

**Role:** International Disputes Support Lawyer (IDSL)  
**Location:** London  
**Department:** Litigation (International Dispute Resolution Group)  
**Type of role:** 12 Months Fixed Term Contract  
**Start date:** March 2021

**About the firm:**

Debevoise & Plimpton LLP is a leading international law firm with offices across the world. It has a substantial European practice with particular emphasis on international arbitration and litigation, cross-border acquisitions, capital markets transactions, private equity funds, financings and restructurings. The London office has more than 120 lawyers, including twenty one partners and fourteen international counsel. Over 80% of our lawyers are UK-qualified. The office is part of an integrated European practice of over 140 lawyers. Our London lawyers work closely with their colleagues in New York, Paris, Frankfurt and Moscow, as well as with lawyers in our other offices.

**About the department:**

Our International Dispute Resolution Practice is uniquely diverse and combines expertise in public international law, commercial and treaty arbitration, human rights, as well as ancillary litigation before domestic courts. We have been involved in some of the largest and most significant disputes of our time, employing knowledge, strategic thinking and advocacy techniques that enable us identify efficient legal solutions even in the most challenging circumstances.

**Responsibilities:**

- Providing commercial and legal advice to clients with supervision
- Assisting with advising the client under appropriate supervision
- Drafting and reviewing documentation, demonstrating familiarity with precedents and market standards
- Conducting legal research and due diligence
- Travelling overseas to conduct on-site fact gathering and due diligence, when appropriate
- Communicating with clients and local counsel about ongoing matters
- Contributing to quality know-how

**Skills & Experience:**

- Hold both an undergraduate and master's degree in law (minimum high 2:1 and preferably with a focus on international dispute resolution) from a leading university
- Admitted to practice law as a lawyer in a common or civil law jurisdiction with excellent academics
- Must have held a role as a qualified lawyer, for example, either as an associate or as legal counsel
- International experience within litigation and/or arbitration
- Demonstrable commitment to pro bono work

- Experience advising clients on international human rights law, trade and sanctions
- Ability to work with limited supervision on client matters
- Strong legal research and drafting skills
- Able to demonstrate an imaginative and strong commercial approach, combining a high level of awareness in your current field with a commitment to delivering the highest quality standards to our clients
- Excellent interpersonal, written and oral communication skills
- Excellent organisational and time management skills with the ability to prioritise
- Ability to work within tight time frames and to deliver to deadline
- Attention to detail
- Flexibility – available to travel overseas and work overtime as and when required

**Application process:**

If you wish to apply, please send your cover letter and resume, each not exceeding two pages, and a writing sample that demonstrates your analytical skills and strong command of English once the application process has reopened. Further information will be available on our careers page when we start recruiting again. All candidates should be available for a start in March 2021. Please note that applications submitted outside of the recruitment timeframe will not be considered.

