

JUNIOR LAWYERS, PARTNERS & TRAINING PRINCIPALS

LEGAL SKILLS TRIATHLON 2020

The Legal Skills Triathlon continues to be one of Derby & District Law Society's most successful events. Held in association with Derby Law School at the University of Derby, entrants will be competing for the Jubilee Award and cash prizes.

WHERE AND WHEN?

The event is to be held on Wednesday, 18 March 2020 at Derby Law School, One Friar Gate Square in Derby ('OFGS').

WHAT DOES IT INVOLVE?

Successful applicants will be partnered with a law student from Derby Law School to form a team which will take part in a one day Skills Triathlon. The team must conduct a client interview, make a court application and participate in a negotiation meeting based on materials provided on the day. In respect of the Advocacy, details of the relevant law will be provided. Lateral thinking, commercial awareness and skills performance take priority over knowledge of law.

A panel of local practitioners and law lecturers will judge the event. Monetary prizes will be awarded for:

Best Team Overall	1st - £350
	2nd - £250
	3rd - £200
Outstanding Individual Advocate	£150
Outstanding Individual Interviewer	£150
Outstanding Individual Negotiator	£150

All participants will receive a Book Token to the value of £15.

There will be an Awards Ceremony at OFGS immediately after the event at the University, followed by Judges Question Time, an annual event where a panel of our local judges answer your questions. The day will end with D&DLS's drinks and nibbles, to which all firms entering a team and any other interested parties are invited.

WHY SHOULD I TAKE PART?

The Legal Practice Course is often criticised by trainees and Training Principals for not teaching sufficient negotiation and advocacy skills and the opportunities for cutting one's teeth in court are now more limited. For junior lawyers, these are essential skills for whichever discipline you choose. This is a unique and exciting opportunity to practice and hone your legal skills in a realistic and competitive setting. Your participation will, no doubt, improve your confidence, your career development, promote your firm and you have the chance to win up to £325.

Partners and Training Principals – encourage your junior lawyers to enter. This is an invaluable chance to improve their abilities and confidence thereby increasing their value and profitability to you... and it's free.

This event, now in its 14th year, has received high praise from all quarters including the Solicitors Regulation Authority and is a highlight in DDLS's calendar.

WHO CAN APPLY?

Trainee solicitors and newly qualified solicitors up to 12 months PQE.
Para legals/legal clerks and legal executives with up to 2 years practical experience.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Complete the online application form <http://tiny.cc/DerbyST>
If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Liz Doherty
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There are only 8 places for junior lawyers so submit your applications as soon as possible. **The deadline is 4 March 2020.** Successful applicants will be notified by email by no later than **10 March 2020.**