

**Recruitment Opportunity**

**for the**

Office of the Attorney General for Northern Ireland

**Trainee Solicitor**

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

**12 Noon (UK time) on Monday 2 June 2025**

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

**Current Studies**

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| **Title of Course** |  |
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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.**  A case analysis in the form of a memo.  **Please attach your memo to your e-mail application form**  Please read the decision of the Supreme Court *In the matter of an application by Noeleen McAleenon* [2024] UKSC 31 (available at <https://www.supremecourt.uk/cases/uksc-2023-0092>). Please draft a memo, as if to legal colleagues, covering the following:   1. A summary of the reasoning of the Court of Appeal on the key issues which are subject to appeal, as set out by Lord Sales and Lord Stephens in the Supreme Court judgment. 2. A summary of the decision of the Supreme Court and its reasoning. 3. Any learning points you have taken from the judgment which might be of use to yourself and others in future advice you give.   **The word limit for your memo is 1000 words in total.**  The analysis must be your original work, references to the work of others should be indicated in the text and cited by footnotes. Plagiarism or use of AI will result in removal from the appointment process. This written exercise will be anonymously reviewed and used to identify the 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 Monday 2 June 2025.**

**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.**