

Pro bono projects London.

Benefits Form Filling Clinic

Students attend Hackney Community Law Centre and Hammersmith and Fulham Law Centre to help individuals complete certain benefits forms. Students have direct client contact and develop good listening skills, whilst being exposed to varied real-life legal issues.

Course eligibility: all

BID Project

Bail for Immigration Detainees ('BID') is an award winning national charity which provides immigration detainees with free legal advice, engages in research, policy advocacy work, and strategic litigation. BID runs a bi-annual survey of legal representation across immigration detention centres and prisons. Student volunteers administer the survey.

Course eligibility: all

BPP Legal Advice Clinic (BLAC)

BLAC, which holds the Advice Quality Standard, gives students the opportunity to gain practical legal experience in interviewing and advising clients (under supervision), giving free legal advice to the community in either enterprise (commercial), housing or family law. BLAC also provides advice to unrepresented litigants at the Residential Property Tribunal. There are also opportunities to attend hearings, act as a McKenzie Friend or provide representation. This project provides an experience as close to legal practice as possible and enables you to develop a range of legal skills, working under the supervision of lawyers.

Course eligibility: all

Employment Law Telephone Advice Line (ELTAL)

Students interview clients over the telephone to obtain case background information. This information is then sent to volunteer solicitors who provide free legal advice to the client over the phone. Depending on availability, students may get the opportunity to "sit-in" on the advice calls with the solicitor or, where appropriate, attend the Employment Tribunal to observe and take notes for a litigant in person. Participation in this project helps students to develop interviewing, note-taking and client-handling skills.

Course eligibility: all

Housing Drop-In

In partnership with Law Centres, we run a triage service where people with housing problems attend on a drop-in basis. Students interview people in pairs to determine whether their case qualifies for Legal Aid. Those that don't qualify are signposted to other services.

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, for example on the use of drones and on forced marriages. This is a particularly student-led project where event planning and coordination is managed by our volunteers with the support of Pro Bono Centre staff. Students also have the opportunity to contribute articles to our online blog.

Course eligibility: all

Immigration Tribunal Friends (ITF)

Students attend asylum and immigration appeals with litigants in person at the Immigration Tribunal. Students provide support by taking notes of the hearing and providing both administrative and moral support. Students will gain invaluable first-hand experience of an immigration tribunal, direct client contact and a better understanding of proceedings from the perspective of the litigant.

Course eligibility: all

Law Firm Shadowing Project

Students attend evening clinics at Law Centres/CABs with qualified solicitors from different partner law firms. The clinics (which cover a range of legal issues) are aimed at improving access to justice for the local community. Students observe the volunteer solicitors giving legal advice to clients, and take notes of the meeting. Depending on the projects, students may also be asked to undertake research or draft an initial letter of advice.

Course eligibility: LPC, BPTC, sometimes GDL and LLB

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 into hearings. Students must complete 20 days' volunteering during the academic year.

Course eligibility: GDL, LPC and BPTC

Pop-Up Advice Clinics

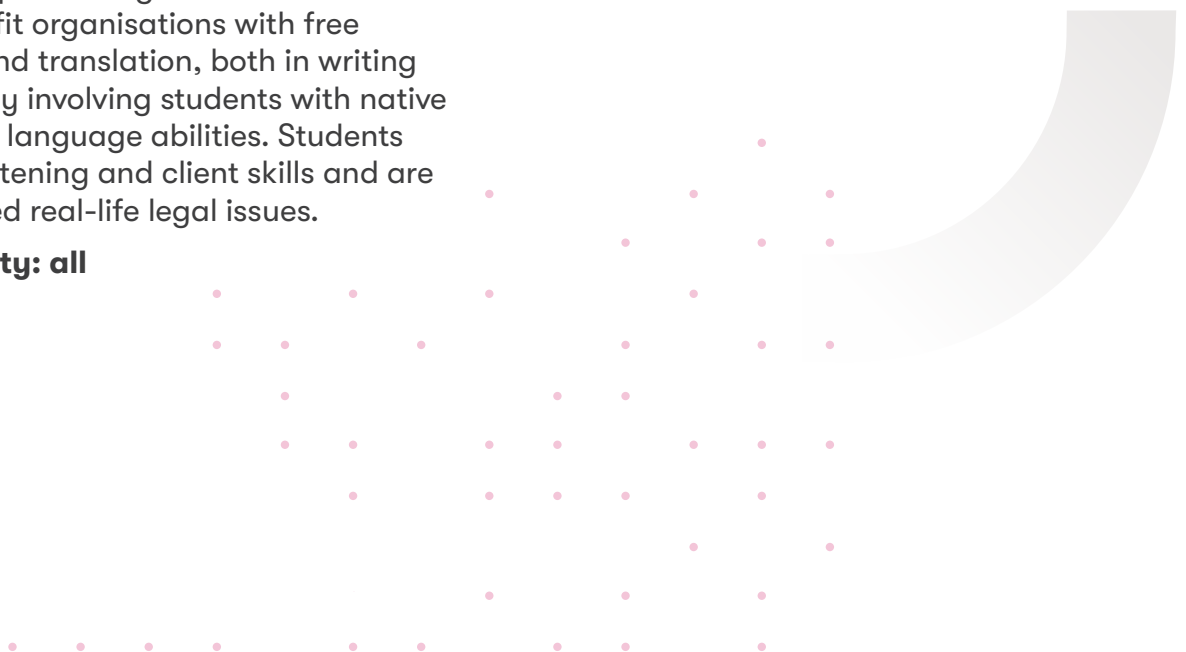
This project comprises of two pop up clinics; one providing debt and consumer law advice to Hackney residents and one giving consumer and employment law advice to Lambeth residents. Students interview clients on the telephone to obtain background information on their legal query. Students then shadow volunteer lawyers at clinic appointments where initial legal advice is given to clients.

Course eligibility: GDL, LPC and BPTC as clinic assistants; all as telephone assistants

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 and environmental law. Students will research and write articles to be published on BPP University Law School Pro Bono Centre social media. 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, for 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 and deliver interactive presentations on the law to a range of community groups including school children, youth groups, young entrepreneurs, prisoners, ex-offenders, homeless shelters and charities.

Course eligibility: all

Streetlaw - Mock Trials

Students visit local schools and run mock trial workshops, giving young people an introduction to the criminal justice system and the court process.

Course eligibility: Usually BPTC and LPC

Stepping Stones

Students assist caseworkers in South West London Law Centre and Zaccheus 2000 Trust (Z2K) in providing vulnerable debtors with free and confidential support, advice and information.

Course eligibility: all

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