



Job Title: **Head of Contentious Probate**

Location: **Based in either Carlisle City Centre or Hexham, with requirement to attend other offices on appointment. Amenable to reasonable remote working requests.**

Company: **Cartmell Shepherd Limited**

Cartmell Shepherd is a leading law firm across Cumbria and the North East, dedicated to providing exceptional legal services to our clients. We specialise in private client matters, catering to high net worth individuals, including business and agricultural clients. With a commitment to excellence and a focus on building long-lasting client relationships, we are seeking a talented Contentious Probate Solicitor to join our team.

Responsibilities:

Manage a varied and complex workload, handling matters for high net worth clients, including business and agricultural clients. Contentious Probate work including contentious Court of Protection applications together with claims under the Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependants) Act 1975, challenges to a Will or terms of a Trust, Executor/Trustee disputes and Statutory Will applications.

Draft and review legal documents with precision and attention to detail.

Maintain regular communication with clients, providing updates and guidance throughout the legal process.

Represent clients in negotiations, mediations, and court proceedings when necessary.

Mentor and support junior members of the team, fostering a collaborative and supportive work environment.

Assist and support the Private Client department where appropriate.

Requirements:

Qualified Solicitor with substantial experience in contentious probate matters.

Membership in ACTAPS preferred.

Proven track record of handling complex cases for high net worth clients.

Excellent communication and interpersonal skills.

Strong attention to detail and ability to work effectively under pressure.

Ability to manage a varied workload efficiently and prioritise tasks effectively.

Commitment to professional development and staying updated on relevant legal developments.

Benefits:

Competitive salary commensurate with experience

Generous pension plan contributions.

Flexible working arrangements to promote work-life balance

Support for ongoing professional development and training.

Opportunities for advancement within the firm.

Vibrant and inclusive company culture.

How to Apply:

Interested candidates should submit their CV and cover letter to lindsay.berry@cartmells.co.uk

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