

# Mercy Law Resource Centre

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<b>Title:</b>	<b>Solicitor</b>
<b>Employer:</b>	<b>Mercy Law Resource Centre</b>
<b>Reports to:</b>	<b>Managing Solicitor</b>
<b>Salary:</b>	<b>Commensurate with experience</b>
<b>Working Hours:</b>	<b>Full-time: 9.30am to 5.30pm Monday to Friday</b>
<b>Duration:</b>	<b>Permanent contract subject to probationary period</b>
<b>Location</b>	<b>Mercy Law Resource Centre, 25 Cork Street, Dublin 8</b>

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## Background information

Mercy Law Resource Centre (MLRC) is an independent law centre, company limited by guarantee and registered charity. MLRC uses the law to help those who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. It does this through:

- Free legal advice to those facing homelessness in the areas of social housing and related social welfare law;
- Free legal representation;
- Policy work advocating for change in laws, policies and attitudes that are particularly harsh for our client group;
- Legal support and training to organisations and professionals working in the field of housing and homelessness; and
- A befriending service, where our clients without supports can be matched with a volunteer befriender.

For more details on MLRC's work, please see our website [www.mercylaw.ie](http://www.mercylaw.ie)

## Role of Solicitor with MLRC

The specific responsibilities of the Solicitor will include:

- Management of a legal caseload, with particular emphasis on housing law;
- Provision of legal advice and assistance to individuals by phone or through legal advice clinics;
- Provision of legal information and advice to organisations dealing with homelessness;
- Provision of training on housing law and participation in focus groups with organisations dealing with housing and homelessness;
- Legal research and law reform and policy work, including preparation of policy submissions as directed by the Managing Solicitor;
- Liaising with external organisations regarding the promotion and development of the law centre and the achievement of its goals and objectives;
- Working as part of a team towards the strategic goals of the Centre and to ensure that high standards are developed and maintained in office procedures and case management and, in particular, to ensure that our services are delivered in a way that respects the needs of our clients; and
- Such other tasks as may be necessary to assist in the carrying out of the work of MLRC.

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## Requirements

### Essential Requirements

- A professional qualification as a solicitor, holding or entitled to hold a practicing certificate from the Law Society of Ireland.
- Experience in legal practice.
- Knowledge of public interest law and demonstrated interest in the principle of access to justice.
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills and a capacity to be compassionate and respectful.
- A professional attitude with an ability to work as part of a team, handle competing deadlines under pressure and to act on one's own initiative.
- Enthusiasm and commitment.
- IT skills.

### Desirable Requirements

- Experience of litigation at Superior Court level.
- Experience of judicial review, public law and/or human rights law in practice.
- Relevant postgraduate qualification such as a Masters in human rights / public interest law.
- Experience in human rights/social justice work and/or in the community and voluntary sector.

### Terms and Conditions

The position of Solicitor will be offered as a permanent contract with immediate start. The salary offered is commensurate with experience. This is a full-time position based at Mercy Law Resource Centre, 25 Cork Street, Dublin 8. This role is ideally full time, however a less than full time working arrangement may be considered.

### Application

Please email a CV and cover letter setting out your interest and suitability for the position to the MLRC Managing Solicitor, Aoife Kelly-Desmond, at [aoife@mercylaw.ie](mailto:aoife@mercylaw.ie). Incomplete applications will automatically be disqualified.

**Closing date for applications is 5pm on Tuesday 11 October 2022.**

MLRC is an equal opportunities employer.