

Programme Specification: Postgraduate Diploma Bar Practice

1.	Awarding Institution:	The University of Law
2.	Final Award:	Postgraduate Diploma in Bar Practice
3.	Interim/Exit Awards:	Postgraduate Certificate of Higher Education
4.	Programme Title(s):	Bar Practice Course
5.	Accredited by:	The Bar Standards Board

15. Aims and Rationale of the Programme

The Bar Practice Course is designed for those who seek to practise as a barrister (either in England and Wales or in other jurisdictions) and/or wish to develop further their practical skills in a specialist area of legal practice. The programme will therefore build on skills, experience and techniques initially acquired during academic study and vocational training or experience, which can then be applied in the workplace.

In particular the programme aims are as follows:

To develop a systematic understanding of the law and practice on the part of students, and a critical awareness of current problems and/or new insights, at the forefront of the areas of professional practice studied.

Transferable

Plan and implement, with a high degree of autonomy, an extended piece of work.

Demonstrate a high level of competence in the practitioner skills appropriate to the area of professional practice studied.

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18. Programme Outcomes, Learning & Teaching and Assessment Strategies

Knowledge and Understanding

Demonstrate a high level of specialist knowledge and of conceptual understanding at the forefront of the areas of professional practice studied.

Apply detailed and comprehensive knowledge of the relevant law and legal practice to progress transactions or matters relevant to the area of the professional practice studied to

accordance with any rules of professional conduct or ethics.

Learning and Teaching Methods

Pure litigation sessions will be stripped out to provide a framework for developing the skills against the background of cumulative knowledge in practice and procedure.

Assessment Methods

Assessment of achievement of the learning outcomes is assessed by unseen open-book or closed book examinations of 2-4hours in duration throughout the course of the year commencing in November.

Students should demonstrate originality in the application of knowledge, and a practical understanding of how law and practice is used in the solution of complex legal problems.

Intellectual Skills

Evaluate critically current knowledge, research and

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1.1	Head of Quality Assurance	Minor grammatical amendments	July 2020