

Practical Law *Academy*

Training Outline

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The *Concept*

The Practical Law Academy is co-financed by the 2016 Justice Programme of the European Union, and is being realised by the Institute of Advanced Legal Skills as the project coordinator, in partnership with the Budapest Bar Association, the Czech Bar Association, the Finnish Bar Association and the University of Warsaw.

During 2018 and 2019, eight training programmes will be provided in cities across the Central and Eastern and Northern regions of the European Union. The training programmes are designed for lawyers and members of the judiciaries of the Member States, primarily but not exclusively in the CEE region, with the general aims being to improve important lawyer skills and abilities to apply EU law effectively, with additional objectives including the desire to encourage the cross-border delivery of legal training to practitioners from different Member States.

Each training programme will be centred around a carefully-designed practical legal dispute, drafted by legal training experts. During the course of each training, participants will use this case scenario to improve core legal skills for both lawyers and judges and develop a clear understanding of specific and applicable elements of EU law relevant to the dispute.

Each training programme will be delivered over a weekend, to take

account of participants' work commitments, and will account for 30 hours of practical training in skills and the application of EU law. Working with national bar associations, the programme aims to facilitate cross-border training by striving to ensure continuing professional development points are available for participants.

Each training will provide participants with the option to focus on elements of either criminal practice or commercial practice, depending on their personal choice at the time of registration. All trainings will be provided by highly experienced national trainers, applying the Hempel method of advocacy training, with all practical training taking place in small groups of around 10 participants.

For participants from outside the host country of each training, the Institute of Advanced Legal Skills will provide logistical advice on arranging flights and booking hotels.



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For the Next Generation of ***Legal Professionals***

The skills taught on the Practical Law Academy are essential, practical skills that we have decided are the most important for practitioners, both lawyers and judges, irrespective of whether they practice in crime, commercial or family law, and are equally useful for litigators and transaction lawyers.



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ABOUT US

Some Members of Our *Training* Team



John Ryder QC

Advocacy Trainer

Experienced advocacy trainer and Bencher of the Honourable Society of the Inner Temple. QC specialising in serious crimes.



Sarah Clarke QC

Advocacy Trainer

Senior barrister and advocacy trainer. Specialises in financial services, complex commercial disputes and regulatory issues.



Dr Anton Van Dellen

Advocacy Trainer

Medical doctor, barrister specialising in civil and commercial law, advocacy trainer.

The Practical Law Academy uses the best advocacy trainers from across the EU, as well as experts in the EU law fields that will be discussed during the training. Above are just some of the trainers who have been and who will be involved in the trainings that will take place across the CEE region



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WHAT WE PROVIDE

Key *skills* to help lawyers improve!



Legal *Writing*

The skill of legal writing is an essential component of every lawyer's repertoire. We will provide training on the most effective method of creating consistently good legal writing.



Oral *Advocacy*

Using the case scenarios, we will develop participants' abilities to apply consistently strong and structured argument advocacy.



Fact *Analysis*

The foundation of all good lawyer skills is the ability to effectively analyse facts in a structured and detailed manner, which we teach using the case scenarios.



Witness *Handling*

Applying the witness handling techniques used in England and Wales, where oral testimony is very important, we will provide practical training in the best techniques for witness handling in court litigation and arbitration.



Written *Advocacy*

We will teach the skill of drafting skeleton arguments, which we believe are an invaluable tool in common and civil law legal systems for assisting judges/arbitrators and developing trust between the judiciary and advocates.



EU Law *Application*

Using case scenarios, we will develop lawyer skills in the most effective use of EU law, in the way it should be applied and the benefits of using it wisely.





METHODS OF TRAINING

Carefully Designed Factual Case *Studies*



Factual *Issues*

Participants can choose to train in groups working on either a criminal or commercial case study. Each case study will deal with a factual dispute that does not require knowledge of the laws of a specific jurisdiction, but rather deals with factual issues that could be universally considered in any EU jurisdiction.

Legal *Issues*

With each case scenario, participants will be asked to develop and consider the techniques and skills necessary to deal effectively with the dispute in question. This will encompass written advocacy and legal writing, oral advocacy and effective and systematic mechanisms for case analysis.

EU Law *Issues*

A sub-topic in each scenario will be an issue of EU law derived either from EU criminal law, such as victim rights, rules on evidence or witness handling, or EU civil law, such as issues under the Brussels Regime, the Insolvency directive or the use of enforcement orders in cross-border situations.





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THE PLAN

The *specification* of the project

01: Partner *Participation*

As an EU co-funded project, the Institute of Advanced Legal Skills works together with the project partners to establish the most effective, most interesting, most internationally-recognised skills' training programmes for lawyers and judges.

This cooperation takes the form of assisting in organising the trainings in the host cities, providing legal experts and professional trainers to provide the skills training workshops, and providing professional development points for participants, wherever they practice.

Together, the partners aim to provide participants with internationally-oriented skills training, in English, that are highly practical and centred around carefully-designed factual disputes.

03: Application of *EU Law*

The practical training programme also aims to make participants more aware and more confident in the application of specific EU law, through the research of EU law and identification of relevant caselaw and legislation to the practical application of EU law instruments in both commercial and criminal practice.

The practical aspects include the use by judges and lawyers alike of the Art 267 TFEU preliminary reference procedure, and the pros and cons of requesting its use in court proceedings.

02: Promotion *Website*

The project aims to develop a website that will be used not only for promoting the training in other EU Member States, but also to provide blended learning content through the use of recorded lectures and dissemination of training materials to online testing of knowledge acquisition.

04: Trainer *Delivery*

The trainers on the Practical Law Academy are all highly experienced national advocacy trainers. They have been selected to participate in the training programme, based on their ability to teach specific skills to participants, and because of their knowledge of the substantive legal issues in each factual scenario.

Participants are guaranteed interesting and practical workshops, with emphasis on practical skills' acquisition as opposed to the passive lecture style. All training will take place with participants in small groups, where participation is essential and feedback is provided on an individual basis to facilitate personal development and improvement.



PARTICIPATION COSTS

Legal Training, **low** fees!

Weekend Training

€200

30 hours of training

small-group learning

international atmosphere

English language improvement

Tea/coffee provided

Light Lunch provided

Written materials and online
assessment

Advanced EU law application

01: Training Outline: **Prague 14-17 June 2018**

The Training in Prague is co-hosted by the Czech Bar Association, and will commence on Thursday 14 June 2018. A draft schedule for the training is as follows:

Thursday 14 June 16.00-19.00: Lecture and panel discussion on the application of certain aspects of EU cross-border legal instruments, including the cross-border enforcement of judgments and debt orders, and witness and victim standards and rights across the EU.

Friday-Sunday: 09.00-17.00: Practical legal skills training, with 1 hour for lunch each day.

The trainers are all specialised advocacy trainers with experience teaching legal skills all over the world.

Participants will have the option to choose to focus on legal skills relevant for criminal practice or civil law practice. Depending on participants' needs, there will be three groups of ten participants divided by practice area.

02: Application **Form**

The application form will appear on the dedicated project website: www.legaled.eu. The training is open to legal practitioners across the EU, with a preference for practitioners at the early stages of their career. To participant, please complete the application form, and once completed, we will contact participants with information on the payment of the fee. Materials will be sent to participants two weeks before the start of the training. For any questions, please contact Ruairi at r.oneill@legaled.eu

Get in *touch* with us.

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