



Pro bono projects

Manchester.

BPP Legal Advice Clinic (BLAC)

BLAC gives students the opportunity to gain practical legal experience by interviewing and advising clients (under supervision), and giving free legal advice to the community on enterprise (commercial), family and civil litigation issues. There are also ad hoc opportunities to provide additional support to clients at court.

Course eligibility: LPC, BPTC as advisers; GDL and LLB as assistants

Employment Law Telephone Advice Line (ELTAL)

Students interview clients on the telephone, obtaining the case background to pass to volunteer solicitors, who then provide initial free telephone advice to the public. Students develop interviewing, note-taking and client-handling skills.

Course eligibility: all

Human Rights Unit (HRU)

HRU educates students on the importance of human rights laws by running a series of talks from external speakers. HRU publishes articles on human rights issues via the blog, and gives students practical experience of legal research by assisting charities and non-governmental organisations (NGOs).

Course eligibility: all

LEASE Case Summaries

This is a joint-working project with the Leasehold Advisory Service, LEASE, where students summarise cases from the Residential Property Tribunal which are then made available to the public on the LEASE website.

Course eligibility: all

Legal Translation Service (LTS)

The LTS aims to provide legal advice centres and not for profit organisations with free interpretation and translation, both in writing and in person, by involving students with native or fluent foreign language abilities. Students develop good listening and client skills and are exposed to varied real life legal issues.

Course eligibility: all

Medical Practitioner's Tribunal Service (MPTS)

The Medical Practitioners Tribunal Service is the adjudication function for UK doctors.

BPP University Law School run a telephone assistance line where students advise on process only (not legal advice) for the unrepresented doctors.

Course eligibility: LPC and BPTC

Personal Support Unit

The Personal Support Unit is a charity that gives practical and emotional support to unrepresented litigants at court. Students meet clients to talk through their cases informally and to accompany them around court and into hearings.

Course eligibility: all

Research Project

This involves students working, in groups, to research areas of law relevant to the pro bono sector, including all areas of social welfare law. Students will research and write articles to be published on BPP University Law School Pro Bono Centre's social media network. Their work will be supervised by a qualified lawyer and may be used as the basis of future Streetlaw presentations.

Course eligibility: all

Streetlaw

Streetlaw promotes understanding about legal rights and responsibilities to individuals who would not otherwise have access to legal knowledge or education. Streetlaw projects benefit both the wider community and law students, who learn valuable legal and professional skills.

Law students deliver interactive presentations on the law to a range of community groups including school children, youth offenders and local charities.

Course eligibility: all

Tribunal Services

From time to time, student volunteers will have the opportunity to provide moral support and administrative assistance to a client at the Manchester Employment Tribunal, particularly by taking notes during hearings. Tribunal Services is a project that enables students to develop a number of career-ready skills and gain first-hand experience of the Tribunal process.

Course eligibility: all

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