staff and clients

Objectives:

Manage the effective running of the office and online systems

• Ensure company compliance re: Data Protection

Monitor client satisfaction and respond to client feedback where necessary

Maintain relationships with business contacts

Attend social and training events with the Managing Partner

Manage office staff

SERVICES

Accountabilities:

- Work with mediators to manage client bookings, effective collection and storage of documents
- Carry out internal audits and submit reports
- Work with the Managing Partner and the Supervisor to support the audit process re: Legal Aid audits
- Monitor staff to ensure Data Protection law is adhered to and policy is followed
- Evaluate the performance of office staff and external contractors
- Ensure high standards of customer service are maintained
- Respond to communications for the business
- Update policy documents as and when necessary
- Adhere to company policies and ensure they are kept up to date
- Attend quarterly staff meetings

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Job Description, Finance Manager

Title: Finance Manager

Location: Leeds

Salary: As agreed with by the Managing Partner

Contract Type: Permanent Part-Time

Accountable to: Office Manager

Liaises with: Managing Partner, Office Manager, external organisations, mediators,

staff and clients

Objectives:

Manage the effective running of the company finances

- Ensure company compliance re: HMRC
- Monitor client payments and invoicing
- Prepare quarterly financial reports for the Managing Partner
- Liaise with the company accountant

DIRECT MEDIATION

Accountabilities:

- Work with the computer program, Xero
- Work with clients, mediators, and external agencies to facilitate the smooth running of the company's finances
- Monitor and reconcile the company bank accounts
- Deal with petty cash
- Process expense claims
- Ensure that accurate financial records are kept for the purposes of audit
- Prepare budgets for the company
- Updating financial policy documents as and when necessary
- Adhere to company policies
- Attend quarterly staff meetings

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Job Description, PPC and External Supervisor

Title: PPC and External Supervisor

Location: Remotely

Salary: As agreed with by the Managing Partner

Contract Type: By appointment

Accountable to: Managing Partner

Liaises with: Managing Partner, Mediators, Legal Aid Agency, FMC, Member

Organisations

Objectives:

• Ensure that mediators are maintaining the standards of the FMC, Member Organisations and the Legal Aid Agency

- Carry out audits of files and Legal Aid documents
- Provide external training
- Ensure that the business is compliant and is not in breach of rules and regulations set out by the Legal Aid Agency, informing staff and mediators of updated policy/legislation affecting their work
- Carry out the mandatory number of PPC sessions with mediators

Accountabilities:

- Work with the company's family mediators
- Produce audits and reports for the Legal Aid Agency and Managing Partner
- Deliver quarterly training to family mediators
- Provide PPC sessions to the company's family mediators
- Update company policy documents as and when necessary
- Adhere to company policies
- Attend quarterly staff meetings

Training responsibilities:

- Adhere to the FMC professional mediation standards as set out in the FMC Manual of Professional Standards and Self-Regulatory Framework, ensuring that all Mediators have appropriate supervision
- Identify development needs of the staff/mediators and discuss ways of providing the necessary support and supervision

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NOTE

Where these roles are altered, amended or abolished, this structure and its contingent document C1.1 will be updated within a period of 3 months from the date of amendment.



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