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## **Victoria Marshall**

Herbert Smith Freehills

Dear Victoria,

I am writing about the Senior Associate position in the Real Estate team at Herbert Smith Freehills. I have five years of post-qualification experience in commercial property, currently at Mishcon de Reya where I handle 30-35 live matters at any time with deal values up to £28 million. The chance to work on the larger institutional transactions that HSF's real estate practice handles, and to do so within a platform that supports cross-border work. Is what prompted me to get in touch.

My recent work has focused on acquisitions, disposals, and landlord-and-tenant matters for PE-backed developers and corporate occupiers. The deal I am most proud of is the acquisition of a £28 million mixed-use development in Shoreditch, which I led from due diligence through to completion in eleven weeks, coordinating with three external counsel teams on financing, planning, and construction matters. I also advise four institutional landlords on their combined portfolio of 120+ commercial leases and supervise two junior associates and a trainee. Before Mishcon, I trained and qualified at Slaughter and May, where I was part of the team on a £1.2 billion sale-and-leaseback of a national retail portfolio. I drafted 85 occupational leases and managed title review for 120+ properties.

I am currently working towards the RICS Commercial Property Certificate and I provide regular pro bono advice at LawWorks housing clinics in Hackney. I would welcome the opportunity to discuss how my transactional experience and client management approach could contribute to the team.

Yours sincerely,

Oliver Bancroft