

Pro bono projects Bristol.

Advice Centre Volunteering

The award winning Avon & Bristol Law Centre offers internships during the academic year to BPP law students, providing experience in supporting its lawyers and volunteers on a number of projects in different legal areas. Students can also volunteer as caseworkers and/or advocates on the Legal Advocacy Support Project (LASP) and gain hands on experience supporting clients in welfare benefits appeals under the supervision of the Centre's specialist team.

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 students' articles on human rights issues on its blog. Students get 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

Personal Support Unit

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

Course eligibility: all

Research Project

Students are invited to work in groups to research varied areas of law relevant to the pro bono sector. Research tasks might include helping prepare creative and interactive legal workshops for our Streetlaw project, or may be to assist a client or partner with a legal issue. Students can also research and write articles to be published on the BPP University Law School Pro Bono Centre social media and/or on other online spaces and blogs. All work is supervised by a qualified lawyer.

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 research, design, draft and deliver interactive presentations on the law to a range of community groups including school children, youth groups and litigants in the Employment Tribunal.

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 Bristol or Cardiff 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

Employment Tribunal Litigant in Person Support Scheme (ELIPS)

This is an Employment Lawyers Association scheme set up to assist unrepresented litigants in Tribunal. BPP student volunteers assist the qualified lawyers who operate the ELIPS clinic, in the Bristol Employment Tribunal, to provide advice and representation to litigants in person.

Course eligibility: all

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

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