



Offshore Legal Recruitment - Bermuda

Bermuda is a group of some 130 islands situated about 650 miles off the coast of North Carolina. Contrary to perception, it is not part of the Caribbean. The main island is about 22 square miles and is blessed with a semi-tropical climate. Bermuda enjoys one of the highest standards of living in the world and is a very attractive tourist destination.

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Law Firms

Bermuda enjoys a reputation as a high quality jurisdiction for international business and is the world's third largest reinsurance centre. There are three commercial law firms with the largest having overseas offices in London, Asia and the Caribbean. Lawyers with experience in the following areas are in demand:

- Corporate
- Banking & Finance
- Trusts
- Funds

The firms recruit principally from London but also from other Commonwealth jurisdictions. You need at least four years' post-qualification experience to obtain a work permit.

Remuneration & Benefits

Salaries in Bermuda are generally high. Finance lawyers at the 5 year level can expect to earn in the region of US\$140,000 with the top firms. Tax is minimal at approximately 5%. Additionally you receive relocation, a pension and medical insurance.

Outside The Office - Living In Bermuda

Bermuda is one of the world's leading holiday resorts and is fantastic for sports enthusiasts. There are 8 golf courses, numerous tennis facilities and excellent cricket, football and rugby facilities. Hockey and squash are also very popular with a number of different leagues. There are also excellent water-sports.

The majority of properties are rented. Accommodation can be expensive and moving into a shared house is the popular choice for singles. A shared house with four bedrooms, a pool and garden will cost approximately US\$1,200 per person per month. A furnished 2 bedroom flat may cost anything between US\$2,000 - \$5,000 per month depending on location. Scooters and mopeds are the popular mode of transport. Bermuda's schooling is very good and is based on the British system. Most schools are government maintained with a few private schools.

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