Pro bono projects Cambridge

ECRE Research and Case Summary Project

The European Database of Asylum Law (EDAL) is a unique online database which provides free access to key asylum and refugee case law from 17 European Union Member States as well as the European Courts. Without the database States, practitioners and the judiciary are unaware of potentially better practices, how provisions are being interpreted and with what instruments. The database is maintained by the European Council for Refugees and Exiles ('ECRE'). Student volunteers who are fluent in English and are native/fluent speakers of one or more of the following languages (German, French, Czech, Finnish, Greek, Hungarian, Italian, Dutch, Polish, Slovenian, Slovakian, Spanish, Swedish) support the ECRE by completing and proof reading case summaries which are published on the database and contributing to the EDAL blog, which provides legal commentary on recent asylum jurisprudence as well as asylum legislation.

Course eligibility: LPC

Employment Law Telephone Advice Line (ELTAL)

Students interview clients on the telephone, obtaining the background for volunteer solicitors who then provide initial free telephone advice to the public. Students develop interviewing, note-taking and client handling skills.

Course eligibility: all*

Human Rights Unit (HRU)

Students have the opportunity to be involved in human rights related research projects and to contribute articles to the Human Rights Journal on a wide variety of human rights issues. Both projects provide students with the opportunity to develop a wide range of important legal skills including legal writing / opinion skills, legal research and legal analysis.

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.

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*

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 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.

Students research and deliver interactive presentations on the law to community groups including school children, homeless shelters and charities and to prisoners.

Project viability subject to student interest.
Course eligibility: all*

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