

WOODWARD CHRISP

Senior Family Solicitor

Looking for a new challenge in a place where life and career balance beautifully?

At Woodward Chrisp, we're looking for an experienced Family Solicitor (4+ years PQE) to re-establish and lead our Family Law team here in Gisborne. This is an opportunity to shape your role, build a thriving practice, and enjoy the supportive, collaborative culture we're known for.

Te Āheinga – The Opportunity

We're after a motivated family lawyer ready to take the next step in their career. You'll bring expertise in family law, confidence to lead, and a genuine desire to mentor and support others as our family practice grows.

You'll work closely with our directors and wider team, have autonomy in your files, and the chance to make a meaningful impact for clients and the firm.

He aha te painga mōu? – What's in it for you?

- ✓ A leadership role with the freedom to shape your team and practice
- ✓ Supportive colleagues and directors who back your ideas and ambitions
- ✓ Flexibility to work from home occasionally
- ✓ A modern, down-to-earth firm culture with strong community connections
- ✓ The chance to live somewhere with beautiful beaches, no traffic, and a genuine sense of community

Ngā Pūkenga – What You'll Bring

- ✓ A minimum of 4 years PQE in Family Law
- ✓ Strong client relationship and communication skills
- ✓ Leadership abilities and a passion for mentoring
- ✓ A NZ practising certificate
- ✓ A positive, pragmatic attitude and sense of humour

Why Woodward Chrisp?

We're Gisborne's largest law firm, with a longstanding reputation for quality work and community connection. Our team culture is collaborative and supportive – this isn't just about filling a role, it's about finding the right fit for you and us, and shaping a career that's rewarding, sustainable, and satisfying.

Why Tairāwhiti – Gisborne?

Gisborne offers a lifestyle you won't find in the big cities – beautiful beaches, an easy commute, great local kai and wine, and a welcoming community. It's an incredible place to raise a family, enjoy the outdoors, and find that balance we all crave.

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Whether it's joining a local sports team, exploring the region's rich Māori culture, or simply enjoying more hours in your day, Gisborne has so much to offer.

Ready to Apply?

If you're an experienced family lawyer looking for a role with autonomy, growth, and genuine lifestyle balance, we'd love to hear from you.

Apply with your CV and cover letter, or reach out to our Practice Manager, Cherie Mirko, at Cherie.M@wwclaw.co.nz for a confidential chat.
