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Assistant Legal Officer

FRU, the UK's largest single pro bono service provider, offers free representation to those who could not otherwise obtain legal support and provides training and advocacy experience for the volunteers who provide the service.

Our volunteers are generally studying on the Bar Vocational Course or the Legal Practice Course or have recently done so. FRU volunteers represent hundreds of people each year in employment, social security and criminal injuries tribunals. They are supervised by our legal officers.

We have seen an unprecedented growth in the number of volunteers working here and in the numbers of cases they take. We therefore need someone to assist our legal officers in guiding our volunteers and helping to run the professional activities of the office. The successful candidate will have experience of advocacy in the employment or social security tribunals, or, ideally, both, and be prepared to get up to speed very fast on areas outside their immediate experience. They will almost certainly have passed the BVC or LPC.

We seek an assistant legal officer to help our legal officers in guiding our volunteers and at the same time to meet our training objectives by providing an opportunity for the successful candidate to broaden and deepen their own experience. Because it is a training post, the appointment will be made for one year, from 1st September 2009 to 31st August 2010.

For a full job description and details of how to apply please visit the vacancies section in www.freerepresentationunit.org.uk/about-fru.

Salary £22,000

The closing date for applications is Wednesday 5th August 2009.