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Centre for Professional Legal Studies
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The Centre for Professional Legal Studies: *taking you further*

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**A centre of
excellence in the
heart of Wales’
capital city**



Welcome to Cardiff Law School



*Professor Nigel Lowe,
Head of Cardiff Law School*

Cardiff’s Law School is the only Russell Group University Law School validated by the professional bodies (the Solicitors Regulation Authority and the Bar Standards Board) to offer both the main vocational training courses for the profession.

At Cardiff, we are committed to maintaining an outstanding teaching and learning experience, the very best research, and unrivalled links with business and the public sector.

Cardiff Law School is a large, well resourced centre of excellence which plays a full role in serving the University in its mission as one of the UK’s leading institutions.

The results of the 2008 Research Assessment Exercise (RAE) recognise Cardiff Law School as one of the UK’s leading legal research bodies, placing it 7th in the UK.

The School offers a range of undergraduate (LLB) programmes, a postgraduate (LLM) programme with opportunities for specialised and non-specialised study, and legal training courses.

As an institution we receive a significant number of our students at both undergraduate and postgraduate level from other jurisdictions, making us a culturally diverse and friendly place in which to study.

N. V. Lowe



Centre for Professional Legal Studies

The Centre for Professional Legal Studies at Cardiff Law School offers a unique portfolio of courses. We are particularly proud of the Legal Practice Course and Bar Professional Training Course. The LPC has consistently received the SRA/Law Society's highest rating. The BPTC has replaced our equally highly regarded Bar Vocational Course. Allied to this, the Law School and the University as a whole are both very highly rated.

Many of our former students have gone on to undertake successful careers in all areas of the solicitors' and barristers' professions as well as elsewhere in industry and commerce, both within this country and abroad. In organising and delivering the two courses, we endeavour to enable students to be prepared for those areas of practice to which they aspire. Student and employer feedback is, and always has been, extremely positive.

Cardiff has the vision of a capital city with the heart of a village. We pride ourselves on providing a caring and supportive yet challenging learning environment for all our students.

I very much hope that you will decide to enhance your professional career by choosing to undertake the BPTC or LPC with us and I look forward to welcoming you to Cardiff.

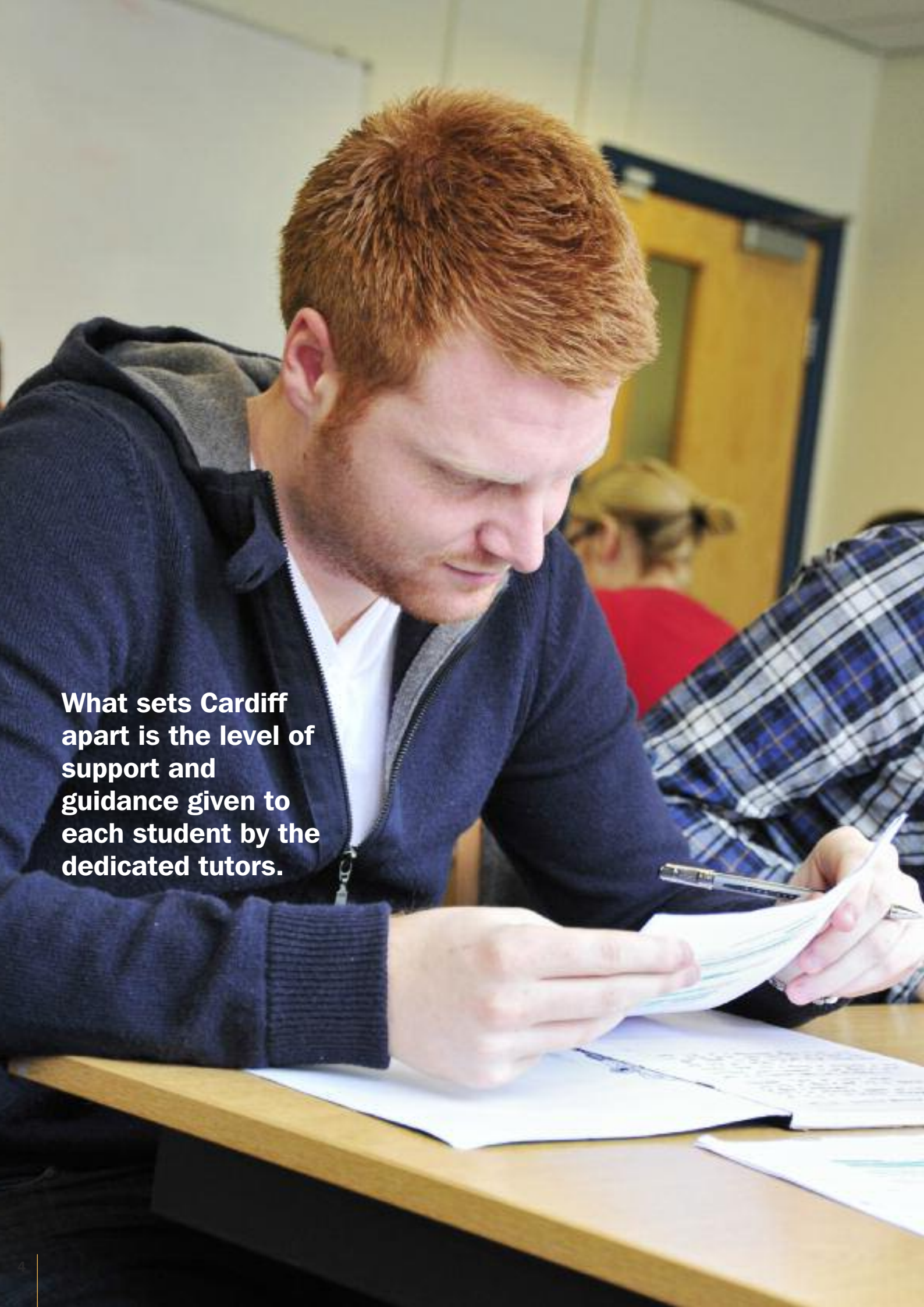
Ian C Brookfield

Director of the Centre for Professional Legal Studies



Ian C Brookfield





What sets Cardiff apart is the level of support and guidance given to each student by the dedicated tutors.

The Legal Practice Course

Why study your LPC at Cardiff?

You will discover:

- ▶ A course that has consistently achieved the very highest ratings from the professional bodies
- ▶ A high level of face-to-face contact
- ▶ Excellent tuition from a dedicated team of experienced tutors, all of whom have been drawn from practice
- ▶ Strong links with the legal profession
- ▶ Opportunities to experience law in action on our Pro Bono scheme
- ▶ Excellent pastoral and careers support
- ▶ A work placement scheme designed to give students first hand legal experience
- ▶ Excellent facilities
- ▶ A top class alternative to the largest LPC providers – be an individual rather than a face in the crowd
- ▶ A top Russell Group University, in the heart of a vibrant capital city.

The LPC is the course for all those wishing to qualify as a solicitor in England and Wales. It is the bridge between the academic study of law and your in-house training with a law firm.

Full time or part time?

You can study the LPC at Cardiff either on the full time course or the part time course.

The full time course is offered over one year, with the option to study the core elements (Stage 1) separate from the elective elements (Stage 2).

The part time course is offered over two years, with a mixture of core and elective elements in each year, on a day release basis. Lessons are delivered on Fridays, to enable you to combine work and study.

What will you study on the LPC?

The syllabus is the same for the full time course and the part time course, although the subjects are covered in a different order.

For details of what you will study, and in what order please see page 6.



Byron Jones, LPC Course Leader



I chose the Centre for Professional Legal Studies at Cardiff because it has an excellent reputation. I wanted to study at a law school with a great name and I still feel proud telling others that I am a former student. At a time when training contracts were hard to come by, I considered that the edge that studying at Cardiff gave me was extremely important.

The facilities were excellent and the staff were both knowledgeable and supportive. The year I spent studying the LPC at Cardiff was valuable to my career as it prepared me for the “legal life” ahead of me. It was also extremely enjoyable and I wholeheartedly recommend it to others.

Dan Jones Manager HR Law Services (Corus)



LPC
Legal Practice
Course

The Full time LPC

Stage 1

The core elements
September to March

Stage 1 includes key areas of practice and key skills:

Core practice areas

- ▶ Business Law and Practice
- ▶ Property Law and Practice
- ▶ Litigation

Plus

- ▶ Professional Conduct and Regulation
- ▶ Solicitors' Accounts
- ▶ Wills and Administration
- ▶ Taxation

Plus

Five course skills

- ▶ Advocacy
- ▶ Drafting
- ▶ Interviewing and Advising
- ▶ Practical Legal Research
- ▶ Writing

Stage 2

Your elective subjects
March to June

In Stage 2 you will choose 3 electives to study. We offer a wide range of subjects, which allow you to specialise in commercial or private client work, or to choose a mix of the two:

- ▶ Commercial Litigation
- ▶ Commercial Property
- ▶ Mergers and Acquisitions
- ▶ Intellectual Property
- ▶ Employment Law
- ▶ Private Client
- ▶ Personal Injury Litigation
- ▶ Family Law
- ▶ Child Care Law
- ▶ Housing Law

On the full time course there is the option to study the electives at a later date and to choose to study only **Stage 1**.

The Part time LPC

Year 1

In Year 1 you will study:

- ▶ Business Law and Practice
- ▶ Wills and Administration of Estates
- ▶ Drafting
- ▶ Interviewing and Advising
- ▶ Practical Legal Research
- ▶ Solicitors' Accounts
- ▶ One elective

Professional Conduct and Regulation and Taxation are studied throughout the two years.

Year 2

And in Year 2:

- ▶ Litigation
- ▶ Property Law and Practice
- ▶ Writing
- ▶ Advocacy
- ▶ Two electives

Some electives (Commercial Litigation, Commercial Property, Housing Law, Personal Injury) are available in Year 2 only as they rely on the knowledge and skills acquired in the Year 2 core subjects. All other electives are available in Year 1 or Year 2.



Teaching sessions

We use a mixture of face-to-face learning and e-learning to provide a comprehensive and in-depth study experience, one that will set up you perfectly for your future practice as a solicitor.

On both the full time course and part time course there are large group lectures and small group sessions.

- ▶ small group sessions form the core of the course, with group activities and practical tasks designed to help you understand the areas of practice studied.
- ▶ large group lectures are delivered live on the full time course and are delivered online on the part time course.

We also recognise the jump that is needed from academic study to vocational study, particularly with the course skills, and we aim to support you fully in your studies.

Assessment

There are 14 assessments, most of which are open book examinations where you are allowed to use a wide range of permitted materials, including your manuals (textbooks – which we provide) and your file of notes and handouts.

Practical Legal Research is assessed by means of a piece of coursework and the oral skills are assessed by an oral presentation/interview which is recorded.

The main diets of assessment are in December, March and June of each year although some assessments are held at different times.

Provisional results are issued throughout the course so that you have an indication of your progress. There is also a series of formative assessments to help you learn and so that you can obtain feedback on how you are doing prior to the final assessments.

We set you up perfectly for your future practice as a solicitor.

LPC

**Legal Practice
Course**

We provide the top quality support and resources that you can expect from an excellent LPC provider



I chose Cardiff for my LPC as I wanted to settle here. The course was quite a contrast to studying Law at undergraduate level and really made you begin to think and act as a practitioner instead of a student. It definitely stood me in good stead for my training contract and my career beyond that.

I am now a partner in a 3 partner firm specialising in employment law and I try to keep in touch with former tutors – visiting occasionally to help out with mock employment tribunals. The standards of advocacy are very high when I do this, reflecting the quality of the teaching and the high standards the students set for themselves.



Anna Denton-Jones
Partner, Morgan Denton Jones LLP

Our fees

Our fees are competitively priced, especially in comparison with the largest LPC providers, and reflect the top quality support and resources that you can expect from an excellent LPC provider. To obtain details of the current fees please visit www.law.cf.ac.uk/cpls/lpc

How to apply

Full time

Full time LPC applications must be made online through the LPC Central Applications Board (www.lawcabs.ac.uk). However, if you have any queries about the application process, please contact us.

Applications for a September intake can be made from the beginning of the previous October and, to ensure your application is dealt with in the LPCCAB's 'first round' you should apply before the beginning of December. If you miss the deadline, all is not lost – you can apply from December onwards in the LPCCAB's 'second round'.

Part time

Part time LPC applications should be made direct to the University, and you can apply online. For more information please visit www.cardiff.ac.uk/for/prospective/pg/apply but if you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

There is no 'first round' or 'second round' for part time applications, but the earlier you apply the better to ensure you can make all the arrangements you need to be ready to start the course in September.



Admissions criteria

We look at the following when you apply:

- ▶ Your academic record (including actual and predicted results)
- ▶ Your statement in support of your application
- ▶ The reference from your referee
- ▶ Your degree of commitment to the solicitors' profession (as evidenced by any legal work experience or training contract)
- ▶ Your reasons for wanting to study the LPC at Cardiff, including any special personal reasons affecting your ability to study elsewhere
- ▶ Whether you have put Cardiff as your first, second or third choice.

We are able to make offers to most applicants who apply to us. However, if you have any concerns that you may not meet the criteria, please do contact us.

University and SRA requirements

You will need to provide proof of your qualifications to the University and have a minimum standard of competency in English. There are also Solicitors' Regulation Authority requirements that you must meet before starting your LPC. These are (1) completing the academic stage of legal education (e.g. obtaining a qualifying law degree or GDL) and (2) enrolling as a student member with the SRA. There is a fee to pay to the SRA for membership and there are strict deadlines, so please check the position carefully. Details can be found on the SRA's website (www.sra.org.uk).

Want to find out more?

Then please visit our website or contact us – for contact details and details of Open Afternoons please see the inside back cover (pg 21).



What Our Graduates Say



The Cardiff LPC has a fantastic reputation across the country and provides an excellent grounding for a training contract. When you say you've studied in Cardiff no questions are asked about the level of teaching you've been given, it's taken for granted that you will have a good grounding and it really is important on the CV to have a good LPC provider.

The University has strong, well established links with local firms. This type of environment is fantastic if you are looking for a training contract. The LPC placement scheme helps students looking for training contracts get the opportunity to spend a week working in a firm. Cardiff Law School gives its students great exposure through the pro-bono scheme. Students are offered the opportunity to work with my firm on nursing care cases.

Life as an LPC student in Cardiff is also a very supported one. You will be allocated a personal tutor who will be there if you need advice or have any concerns but, because only a relatively small number of students are taken on every year, tutorial groups are small. Staff at Cardiff are experienced tutors but also have vast experience as solicitors. They ensure that you are not only equipped for examinations but that you are prepared for that first, daunting day as a trainee solicitor. On the course, the exercises that you are given really reflect the type of work that I do on a day to day basis.

I am extremely glad that I chose to study my LPC at Cardiff University. I made friends for life on the course. We meet regularly and share experiences of our life in practice.

Esyllt Hughes Trainee Solicitor – Hugh James www.hughjames.com



LPC
Legal Practice
Course



The most attractive feature of the Bar Course at Cardiff is the high staff to student ratio and that was the main reason for my decision to apply for and accept a place on the course. I knew that I would receive individual attention and, having studied for my law degree under the tutorial system at Oxford, I knew that this system would work well for me. It also allowed me to live at home for the BVC year, which was useful from a financial perspective.

I am currently a tenant of St. John's Chambers in Bristol, specialising in Commercial and Chancery Law. The Bar Course at Cardiff is intensive and difficult but I can truly say that it has set me up well for life in private practice at the Bar. I was taken on as a tenant following my pupillage and the main reason for that must be the skills I gained from undertaking the Bar Course at Cardiff. In particular, the opinion writing, drafting and advocacy courses have proven invaluable to me. The facilities (especially the well-stocked library) are excellent.

For anyone considering applying for the Bar Course at Cardiff, I would highly recommend the course. I would also say that, while it is not a course for the faint-hearted, it is certainly a wise choice for those wishing to be fully-prepared for a career at the Bar. I am very glad that I made the choice to study at Cardiff.

Katie Price Tenant – St John's Chambers, Bristol



BPTC
Bar Professional
Training Course

The Bar Professional Training Course

Why study your BPTC at Cardiff?

You will discover:

- ▶ The only BPTC to be offered by a Russell group University
- ▶ Small student cohort with a high staff to student ratio ensuring a personal and supportive learning experience
- ▶ High levels of individual tutor feedback on all live skills performances
- ▶ Significant use of peer review
- ▶ High quality teaching by a small team of experienced and dedicated practitioners
- ▶ High levels of face to face tuition, exceeding the minimum recommended by the Bar Standards Board for all subjects
- ▶ High level of student satisfaction
- ▶ Guaranteed placements giving you the opportunity to marshall with both a Circuit Judge and District Judge in addition to undertaking a mini-pupillage
- ▶ Strong links with the legal profession.

Our BPTC

Cardiff Law School has delivered a high quality and highly regarded Bar Professional Training Course/ Bar Vocational Course since the course was first introduced by the Bar Council in 1997.

Our BPTC will bridge the gap between your academic study of law and your practice as a pupil. It will also provide you with a solid foundation in knowledge and skills for your early years of tenancy. The course aims to foster a professional and ethical approach to practice as a barrister, whilst giving you an informed view of a barrister's working life.

Delivery

You will experience a carefully designed course in a highly supportive learning environment. Your learning will mostly take place in small groups:

12 students in knowledge and written skills and 6 in oral skills. You will be given the opportunity of learning by doing. The Course focuses on the development of Advocacy skills, by providing you with 2 hour classes in groups of 6 or less almost every week across all three terms (approximately 30 sessions, the Bar Standards Board minimum recommended number is 12). You will be expected to develop you practitioner skills and copies of practitioners' texts will be given to you.



Jetsun Lebaschi, BPTC Course Leader



I would say that the Bar Course at Cardiff Law School equips you with the essential skills and background knowledge for any pupillage. The libraries are well stocked, and one is dedicated to professional law courses. The tutors are a mix of legal professionals who bring numerous strengths to the table and who are willing to 'go the extra mile' for students. The course also enjoys a good relationship with the local Bar and wider legal profession, with the result that the careers guidance provided by tutors is both helpful and informed. The course is a bit of a mountain to climb (especially in the first term when essential professional skills must be mastered) but is ultimately rewarding. Tuition is well-structured and engaging. Good contact is maintained with the Inns of Court, and with the wider English and Welsh Bar.

David Marusza Pupil – 1 Hare Court Chambers, London



BPTC
Bar Professional
Training Course

Content

Terms 1 and 2

September to Spring break

The knowledge areas:

- Civil Litigation, Evidence and Remedies
- Criminal Litigation, Evidence and Sentencing

Core skills:

- Advocacy 1, 2 + 3
- Conferencing
- Opinion Writing
- Drafting
- Professional Ethics
- Resolution of Disputes Out of Court

Term 3

After Spring break

- Advocacy 2 + 3

Optional subjects (choice of 2)

Sample options include:

- Company
- Employment
- Advanced Criminal practice
- Family
- Child Care
- Commercial

Assessment

You will undertake a practice/mock assessment, in conditions that replicate the summative assessment, and a summative assessment in all subjects.

Assessment is by:

- written assessment;
- oral assessment; or
- a combination of oral and written components.

Assessments take place throughout the year and, where available, provisional results will be released so that you have an indication of your progress

Learn from experienced and dedicated teachers.

How do you apply?

All applications must be made online via the Bar Standards Board applications system, see

www.barprofessionaltraining.org.uk

Indicative dates are subject to change and for up to date information you must check the information provided by the Bar Standards Board, see

www.barstandardsboard.org.uk

System open for applications:

early November each year

Closing date:

early January each year

Offers made:

early March each year

Admissions Requirements and Criteria

It is not possible to be enrolled as a student unless:

- You have completed your academic stage and possess the necessary qualifications;
- You have obtained a 2.2 Class Degree or higher; and
- You have been admitted as a student member of one of the four Inns of Court
- You satisfy the English language requirement*
- You pass the Bar Aptitude test*

NB:

For up to date information regarding the position in relation to the English language requirement and the Bar Aptitude test you must check the information provided by the Bar Standards Board, see www.barstandardsboard.org.uk



Although probably one of the most challenging years of my education, the Bar Course at Cardiff was undoubtedly the best.

Rebecca Mansell Tenant – Civitas Chambers, Cardiff



We provide high levels of face to face tuition and feedback.



The Bar Course at Cardiff prepares students for the rigours of independent practice and pupillage. It requires students to be self-disciplined, organised and focused on advocacy. The time spent on practical advocacy is unrivalled.

Gareth Evans

Tenant – 9 Park Place Chambers, Cardiff

In determining whether to offer any applicant a place, we take into account the following criteria:

- ▶ Your actual or predicted academic record
- ▶ Your application form and in particular your supporting evidence
- ▶ Commitment to the profession as evidenced by efforts to obtain placements, mini-pupillage or any other experience in a legal setting
- ▶ Any special reasons affecting your freedom to study elsewhere
- ▶ Your referee's statement (which should support your actual/predicted academic record)

In addition:

- ▶ Applicants will not normally be interviewed for a place on the course
- ▶ All applicants will be treated in accordance with University policy on equal opportunities

Course Fees

Our fees are competitive and reflect the top quality support and resources that you would expect from a highly rated provider. For up to date information about the course fees for the year in which you are interested visit www.law.cf.ac.uk/cpls/bvc

And Finally

We recognise the importance of your choice of BPTC provider and to help you to make the right decision please feel free to contact us on law-bptc@cardiff.ac.uk

We are happy to make arrangements for you to see our facilities and to meet with a tutor.

Want to find out more?

Then please visit our website or contact us – for contact details and details of Open Afternoons please see the inside back cover (pg 21).

BPTC

**Bar Professional
Training Course**



The Professional Development Unit

The PDU provides training and testing for the **Police Station Representatives' Accreditation Scheme** and the **Criminal Litigation (Duty Solicitor) Accreditation Scheme**. It is also involved in the accreditation of **Expert Witnesses** in association with training provider **Bond Solon**.

The assessors for these schemes include both academic staff from the CPLS and experienced local practitioners. Outside teaching of advocacy means that in any given year the PDU can be responsible for training and assessing up to 1,000 young advocates. This helps to ensure that the CPLS remains a centre for excellence in the teaching of practitioner skills.

The following training is available from the Centre:

Police Station Representatives Accreditation Scheme (PSRAS)

This scheme deals with the accreditation of those representatives who advise suspects at the police station. Most firms of solicitors who undertake criminal legal aid work use accredited representatives to advise and assist clients at police stations.

We offer several training courses to assist you in gaining accreditation as a Police Station Representative, all of which are accredited by the Law Society as qualifying for Continuing Professional Development (CPD). For full details please visit our website:

Duty Solicitor Schemes

The Professional Development Unit offers the two qualifications required by solicitors to satisfy the Law Society of their suitability to become a member of the Criminal Litigation Accreditation Scheme.

Police Station Qualification (PSQ)

This scheme deals with the accreditation of solicitors who advise suspects at the police station. The PSQ is also one element of the Law Society's Criminal Litigation Accreditation Scheme for duty solicitors.

Magistrates' Court Qualification (MCQ)

This scheme deals with the accreditation of solicitors who represent defendants in the Magistrates' Court. The MCQ is one element of the Law Society's Criminal Litigation Accreditation Scheme for duty solicitors.

Cardiff University Law School Bond Solon Expert Witness Certificate

This Scheme offers professional accreditation by assessment for expert witnesses, in partnership with training provider Bond Solon.

Research

In addition to offering courses in professional development, the PDU undertakes research projects, with particular areas of interest including practitioner skills and the court process. Examples of projects undertaken by PDU staff include:

- ▶ providing evidence to assist the Legal Services Commission and Ministry of Justice in establishing a scheme of Quality Assurance for Advocates;
- ▶ evaluating alternative arrangements for commissioning expert evidence in public law children's cases;
- ▶ preparing a training and practitioner resource for child protection social workers in Wales.

Further information

Further information about all of these courses is available on our website: www.law.cf.ac.uk/cpls/pdu or by contacting Angela Devereux (Devereux@cardiff.ac.uk) or 029 2087 6948



At Cardiff, from the first day, I felt I was with an organisation which was rigorous, yet wanted its students to pass. That makes all the difference, and it showed in the teaching, correcting and positive atmosphere on the course.

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PDU
Professional
Development Unit

Experience law in action through our award-winning Pro Bono Scheme

Cardiff Law School's Pro Bono Scheme strives to enable access to justice for those who might not otherwise achieve it, by facilitating the provision of pro bono legal services by law students. Pro bono is the provision of legal advice without expectation of payment. The term comes from the Latin phrase 'pro bono publico' or 'for the public good'.

Law firms and barristers' chambers who employ trainee solicitors and pupil barristers generally like to see law students working on real cases. They, as well as our students, value the unrivalled experience of exposure to the often-harsh realities of real life situations.

Students learn that the law is not always black and white, that there can be problems with legal practice, procedures and systems, and that there is often not an easy answer to a person's legal problem.

Students learn essential skills, such as communication and research. They learn about the problems of individuals, but also about the impact these issues can have on the society in which we all live.

Our schemes have both won prestigious national awards, and help by assisting members of the community and vulnerable groups with matters for which there may in reality be no legal aid.

Our Pro Bono scheme has two distinct elements to it:

Cardiff Law School Innocence Project

The Cardiff Law School Innocence Project was launched by Shami Chakrabarti, Director of Liberty

- ▶ Our students work under the supervision of practising solicitors and barristers on cases of long-term prisoners maintaining their innocence of serious crimes for which they have been convicted.
- ▶ The comprehensive student training programme delivered by the INUK has been recognised with a "Highly Commended" joint award from the Attorney General, presented at the House of Lords, in the category "Best Contribution by a Law School".



The Cardiff Law School National Health Service Continuing Health Care Scheme

The NHS Continuing Healthcare Scheme assists in addressing the nationwide problem of assessment for NHS continuing healthcare funding.

- ▶ We are the only law school in the UK that runs a specialist legal advice clinic, dealing with this niche area of law and practice, which is recognised by the Alzheimers Society and Age Concern.
- ▶ Continuing healthcare is where the NHS is responsible for care and fully funds it. This area of work mainly affects very ill patients, often elderly, in nursing homes, but can also apply if a person is in hospital long term or needs nursing care at home.

- ▶ We are supervised by the largest law firm in Wales, Hugh James Solicitors, and we won the Student Team Award at the prestigious Law Society Junior Lawyers' Division 10th Anniversary Pro Bono Awards in 2008, and a Project Award in the Higher Education Academy (HEA) Student Volunteer Awards in 2010.

To find out more about our pro bono schemes, see <http://www.law.cf.ac.uk/probono/>

Student Support



International Students

Cardiff University has a long tradition of welcoming international students. With over 3,500 students from over 100 countries, the University enjoys the many benefits of multiculturalism. The Law School welcomes applications from students worldwide. We currently have over 400 students from more than 25 countries enrolled on our programmes and offer a culturally diverse and friendly environment in which to study.

Cardiff University guarantees a single occupancy place in University Residences to first year overseas students as long as you apply through the normal admissions cycle. The University offers a wide range of residences, each with its own advantages, from traditional catered halls to modern self-catering flats. 70% of study bedrooms have private shower facilities and some rooms also have computer network connection points.

Equal Opportunities Policy

The University conducts its student recruitment, selection and assessment procedures on an equal opportunities basis. It is committed to ensuring that all applicants, students and employees are treated equally, regardless of their colour, race, ethnic or national origins, gender,

sexual orientation, marital status, family responsibilities, physical or sensory disabilities, or their political or religious beliefs.

Applicants with Disabilities/ Specific Needs

All offers to study at Cardiff University are made solely on the basis of academic merit. Where applicants have specific requirements that relate to a disability or medical condition, they are encouraged to discuss these with relevant staff in order that appropriate arrangements can be made to ensure the University provides an accessible environment. Specifically, applicants are invited to contact the Disability Adviser who can provide information about the application procedure, course delivery and access to the physical environment. Where appropriate, informal visits can be arranged in which applicants can view accommodation and meet academic staff.

The Disability Adviser can be contacted at:

Student Advisory Service
50 Park Place, Cardiff, CF10 3UA.
Tel/Minicom: (029) 2087 0004
Email: WilliamsME1@cardiff.ac.uk





Cardiff: the University

Cardiff is internationally recognised as being one of Britain’s major teaching and research universities and is a member of the Russell Group, the UK’s top 20 research intensive universities.

What the guides say ...

“Outstanding facilities are backed up by a teaching and research record that is hard to beat.”

Sunday Times University Guide

Cardiff is a fantastic and lively city, especially around February and March when the six nations is on. For students, it offers lots of options for nights out and it is reasonably cheap place to live in terms of accommodation, food and going out.

Steve Meiklejohn
LPC Graduate

Cardiff is internationally recognised as being among the very top tier of Britain’s research intensive universities. Many of our academic staff are working in areas which are acknowledged by independent assessors as undertaking work of national and international significance. Our stimulating and supportive research culture provides a dynamic environment in which to pursue postgraduate study. In the most recent Institutional review conducted by the Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education (2008), the quality of learning opportunities and standard of awards provided at Cardiff received robust endorsement.

The University actively builds academic and commercial relationships with local firms and major multinational companies. Furthermore, through consultancy arrangements, our staff provide advice to companies, local authorities and the government on a wide range of technical and policy issues.

Cardiff University has some 26,000 students – of whom 7,600 form part of the University’s postgraduate community. The University has a friendly, inclusive atmosphere which attracts students from a variety of social and ethnic backgrounds from throughout Wales, the rest of the UK and 93 countries worldwide.

There are 27 academic schools in the University, twenty-two based at the University’s Cathays Park city centre campus, many being housed in 19th century Portland stone buildings in and around Cardiff’s civic centre. The remaining five are located at the Heath Park campus, sharing a site with the University Hospital of Wales.



Cardiff: the City

Cardiff is a thriving and attractive city which combines all the advantages of a compact, friendly and inexpensive location with the cultural and recreational amenities of a progressive, modern capital. Cardiff was recently voted the most desirable city in the UK in which to live and work.

With its elegant civic centre, parks and gardens and landmark buildings, ranging from the magnificent Millennium Stadium to the historic Cardiff Castle and the modern upbeat waterfront at Cardiff Bay, Cardiff is a city with a very distinctive character. The city boasts world-class concert venues, numerous cinemas, clubs, restaurants and great pubs.

For those who enjoy shopping, the city is one of Britain's most successful retail centres. Glass canopied Victorian and Edwardian shopping arcades host independent boutiques, bookstores and record shops while in 2010, Cardiff's £675m St. David's Centre won the International Shopping Centre of the Year Award.

Cardiff is also one of the UK's major sporting centres with its 73,000-seat capacity Millennium Stadium, Cardiff International Sports Stadium, the International Sports Village and SWALEC cricket Stadium.

However, the city is not all hustle and bustle. Cardiff has 330 parks and gardens for those who would prefer a bit more peace and tranquility, and these green spaces reach right into the heart of the city; many are just a short walk from the University.

Don't just take our word for it ...

"Cardiff is one of the best places to study in Britain. It has well situated, cheap housing, lively nights out, friendly people, great shops and hundreds of miles of countryside."

Virgin Alternative Guide to British Universities

"Cardiff has grand civic architecture in a breezy waterside location, super-smart city bars and lovely countryside."

Guardian University Guide

Careers

Both vocational courses open the door for a successful career in a wide range of occupations in law firms, chambers and international business organisations. Cardiff Law School has a full-time Law Careers/Skills Adviser on site to assist with any queries and to help with Personal Development Planning.

A weekly careers programme at the Law School is open to all students and typically includes employment skills and recruitment sessions. The Law School also has links with a number of national and local firms who are keen to employ Cardiff graduates. Many of these firms hold presentations or attend our annual Law Fair, run in conjunction with the University Careers Service.

The Careers Service at Cardiff University is committed to providing unparalleled support to students, graduates and postgraduates.

Joanne Gibson is the professionally qualified Career Consultant with responsibility for Cardiff Law School and all students are encouraged to meet with her for an in-depth consultation about career strategy. A range of additional services reflects the needs of all students; access to work placement schemes; a vacancy bulletin advertising student and graduate

vacancies from over 1,250 employers; employer presentations/recruitment visits and the use of a fully equipped Careers Library where students will find all they need to know about employers, vacancies and opportunities.

The Careers Service also operates Career Management Skills sessions within the Law School, which are designed to help students develop their employability skills and improve their prospects for the future. In addition an extensive general careers programme covers all aspects of the career choice and job hunting process.

Whatever your future intentions, the Careers Service at Cardiff University can assist you in both developing and achieving your career goals.

For more information about Careers Service activities, please visit the website at www.cardiff.ac.uk/carsv

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Chambers has recruited many pupils who did the Bar Course in Cardiff and has kept all on as tenants. In that sense our satisfaction with the course offered and the quality of the product provided speaks for itself.

Gwydion Hughes
Secretary to the Tenancy and Pupillage Committee
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The Cardiff LPC produces just the type of trainee we look for. The training they receive makes them excellent candidates for a commercial firm like ours. I rate the trainees we have taken from the Cardiff LPC very highly.

Allan Wilson
Morgan Cole

In considering applications from prospective trainees, we are undoubtedly positively influenced when applications are from candidates who have taken the LPC at Cardiff. We know that Cardiff has consistently been rated as "excellent" and to have been on the Cardiff LPC does, in our experience, give candidates a competitive edge.

Chris Mayers
MLM Cartwright



Finding Out More

Attending an Open Day will enable you to:

- ▶ meet staff
- ▶ view the facilities
- ▶ speak to students pursuing both the LPC and BPTC
- ▶ see the city

There is no real substitute for making a visit before deciding whether to pursue a course. For more information about our open days see www.law.cardiff.ac.uk/cpls

We will also be very happy to make individual arrangements for you to view our facilities and speak to a member of staff. To do so please contact the course administrators on:

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