



The Junior Lawyers Division

LPC Ambassadors

The volunteering role explained

The [Junior Lawyers Division](#) (JLD) of the Law Society is a representative and independent voice for :

- LPC students
- LPC graduates
- Trainee solicitors
- Solicitors up to five years qualified

Membership of the JLD is FREE and AUTOMATIC for those groups mentioned above.

As part of its commitment to its LPC student membership, the JLD is looking for students to volunteer to represent their fellow LPC students at each of the various LPC institutions and act as the point of contact between their campus and the national JLD.

This LPC ambassador role was created for two very important reasons:

1. To create a broad pool of LPC students from each institution who will be able to directly feed issues and problems to the JLD executive committee which will in turn enable the JLD to better represent the needs and interests of its student membership; and
2. To increase awareness of the JLD amongst the student membership and encourage students to become actively involved with the JLD, sign up to receive the [free JLD e-newsletter](#) and make the most of their membership.

What is involved?

Each LPC ambassador provides a link between the JLD executive committee and the students at their respective institution. This will involve being a point of contact between students and the JLD. Each LPC ambassador will have the responsibility of reporting to the JLD any issues and problems that students may be facing at a particular institution. Additionally, we would ask that ambassadors promote the JLD and its activities at their respective institutions. Examples of what might be involved include:

- Arrange for details of JLD events aimed at LPC students to be circulated to other students, possibly via the law school's intranet, email or similar. For example, the regular LPC student forums (free one-day skills events for LPC students looking for training contracts), the JLD annual conference and ball, evening networking and careers events, the JLD essay competition, etc.
- Undertake polls of fellow students as and when requested in order to gauge reaction to JLD policy and to help formulate JLD policy. In addition the JLD is often approached by legal journalists who want to have a student perspective on issues affecting the legal profession.
- Liaising with the local JLD groups (contact details of local groups will be supplied upon the ambassadors appointment) to increase student awareness of the JLD activities at a local level (via the law school's intranet, email or similar,) and to forge stronger links between local JLD groups and the LPC institutions.



Specific example from previous years

In previous years the SRA has held regional focus groups for students and trainees about the proposed (as was then) abolition of the mandatory minimum salary for trainee solicitors. The JLD encouraged students, through the LPC ambassadors, to attend these meetings and voice their concerns about the proposed abolition.

Length of obligation

LPC ambassadors will normally be appointed at the beginning of the academic year, or as near to as possible, with the role lasting until the end of that academic year i.e. June/July 2017.

Communication

The role of LPC student ambassador is fairly ad hoc in that you will be contacted as and when issues arise and your assistance or input would be welcome. There is no set schedule. However, LPC ambassadors are welcome to contact the national JLD with issues and concerns at any time.

Next steps

If you are interested in taking on this voluntary role for your LPC institution please email juniorlawyers@lawsociety.org.uk confirming your name and the name of the LPC institution you are currently studying at, including the specific branch/campus.

The JLD is looking to appoint up to two ambassadors per institution and applications will be accepted on a first come first served basis.

For further information about the JLD and what it does please visit the JLD website [here](#).

If you have any queries please contact the JLD via email at juniorlawyers@lawsociety.org.uk

Thank you

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