

Pro bono projects

Birmingham.

BPP Legal Advice Clinic (BLAC)

BPP Legal Advice Clinic (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) or housing law. There may also be opportunities to attend hearings 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.

Relevant Career Skills: Communication, Professionalism and Self-Development.

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. Depending on availability, students may get the opportunity to attend the Employment Tribunal to observe and take notes for a litigant in person.

Relevant Career Skills: Communication, Professionalism, Emotional Intelligence and Problem Solving.

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. Along with law students from other local universities, BPP student volunteers assist the qualified lawyers who operate the ELIPS clinic to provide advice and representation to litigants in person.

Relevant Career Skills: Communication, Professionalism and Emotional Intelligence.

Course eligibility: all

Human Rights Unit (HRU)

HRU is a student-led project which organises talks from external speakers and produces articles via the HRU blog. Students improve their understanding of human rights law.

Relevant Career Skills: Communication.

Project viability subject to student interest.

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.

Relevant Career Skills: Communication, Professionalism and Self-Development.

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.

Relevant Career Skills: Communication, Professionalism and Self-Development.

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.

Relevant Career Skills: Communication, Self-Development, Problem Solving and Teamwork.

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 delivers interactive workshops on the law to a range of community groups, including school children, offenders and local charities.

Relevant Career Skills: Teamwork, Professionalism, Communication, Emotional Intelligence, Analytical and Technological.

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. Project viability subject to student and school interest.

Relevant Career Skills: Communication, Problem Solving, Resilience and Teamwork.

Course eligibility: all

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