

**Recruitment Opportunity**

**for the**

Office of the Attorney General for Northern Ireland

**Trainee Solicitor**

**Closing date f****or applications:**

**12 Noon (UK time) on Wednesday 22 May 2024**

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| **PART 1: PERSONAL DETAILS** | | | |
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| **PART 2: 3rd LEVEL STUDY DETAILS** |

**Current Studies**

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**Completed Studies**

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| **PART 3: ELIGIBILITY AND SIFT CRITERIA** |

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| **Eligibility Criteria**  Applicants must, by the closing date for applications, be provisionally accepted for a place within the solicitors’ course at the Institute of Professional Legal Studies (including the waitlist).  Please confirm below that you meet this criterion and **enclose a copy of the Institute letter.** Applications that are not accompanied with a copy of the Institute letter will not be considered. |
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| **Sift criterion.**  **Please attach your analysis to your e-mail application form.**    Please read the decision of O’Hara J in [JR153 (2)'s Application.pdf (judiciaryni.uk)](https://www.judiciaryni.uk/files/judiciaryni/2024-04/JR153%20%282%29%27s%20Application.pdf) then:   1. Please summarise the legal arguments made by each of the parties in no more than four short bullet points (in total, divided as you wish – e.g. two points on the applicant’s argument and two points on the respondent’s argument). 2. Please set out your own short summary of the decision made by O’Hara J and his reasons for that decision. 3. Please note any learning points you have taken from this judgment which might inform future advice that you might give.   **The analysis must be your original work – references to and quotations from the work of others must be clearly indicated in the text, preferably by footnotes. Plagiarism will result in removal from the appointment process. The analysis will be used to identify those candidates who will be invited to attend for interview.** |

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| **PART 4: FURTHER INFORMATION** |

### Interview/Offer of appointment - adjustment requirements

We wish to ensure that all applicants have the opportunity to perform to the best of their ability in an interview situation. We also wish to be able to consider any reasonable adjustments you may require should you be offered an appointment.

Please let us know if you require any reasonable adjustments, or arrangements to enable you to participate in an interview or take up an offer of appointment.

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**Guaranteed Interview Scheme**

Please advise if you wish to avail of the Guaranteed Interview Scheme. Please note the requirements of the Scheme as detailed in the Trainee Solicitor terms and conditions document.

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| **PART 5: Declaration** |

1. I have read and understood the terms and conditions of the Trainee Solicitor Scheme.
2. I undertake to inform the Office of the Attorney General for Northern Ireland in writing of any change in my circumstances which may occur between the date of my application and any possible date of contract commencement.
3. The responses detailed in this application form are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that if I am found to have suppressed any material fact or to have given false answers, I will be liable to disqualification or, if successful, will face termination of contract.
4. If selected as the Trainee Solicitor, I agree to comply with the Scheme’s training schedule. I understand that should I fail to complete the training programme; I will be required to repay the contribution made to tuition fees.

Signed:  Date:

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| **PART 6: INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMISSION** |

**Application form; a copy of the Institute Letter of Offer; and your case analysis must be e-mailed and sent to:**

[**contact@attorneygeneralni.gov.uk**](mailto:contact@attorneygeneralni.gov.uk)

**Your application and supporting documentation must be received no later than 12 Noon (UK time) on Wednesday 22 May 2024**

**Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted. It is your responsibility to ensure that your application is received by the Office of the Attorney General for Northern Ireland by the closing date and time.**

**All application forms and supporting documentation received by the Office of the Attorney General for Northern Ireland by the closing date and time will be acknowledged using the email address provided in your application form.**

**You should contact the Office of the Attorney General for Northern Ireland by e-mailing** [**contact@attorneygeneralni.gov.uk**](mailto:contact@attorneygeneralni.gov.uk) **if you do not receive an acknowledgement of your application within two days of the closing date of this competition.**