

Hot Roles in Hot Markets in 2026

With a global presence across the world’s leading legal markets, Major Lindsey & Africa’s Interim Legal Talent team delivers real-time insights to help legal departments, law firms, and legal professionals navigate an increasingly dynamic landscape.

As a leading alternative legal service provider (ALSP), we combine local market insight with flexible, on-demand talent solutions, to help organizations and legal professionals anticipate change and stay ahead in a rapidly changing legal landscape.

Here’s a look at the markets and practice areas currently driving the most hiring activity.

INTERNATIONAL MARKETS

United Kingdom

- › Banking / Leveraged Finance
- › Corporate Transactional
- › Privacy / Cybersecurity
- › Compliance
- › Intellectual Property
- › Derivatives/Structured Products
- › Employment
- › Structured Finance
- › Technology Regulation (OSA/DSA)



Netherlands

- › International Commercial
- › Compliance including Sanction Law
- › Growth of Part-time Interim Assignments
- › Privacy/Cybersecurity



Singapore

- › Banking/Finance (FinTech)
- › Commercial Contracts (Tech, Healthcare, Energy)
- › Compliance (Sanctions, Anti Bribery & Corruption)
- › Privacy/Cybersecurity

EMEA MARKETS WITH INCREASED DEMAND

Interim legal work is continuing to expand into new markets globally. Current areas of growth include:

- › France
- › Germany
- › Hong Kong
- › Ireland
- › Scotland
- › Spain
- › UAE

FEATURE CALL-OUT

Across all markets, we are seeing an increase in expertise-driven placements. From interim general counsel, with prior experience as a GC within specific sectors and areas of law, to practice area specific needs in privacy / cybersecurity, product, payments and regulatory counsel. All of this reflects growing demand for nuanced interim legal engagements and specialized talent on a flexible basis.

U.S. MARKETS

Boston, MA

- › Securities
- › Corporate / M&A
- › Healthcare / Life Sciences / Pharmaceuticals
- › Privacy / Cybersecurity
- › Technology Transactions

New York City, NY

- › Compliance
- › Corporate / M&A
- › Privacy / Cybersecurity
- › Labor & Employment
- › Real Estate Finance
- › Commercial / Technology Transactions

Washington, DC

- › Corporate / M&A
- › Government Contracts
- › Healthcare
- › Intellectual Property
- › Public Agency
- › Regulatory & Compliance

Chicago, IL

- › Commercial / Technology Transactions
- › Labor & Employment
- › Life Sciences / Pharmaceuticals
- › Manufacturing / Trade Compliance

Seattle, WA /Portland, OR

- › Commercial / Technology Transactions
- › Corporate / M&A
- › Litigation
- › Privacy / Cybersecurity
- › Regulatory & Compliance

Los Angeles, CA

- › Commercial / Technology Transactions
- › Labor & Employment
- › Litigation
- › Privacy / Cybersecurity
- › Corporate / M&A

San Francisco/Palo Alto, CA

- › Compliance
- › Privacy/Cybersecurity
- › Product counsel
- › Commercial / Technology Transactions

Miami/Orlando/Tampa, FL

- › Compliance
- › Healthcare
- › Real Estate
- › Trademark
- › Commercial / Technology Transactions

Charlotte, NC

- › Banking
- › Commercial / Technology Transactions
- › Privacy / Cybersecurity

Atlanta, GA

- › Commercial / Technology Transactions
- › Corporate
- › Labor & Employment
- › Securities

Nashville/Memphis, TN

- › Compliance
- › Healthcare
- › Labor & Employment
- › Privacy / Cybersecurity
- › Securities

Dallas/Houston, TX

- › Commercial / Technology Transactions
- › Corporate / M&A / Securities
- › Oil & Gas
- › Privacy / Cybersecurity