

English Skill: “Combine explicit and implicit information from a range of sources”

Used in the workplace at WSP Solicitors:
independent legal firm with 4 branches across Gloucestershire



Catherine Green, Partner WSP Stroud

“At the very core of all legal work is the need to use explicit and implicit information to support our clients. The area of law that I work in is commercial and property disputes. If, for example, I’m working on a boundary dispute, I’ll look at the factual information first. This might include legal statutes, property deeds and information at the land registry. I’ll also do a site visit so that I can see what the boundary looks like on the ground.

Looking at explicit information doesn’t tell me enough to build a case though, or to advise my client adequately. I need to look at the background or implied information as well. In a boundary dispute this might include viewing historical photos of the site, searching through historical publications and local newspapers to see if the boundary was different in the past. I’ll also try to find other witnesses such as neighbours or previous residents. I wouldn’t be doing my job if I didn’t look at the whole picture – you need to think a few steps ahead and be quite tactical in legal work”.

About WSP Solicitors

WSP are an independent legal firm with offices in Stroud, Dursley, Gloucester and Nailsworth. They offer legal advice and support to local people and businesses, with a full range of services including commercial and residential property, family matters, wills and probate, personal injury, estate planning and debt recovery.

Who do WSP Solicitors Employ?

Currently around 80 staff across all branches, including:

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| ➤ Solicitors | Partners |
| ➤ Legal Executives | Conveyancers |
| ➤ Legal Assistants | Paralegals |
| ➤ Legal Secretaries | Administrators |

Range of Salaries: Salaries in the legal sector vary widely depending on law firm, type of legal work and location. Trainee solicitors in regional firms earn around £18k-£20k a year. Qualified solicitors earn £25k-£40k, rising to c£50k+ for some specialisms and with more experience.

Skills Shortages: Solicitors that do best in Gloucestershire are those that want to get involved in the local community and are good at networking. It’s a competitive market.

Useful Links

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