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## A new era in delivering legal services

**On 25<sup>th</sup> November 2019 the Solicitors Regulation Authority (SRA) introduced new regulations that give Solicitors freedom and flexibility to offer legal services as “Freelance Solicitors”.**

**Forte provides Freelance Solicitors and other independent Solicitors with the infrastructure they need to achieve a better work-life balance and to control and maximise their personal income whilst continuing to provide the quality of service their clients expect.**

“ Forte Independent Solicitors takes away the administrative strain of running a practice so that you can do what you do best – serving the needs of your clients. Our new and exciting model enables you to maximise your income by sharing premises and services with like minded individuals at highly competitive rates ”

- Andrew Beedham  
Managing Director



# Who are Freelance Solicitors?

**A Freelance Solicitor is self-employed and practices as a legal sole trader - similar in many ways to a Barrister. There are restrictions on how you can practice as a Freelancer and they vary depending on whether you do work which is classed by the Legal Services Act 2007 as “reserved legal activities”.**

**Being a Freelance Solicitor or another type of independent Solicitor (such as a Registered Sole Practice) can be exciting and personally rewarding if it suits your practice and your style of work. Forte can help you decide whether being a Freelancer or a Registered Sole Practice is right for you and can then provide the help and support you need to succeed.**

**We have produced a helpful guide on our website setting out more information on the options for practising as an independent Solicitor.**



# Why Forte?

An exciting alternative to working in a traditional law firm

Direct control over how you work and how much you earn

An working environment dedicated to legal professionals - being independent doesn't mean being alone

No overheads and minimal administration

First class support from Forte so you can give first class service to your clients

Cash that really flows - you receive your fees within a week of your client paying them

A larger percentage of your billings than being with a traditional or virtual law firm

# Services

We give you all the business support you need to be a successful independent Solicitor.

You pay a standard monthly service charge plus a pre-agreed percentage of fees you receive from your clients.



## Support Staff

Dedicated support staff to assist in managing your diary and case management along with assistance with billing



## Desk Space

Use of designated desk space with lockable storage and filing facilities



## Conference Rooms

Ability to hire on site Conference and Video Conference rooms and seminar facilities with amenities and refreshments provided

(Extra charges may apply)



## GDPR Compliance

Fully GDPR Compliant document storage solutions available on site and online



## VAT Assistance

Assistant with VAT returns, compliance with Making Tax Digital

(Extra charges may apply)



## Office 365 Subscription

Office 365 subscription including Outlook, Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Skype



## Online Case Management

Access to online case management system to manage your caseload



## Library Resources

Access to resources including precedents [through Practical Law and PSL]



## IT Support

Comprehensive technology assistance



## Website & Marketing Facilities

Dedicated page on the Forte website to promote your practice and a range of marketing facilities to suit your needs



## Your Own Direct Dial

Your own dedicated direct dial accessible from anywhere thanks to call forwarding capabilities



## Business Email Account

Your own dedicated Forte business email account through Office 365



## Accounts Support & Credit Control

Office accounts and credit control assistance



## Indemnity Assistance

Assistance in securing the correct Professional Indemnity cover for your practice



## Cross-referral of work

Cross-referral of work from those sharing premises

# Join Us

Becoming a member of Forte Independent Solicitors allows you to tailor your practice to best suit how you want to work. You set your own targets, decide your own fee structures and benefit directly from your own efforts.

Better yet, you will only be charged a service fee on your actual receipts so you only pay us when you have been paid.

Receipts per year	Take Home Pay (Pre-Tax)
£80, 000	£62,200
£100, 000	£77,800
£120, 000	£95,400
£140, 000	£112,000
£160, 000	£128,600

Please see our “Take Home Calculator” on our website for further calculations.

For a free, confidential and no-obligation discussion please contact Andrew Beedham on 0121 403 3945 or at [a.beedham@forteis.co.uk](mailto:a.beedham@forteis.co.uk) or James Farmer on 0121 403 3945 or at [j.farmer@forteis.co.uk](mailto:j.farmer@forteis.co.uk).



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Centrally located in the Colmore Business District, Forte Independent Solicitors is right in the beating heart of the Birmingham legal community



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Well serviced by public transport, the Forte office is easily accessible by bus, train and tram

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Birmingham New Street      8 minute walk

Birmingham Moor Street      12 minute walk



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