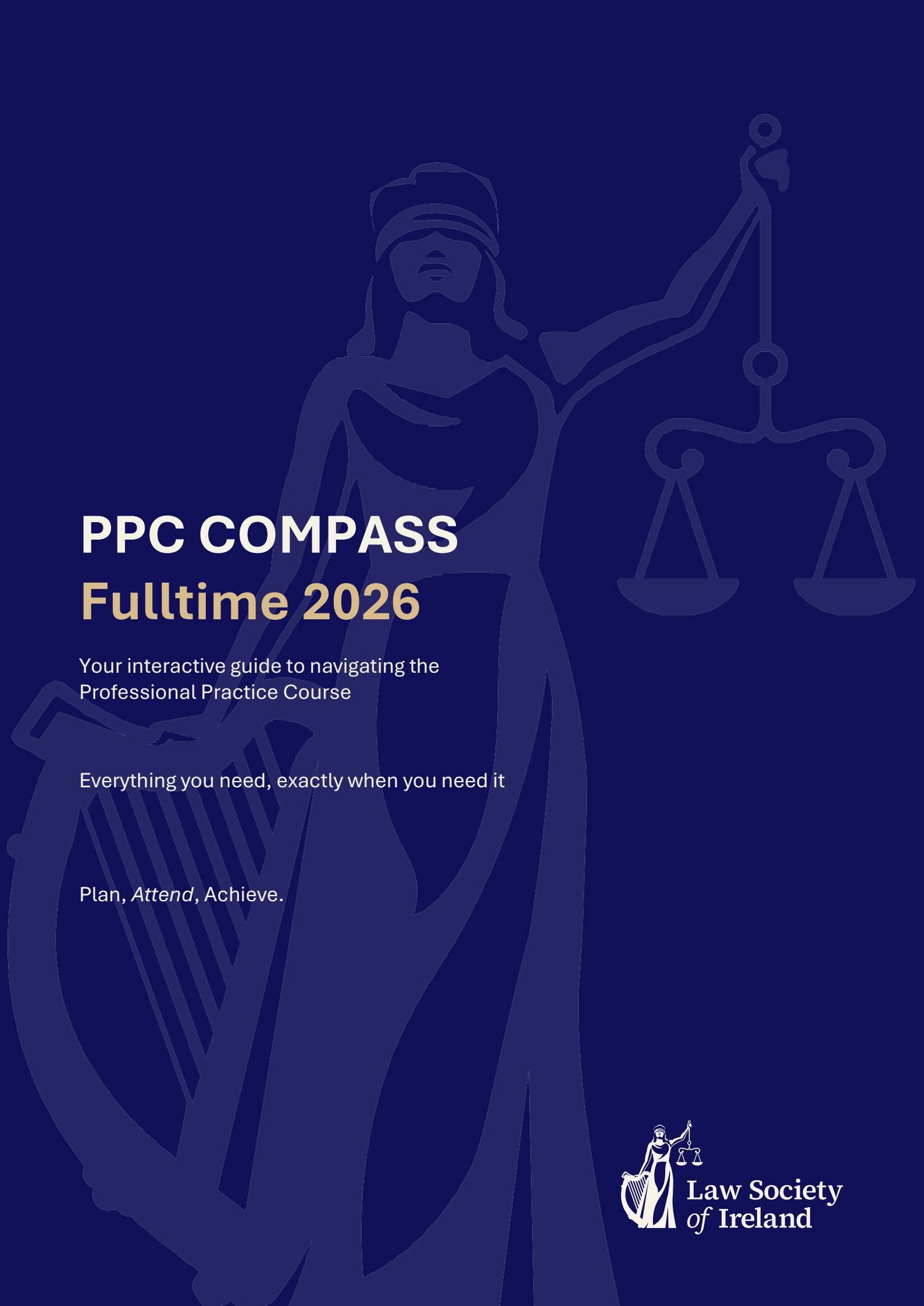




PPC COMPASS

Fulltime 2026

Your interactive guide to navigating the
Professional Practice Course

Everything you need, exactly when you need it

Plan, *Attend*, Achieve.



Law Society
of Ireland



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Welcome

Congratulations on reaching this exciting milestone in your journey towards qualification as a solicitor.

We are delighted to welcome you to the Professional Practice Course (PPC) and to the Law Society of Ireland.

As you prepare to begin the course **PPC Compass** will be your guide. Designed as your interactive welcome guide, it brings together the essential information, key dates, practical guidance and support you'll need before you start and as you settle into life at Blackhall Place.

Once the course begins our e-learning platform **Moodle** will become your primary learning environment, providing access to your course materials, timetables, learning activities, assessments and important course announcements. Together **PPC Compass** and **Moodle** will help you navigate every stage of your PPC journey, ensuring you always know where to find the information and resources you need.

We encourage you to explore PPC Compass before the course begins and to revisit it whenever you're directed here for practical guidance, key updates or useful resources.

On behalf of everyone at the Law Society, we look forward to welcoming you to Blackhall Place on Tuesday 8th September - your adventure at the Law Society begins in just a few weeks!

Kind regards

Anne Burke

Anne Burke
Head of Education Operations



Explore PPC Compass

Everything you need, all in one place.

Use the icons below to explore everything you'll need before you start and throughout your PPC journey. Some sections will open additional online resources, while others will take you to the relevant chapter within PPC Compass.



[Key Dates and Timetables](#)

Semester dates, latest live timetable and assessment dates.

Available Now



[Group Information](#)

Find your core and skills groups. Your groups determine which classes you attend.

Available Now



[Course Overview](#)

Programme structure and course essentials.

Available Now



★ [iPad & Technology](#)

Everything you need to get connected before course begins.

Action Required



★ [Lockers & Tumblers](#)

Info on booking a locker or buying a reusable tumbler.

Action Required



★ [Student ID](#)

Upload your student photo.

Action Required



[Student Support Services](#)

Support, wellbeing and helpful contacts. Click on Student Support tab for more.

Available Now



[PPC Connect](#)

Get involved, make connections and build your PPC community. Click on PPC Connect tab for more.

Get Involved



[The Complete Lawyer](#)

Support throughout your PPC. See The Complete Lawyer tab for more.

Available Now



[Competitions](#)

Competitions and advocacy opportunities. Click on Competitions tab for more.

Get Involved



[Your Campus](#)

Learn. Connect. Find your way around. Click on Your Campus tab for more.

Available Now



★ [Checklist](#)

Download your pre-course checklist and tick off each task as you go.

Action Required



Quick Tip

Where available, use the links provided to explore the relevant Law Society webpage, interactive guide or section of PPC Compass.



Bookmark PPC Compass

Bookmark this guide and return to it throughout the year. We'll keep it updated, so you'll always have access to the latest information and resources.

Academic Essentials

Complete these essential tasks before your first day.

The Professional Practice Course (PPC) runs from **September 2026 to June 2027** and is delivered across three semesters. Core subjects include business law, land law, dispute resolution and taxation, alongside key skills in negotiation, advocacy, leadership and ethics. Teaching combines on-campus classes with live-streamed and recorded learning, giving you the flexibility and support to succeed throughout the course.



Key Dates & Timetable

Semester dates and latest live timetable

[View](#) →



Group Information

Access your core and skills group details.

[Open](#) →



Course Overview

Learn how the curriculum is delivered.

[Launch](#) →

Before You Start

As you prepare for the PPC, please ensure your Indenture Deed has been returned and any outstanding fees have been settled. If you have any questions, the Traineeship Team is here to help at traineesection@lawsociety.ie.

Complete the following pre-course essentials before your first day.

When accessing the Trainee Portal, please use the same username and password you used to access your FE-1 results. Please do not create a new account, as this may delay access to your course systems.

Choose your iPad



Your course fee includes an 11-inch iPad (A16) Wi-Fi 128GB, which is the standard model provided to all trainees. If you would like to upgrade your device

→ [Choose your iPad now](#)

you may do so during the selection process.
Upgrade options are available at an additional cost.

- **iPad Portal opens: Friday 31 July @ 4.00pm**
- **Selection Deadline: Monday 10 Aug @ 1.00pm**

All trainees must complete the iPad Selection Form, including those selecting the standard iPad.

Choosing Your iPad?

Before making your selection, we recommend you review and compare the available iPad models before making your selection - [Compare all iPad models](#). [Learn more about the 11-inch iPad \(A16\)](#)

*Please Note: iPads are supplied with a USB-C to USB-C **charging cable** **only** in line with EU sustainability regulations, **a power adapter is not** included. Please bring a compatible USB-C power adapter with you.*

Getting Your iPad

Collect your iPad on **Tuesday 8 September**. On-campus setup is **compulsory** and each trainee must collect and sign for their own device.

Before arriving, please make sure you have:

- ✓ Your iPad receipt as proof of purchase will be required before your device is issued.
- ✓ Your Apple ID username and password to complete the setup process. If you don't already have an Apple ID, you can [set one up online](#). If you already have an Apple ID please check that you know your user name and password.
- ✓ Read the [Apple Customer Privacy Policy](#) and [Apple Terms and Conditions](#).

Need Help? Problems accessing the Trainee Portal or logging in with your FE-1 account?

Please contact webmaster@lawsociety.ie.

General iPad-related queries

Please contact ipad@lawsociety.ie.

Upload your Student ID Photo

→ [Upload your Student ID photo](#)



As a PPC trainee you'll receive a digital Law Society Student ID. No physical card will be issued. Your digital ID can be stored on your phone or tablet and used to access the Law Society campus and student services. It remains valid until you become eligible for admission to the Roll of Solicitors. Please upload a recent photo by **Wed, 26 August**.

To upload your photo:

- Log in to the Law Society website.
- Select Edit Personal Information.
- Choose Upload a Photo.
- Upload a recent passport-style photo (maximum file size 4MB).
- [Guide to Accessing your ID](#)

Need Help? Having trouble uploading your student ID photo or accessing your FE-1 account?

Please contact webmaster@lawsociety.ie.

Book a Locker

→ [Book a locker](#)



Student lockers are available to rent for €57 on a **first-come, first-served basis**. A limited number of premium lockers near the main lecture theatre include built-in USB chargers. Keys can be collected from reception during induction week.

Get Your PPC Tumbler

→ [Buy your tumbler](#)



Sip sustainably with your PPC insulated tumbler. This large handled tumbler comes with a reusable straw and keeps drinks hot or cold. Yours for €23, including your first coffee on us.

Group Information

→ [View Group Information](#)



Every trainee is allocated to a Core, Skills and Legal Practice Group for Semesters 1 and 2. These groups are carefully planned in advance and determine the lectures, tutorials and skills sessions you attend.

Throughout the PPC you'll work with different colleagues, building connections with trainees from different firms and backgrounds and developing professional relationships that are an important part of legal practice.

Your PPC Calendar

Your timetable. Live and always up to date.

Your PPC calendar is the **single source of truth for your timetable**. You can access it in 2 ways:

1



Subscribe to your PPC iCal

Add the calendar to your calendar app and your scheduled classes will appear alongside your other calendar entries. Timetable changes will update automatically.

→ Core Groups 01–14 - [Subscribe To Live Calendar](#)

→ Core Groups 15–26 - [Subscribe To Live Calendar](#)

Important: Subscribe using the links above. Do not download or import the calendar as an imported calendar will not receive live updates.

2



View your PPC Calendar Online

Please note: We are currently testing this as an alternative way to access your PPC calendar online. While testing continues, the service may occasionally be interrupted or temporarily unavailable. Thanks for bearing with us.

Prefer to view your timetable in a browser? You can open the same live PPC calendar online without subscribing or downloading anything.

This is particularly useful on Android phones or on any device where you simply want quick access to your timetable without needing to subscribe.

→ Core Groups 01–14 - [View Live Calendar](#)

→ Core Groups 15–26 - [View Live Calendar](#)



Whichever option you choose, you are accessing the **live PPC timetable**. **Timetable changes update automatically. There may be a short delay before changes appear.**



PDF Timetable Booklet

The PDF timetable booklet provides a useful overview of the PPC timetable as scheduled at the time of publication. **It does not update automatically. Always check the live PPC calendar for timetable changes.**

→ [View .pdf Timetable Booklet](#) (correct at time of publication)

3



How to Read Your PPC Calendar

Each entry shows the session and how it is delivered, whether you subscribe to the PPC iCal or view your calendar online. Your Core Group is shown against C/S sessions for cross-referencing to avoid clashes.

*Know which **group** to applies:*

- **Tut** follow your Tutorial Group
- **Legal Practice** follow your LP Group
- **(C/S)** identifies a Skills session, so follow your Skills Group

- **The Complete Lawyer** is the exception, delivered in your Core Group

Check the **delivery** format, this tell you how to attend:

- **Onsite** → attend at the Law School
- **Mixed Mode** → attend onsite or join the livestream
- **Zoom LIVE** → join your virtual room
- **eLecture Release** → released online to watch

Quick tip: When reading an entry check 3 things: What is the session?
Which group applies? How is it being delivered?

Having trouble subscribing to your iCal?

If you receive a “Validation Failed” message, please try the following. Copy your PPC calendar link again from this page:

- **Core 01-14:** webcal://p183-caldav.icloud.com/published/2/MjAxMjk1MzQyMjAxMjk1M9KZhWhI2OTTJZwkuvA8HUS5GqCQtdjn9YLxvT_gs4l8KGtTEUUuVVMnXdRmyLfVgPOTT2lmzkMWyM7T11VTKRc

Core 15-26: <webcal://p183-caldav.icloud.com/published/2/MjAxMjk1MzQyMjAxMjk1M9KZhWhI2OTTJZwkuvA8HUSFW3WauURyYad6Vru5x3bEpkHMUGMj3FyLJtdpWA3t98RrMQoyGmolz1K0ZyM3UE0>

- Open the Calendar app on your iPhone or iPad.
- Select **Calendars** → **Add Calendar** → **Add Subscription Calendar**.
- Paste the calendar link and select **Find**.
- When prompted, select **iCloud** as the Account and tap **Done**.
- Saving the subscription to iCloud means your PPC calendar will be available across your Apple devices, provided you are signed in with the same Apple Account.

If you still receive “Validation Failed”, restart your device and try again. You can also try switching between Wi-Fi and mobile data before retrying.

Please remember: subscribe rather than download or import the calendar. A subscription will continue to receive timetable updates.



We're Here to Help

As you prepare for your first day, remember that support is never far away. Student Support Services is your one-stop shop for any questions about life at Blackhall Place. If they don't have the answer, they'll connect you with the right team and ensure you get the support you need throughout your PPC journey.

[Contact Student Support Services](#)



Your Journey Begins

Life at Blackhall Place.

Your first week marks the beginning of your Professional Practice Course and your journey towards becoming a solicitor. From collecting your iPad and exploring the campus to meeting your classmates, attending your first lectures and celebrating at the Welcome Party, the week is carefully designed to help you settle in, build connections and feel ready for the year ahead.



Your First Fortnight at a Glance



Getting Started (Tue)

Your journey begins by collecting your **iPad, course materials** and welcome pack before exploring the Law Society campus.

You'll officially begin the PPC at the **Welcome Lecture** before meeting the **Student Support Services** team and discovering **PPC Connect** and the supports available throughout your time at Blackhall Place.



Your Professional Journey Begins (Wed/Thur)

As the week unfolds, you'll explore what it means to be a solicitor. Through **The Complete Lawyer** programme you'll discover the psychology of the legal profession, workplace culture & the professional values that underpin a successful legal career.

A series of **orientation sessions** will introduce you to the Professional Practice Course, outlining the course structure and what to expect throughout the year. You'll also explore the **rich history of the profession** and gain an insight into the values and responsibilities that define modern legal practice.

You'll meet staff over a relaxed **Welcome Coffee** and complete your **Technology & IT Systems Induction** sessions. You'll be introduced to the digital platforms & legal research resources you'll use the PPC, ensuring you're connected and ready for the year ahead.



Your Studies Begin (Fri)

By Friday you'll be ready to begin your academic journey. You'll be introduced to the **Skills Programme**, which develops the practical skills every solicitor needs throughout their career, before discovering the many **competitions, mooting opportunities** and student activities available during the PPC.

The week concludes with the **Welcome Party** - one of the highlights of the first semester. It's the perfect opportunity to celebrate the start of your PPC journey, meet your fellow trainees and begin forming the friendships and professional networks that will stay with you throughout your legal career.



Week 2 – Your Legal Education Gets Underway

As your second week begins, you'll move from induction into your academic programme.

You'll attend your first lectures in **Business Law, Land Law, Professional Responsibility** and **Criminal Law**, while beginning the practical skills programme with **Presentation Skills, Interviewing & Advising, Negotiation Skills and Legal Writing**.

Alongside your academic studies, you'll continue to build your professional skills through technology training, wellbeing sessions, volunteering opportunities and competitions, ensuring your development extends far beyond the classroom.



★ Beyond the Classroom

The PPC offers much more than lectures and tutorials. Throughout your first fortnight, you'll discover opportunities to become involved in **PPC Connect, volunteering initiatives, competitions, international moots, student representative roles and wellbeing activities**.

These experiences will help you build new skills, broaden your professional network and make the most of your time at Blackhall Place.



Top Tip

Your first fortnight is busy, and you won't be expected to remember everything at once. PPC Compass will guide you through each stage of the course and will always be here when you need to revisit information, key dates or useful resources

[Contact Student Support Services](#)



Student Support Services

Here to support you every step of the way.

Your success on the Professional Practice Course is about much more than academic achievement. At the Law Society we want every trainee to feel supported, connected and confident throughout their time at Blackhall Place.

Whether you have a quick question, need confidential advice or simply don't know who to ask, Student Support Services is your first point of contact. We're here before you arrive, throughout the PPC and beyond.



Meet Emma Cooper

Your Student Advisor

Emma Cooper is your dedicated Student Advisor for the Professional Practice Course and manages Student Support Services.

Emma is here to support you throughout your time at Blackhall Place. You are welcome to arrange a confidential one-to-one appointment to discuss anything affecting your student experience, including:

- ✓ Personal challenges
- ✓ Financial concerns
- ✓ Disability support
- ✓ Adapted examination arrangements
- ✓ Settling into student life

→ [Contact Emma](#)



Disability Support

Support that's tailored to you.

If you have a disability or condition that may affect your ability to participate fully in the PPC, we're here to support you from the very beginning. This includes support for:

- ✓ Physical or sensory disabilities
- ✓ Dyslexia and other learning differences
- ✓ Mental health conditions
- ✓ Long-term medical conditions

To begin the process, simply contact **Emma, your Student Advisor**, who will guide you through the Disability Registration (DN2) process, explain the next steps and arrange a confidential Needs Assessment. Any information you share is treated in the strictest confidence and only shared where necessary to support you during the PPC

Disclosing a disability helps ensure the right supports are available to you throughout your studies, allowing you to participate fully and make the most of your time on the PPC.



disAbility Legal Network (DLN)

Become Part of a Wider Legal Community

The disAbility Legal Network (DLN) promotes equality, inclusion and accessibility across the legal profession, bringing together legal professionals, trainees and allies who are committed to creating a more inclusive profession.

 [Visit the DLN website](#)

 [Follow the DLN on LinkedIn](#)



Personal Emergency Evacuation Plans (PEEP)

If you may have difficulty leaving a building independently during an emergency, your Student Advisor can work with you to develop a **Personal Emergency Evacuation Plan (PEEP)**.

A PEEP helps ensure the right arrangements are in place so you can leave the building safely in the event of a fire or other emergency.

Your needs may change throughout the year. If you ever need additional support, simply let us know and we'll work with you to put the right arrangements in place.



We're Here to Help

For disability support, Personal Emergency Evacuation Plans (PEEPs) or confidential guidance, your first point of contact is your **Student Advisor, Emma Cooper**.

For all other student enquiries contact **Student Support Services**.

[Contact Student Advisor](#)
→

[Contact Student Support Services](#) →



PPC Connect

Connect, engage & build your PPC Community.

PPC Connect is all about helping you feel part of the Law Society community. Whether you'd like to represent your classmates, organise events, volunteer, join a committee or start a new club or society, there are plenty of opportunities to get involved throughout the year.



1



Be a Voice for Your Class

Each year, 2 trainees are elected as Welfare & Education Student Representatives, giving trainees a voice at key meetings and helping shape the PPC experience. As part of the PPC Connect Committee, the Student Reps also help organise events and activities throughout the year.

→ [Apply to become a Student Representative](#)

2



Join the PPC Connect Committee

The PPC Connect Committee plays a central role in student life at Blackhall Place. Whether you're interested in organising events, promoting wellbeing or helping build the PPC community, we'd love to have you involved.

Committee roles include:

- ✓ Clubs & Societies Officer
- ✓ Health & Safety Officer
- ✓ Communications Officer
- ✓ Careers Officer
- ✓ Outreach & Volunteering Officer
- ✓ Diversity & Inclusion Officer
- ✓ Treasurer
- ✓ Secretary
- ✓ Or simply choose No Preference if you're happy to help wherever needed.

→ [Apply to join PPC Connect](#)

3



Start a Club or Society

Have an idea for a new club or would like to bring back an old favorite? Whether it's golf, debating, music, sustainability or something completely new we'd love to hear from you. You don't need a detailed proposal - just a great idea.

➔ [Pitch your club or society idea](#)

Need a space to meet? Student clubs & societies can book campus rooms through Student Support Services. New clubs will also receive a short induction covering health & safety, risk and insurance requirements.

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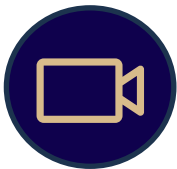
Volunteer and Make a Difference

Volunteering is an important part of the PPC experience and a fantastic way to develop new skills while giving something back to the community.

Current opportunities include:

- ✓ Shared Reading Project
- ✓ After School Homework Club
- ✓ Irish Red Cross
- ✓ Irish Rule of Law

Find out more during Student Support induction or get in touch to learn more.



PPC in Action

Take a look at life beyond the classroom

Whether it's Welcome Week, volunteering, student events or celebrations, these snapshots capture what its like to be part of the PPC community.

Click on any image below to watch a video or explore more.



Follow @lawsociety: see life at Blackhall Place through the eyes of our trainees.



We're Here to Help

For or PPC Connect queries, including joining the PPC Connect Committee, starting a club or society, volunteering or getting involved in student life, please contact **Emma Cooper, Student Advisor**

For all other student enquiries contact **Student Support Services**.

[Contact Student Advisor](#)



[Contact Student Support Services](#) ➔

Looking After You

The Complete Lawyer & Psychological Services

The Professional Practice Course is about more than developing legal knowledge. Throughout the PPC you'll also build the professional, psychological and interpersonal skills needed to succeed in practice.

During your first week, you'll take part in **The Complete Lawyer**, delivered by **Law Society Psychological Services**. Designed to help you build skills beyond the law, the programme explores the key capabilities needed to thrive throughout your legal career.



The Complete Lawyer

Week 1 of PPC

The programme explores topics including:

- ✓ Understanding the psychology of legal practice and workplace culture
- ✓ Developing the skills to become an effective solicitor
- ✓ Sustaining high performance and professional wellbeing
- ✓ Leading positively, regardless of your role or level of experience
- ✓ Equality, diversity, and inclusion
- ✓ Trauma-informed legal practice
- ✓ Practical tools and resources to support your professional development and help you reach your potential



Active Wellbeing

Friday 11 September

Start your weekend with an Active Wellbeing session focused on movement, connection and fun. It's an opportunity to unwind after a busy first week, get to know your classmates and head into the weekend feeling refreshed.

Expect:

- Team activities
- Friendly competition
- A chance to unwind
- Time to get to know your new classmates



Well Within the Law Festival

Thursday 10 September

We're delighted to offer **30 exclusive places** for incoming PPC trainees. This year's festival theme is **From Resilience to Adaptability: Connecting People and Practice**.

It's a fantastic opportunity to connect with the profession, hear from inspiring speakers and become part of the wider Law Society community from the very beginning of your legal career.

Places are limited, [so early registration is encouraged](#).



Confidential support to help you thrive throughout your PPC and beyond.

From building confidence and resilience to managing pressure and enhancing performance, our Psychological Services team offers a range of confidential services, resources and programmes whenever you need them.



Time-Concentrated Therapy

Up to 6 free confidential counselling sessions, available online or in person.



[Professional Wellbeing Hub](#)

Free on-demand webinars on resilience, performance, anxiety, trauma and emotional wellbeing.

Email counselling@lawsociety.ie to register your interest today.



Remember...

Looking after your wellbeing is an important part of becoming a successful solicitor.

Whether you're looking for practical strategies, someone to talk to, or simply want to learn more about wellbeing in the legal profession, Law Society Psychological Services are here to support you.

Ready, Set.....Compete!

Challenge yourself. Build your skills. Represent the Law Society.

The PPC offers a wide range of competitions designed to help you develop practical skills, build confidence and represent the Law Society on both the national and international stage.

Whether you're interested in advocacy, negotiation, mediation, client interviewing, human rights or public legal education, there's an opportunity to challenge yourself beyond the classroom.

Competition Information Sessions

Learn more about the competitions available, how to apply and what to expect.



General Competition Information Session

Friday 11 September | 2.15pm – 3.15pm

Explore PPC competitions that are part of the Lawyering Skills Programme.



International Environmental Moot & Jurist Project

Wednesday 16 September | 12.45pm – 1.45pm

Find out more about the Stetson Environmental Moot Court Competition and the Jurist Project.



Open to all trainees, both sessions will take place as Mixed Mode lectures in the Lecture Theatre.



Moot Court Competitions



IBA ICC Moot Court Competition (The Hague)

A week-long international criminal law moot held in June 2027 (exact dates TBC), simulating proceedings before the ICC. The Competition consists of an extensive educational and social programme, which brings together students of diverse backgrounds and cultures in The Hague to challenge their skills as future international lawyers before panels of legal experts in the field of international criminal law.

Each team will rotate between the roles as Counsel for different parties in a fictional case, testing their advocacy skills and knowledge of international criminal law.

[IBA ICC Moot Court](#)

Stetson Environmental Law Moot

The Stetson International Environmental Moot Court Competition - widely recognised as the premier global competition in environmental law - brings together over 30 countries to argue cutting-edge cases before expert panels, focusing on topics like climate change, biodiversity, and sustainable development. Hosted each April on its

Gulfport, Florida campus, the 30th annual international finals will run from 14 - 17 April 2026. The Law Society has placed highly in recent years - including 3 wins!

👉 [International Environmental Moot Court Competition](#)

Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court (Participation for 2026 is still to be confirmed).

The world's largest moot court competition, the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court simulates a dispute before the International Court of Justice, with over 700 law schools from more than 100 countries taking part. Each school enters one team to prepare written and oral submissions. The 2027 international rounds will take place from 27 March - 3 April, with national rounds taking place earlier (dates TBC).

👉 [Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court](#)

Other Competitions (TBC)

Please note that additional moot court competitions - such as the **Monroe E. Price Media Law Moot**, the **Telders International Moot Court**, the **Corn Adomnain International Humanitarian Law Competition**, the **Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) Moot**, and the Vis Arbitration Moot - may also be offered during the year, depending on interest, timing, and team availability. Keep an eye on Moodle (Trainee Life) for further information.



Mediation, Negotiation and Client Interviewing Competitions

The Lawyering Skills Programme gives selected trainees the opportunity to develop their negotiation, mediation and client consultation skills. Successful trainees may go on to represent the Law Society in national and international competitions. Attend the competition information session on Friday 11 September to learn more about the Lawyering Skills Programme.

Competitions include:

- [INADR International Law School Mediation Tournament](#)
- [ICC International Commercial Mediation Competition](#)
- [Michael Peart Cross-border Mediation Contest](#)
- [IBMC Mediation Competition](#)
- [ICCC Brown Mosten Client Consultation Competition](#)
- [International Negotiation Competition](#)

Human Rights & Public Interest



Corn Adomnáin International Humanitarian Law Competition

The Corn Adomnáin is an International Humanitarian Law (IHL) competition organised by the Irish Red Cross for those with an interest in this area of law. It is held annually in March (the 2027 date is still to be confirmed).

The competition involved a fictitious case study of a conflict and participating students take part in role-plays and simulations to explore key elements of IHL (e.g. use of autonomous weapons, urban warfare, protection of women and children and healthcare). Their performance is evaluated by a judging panel composed of highly experienced persons in the field of international law. The Corn Adomnáin offers students a rich and stimulating experience that allows them to develop their understanding of IHL and its application.

👉 [Corn Adomnáin](#)

Public Legal Education: Street Law and School Tasking

Street Law and School Tasking are two Public Legal Education Programmes offered by the Law Society that trainees can volunteer to be a part of during their PPC. Trainees will be placed in DEIS schools and other community settings to deliver accessible, practical legal education. Using a unique, interactive teaching method, both programmes promote legal literacy, equality, and civic engagement - helping participants understand how the law affects their daily lives. Training will be provided to prepare for teaching. You can register your interest in volunteering via an application form that will be e-mailed during the first week of your PPC.

You can learn more about each programme via the link below;

<https://www.lawsociety.ie/public-legal-education/>

Other Competitions (TBC)

Additional public interest and human rights competitions may be confirmed during the year, depending on interest and availability. These may include the **Nelson Mandela World Human Rights Moot Court and others**. Keep an eye on Moodle for updates.

Why Get Involved?



Build confidence



Develop
professional
skills



Represent
Ireland
internationally



Meet and
collaborate with
trainees



Stand out in your
future legal
career.



We're Here to Help

The Competition Team will provide more information during the Competition Information Sessions.

For all other student enquiries contact **Student Support Services**.

[Contact Student Support Services](#) →

Social Media Reps

Get Involved



Looking for friendly faces, not influencers!

Help us showcase life at Blackhall Place through the eyes of a trainee.



We're looking for a small number of trainees to become **PPC Social Media Representatives**, capturing everything from Welcome Week and competitions to student events and everyday moments throughout the year.

You don't need to be an influencer or content creator. If you enjoy taking photos, filming short videos and sharing your experience, we'd love to have you on the team.



Capture the moments that make the PPC memorable.

From Welcome Week and competitions to committee events and everyday life at Blackhall Place, you'll help tell the story of the PPC through the eyes of a trainee.

What's involved?

- ✓ Share your trainee journey and experiences
- ✓ Create short, engaging content (photos, Reels, Stories & more)
- ✓ Highlight student life, events and opportunities
- ✓ Help future trainees see what life at Blackhall is really like
- ✓ Build connections with fellow trainees

Why get involved?

- Build confidence creating content for the Law Society's social media channels
- Develop valuable communication and digital skills
- Stand out by adding real-world communications experience to your CV.
- Leave your mark on the next generation of trainees
- Have fun along the way!



Interested?

👉 [Register your interest here.](#)



The first five trainees to register will receive a **One4All Gift Card.**

Need more information?

Contact the Communications Team to find out more about becoming a [PPC Social Media Representative](#).



Your Campus



Learn. Connect. Find your way around.

Whether you're heading to a lecture, looking for the library or grabbing a coffee between classes, Blackhall Place will soon feel like home. Explore the different ways you'll learn throughout the PPC, discover the facilities available and find your way around campus.



HOW YOU'LL LEARN

We've designed a flexible, structured learning model that combines real-time interaction with catch-up options and small-group sessions - all supported by the right tech and spaces to help you stay engaged. Here's what's included:

- **In-person lectures** - on-campus sessions with live teaching and peer discussion
- **Mixed-mode lectures** - join in person or live-stream with recordings to review later
- **Tutorials (max 18)** - small-group discussions to deepen your understanding
- **Skills sessions (max 12)** - practical, hands-on training in areas like advocacy and negotiation
- **Pre-recorded eLectures** - accessible anytime on our eLearning platform MOODLE
- **Timetabling that fits real life** - where possible, each core subject is assigned to a regular weekday - making it easier to plan your week and settle into a steady rhythm.
- **Attendance check-in** - tech-enabled check-in points help track participation and support attendance-based assessments
- **Connected classrooms** - high-performance Wi-Fi, Apple TV, lecture capture, and hybrid teaching tools all support your learning, whether you're onsite or tuning in remotely.



SEAtS Attendance

- **Check in. Stay up to date.**

SEAtS is the attendance system used on the PPC. Use the SEAtS Student Mobile App on your phone or iPad to check in when attending scheduled onsite tutorials/workshops session.

GET SET UP



Download the SEAtS Mobile App



Sign in with your @propc.ie account



Allow the requested permissions

CHECK IN



Turn on Bluetooth



Open Calendar



Select 'Bluetooth Check-in' & wait for confirmation

NEED HELP?



Check the SEAtS How-to Guide for step-by-step instructions



Contact Student Support Services



Include your trainee number and a screenshot of the issue



Good to know:

SEAtS does not use GPS to track your location. Bluetooth is used to connect your device to the beacon in the designated teaching room.

[Download SEAtS – Apple App Store](#)

[Download SEAtS – Google Play](#)

NEED A LITTLE MORE HELP?

SEAtS Student Mobile App – How-to Guide

Step-by-step instructions covering setup, signing in, permissions, checking in and troubleshooting.

👉 [Open interactive guide](#)

👉 [Download PDF guide](#)

TOP TIP

Keep the SEAtS app updated to ensure the best performance

Law Society of Ireland SEAtS Student Mobile App User Guide

Quick setup and troubleshooting for PPC attendance checks in
(Phone, Android & iPad)



More than just classrooms

Your learning is supported not just by the timetable and teaching formats, but by the campus itself. From the library to cafés, social areas and student facilities, Blackhall Place is designed to support every part of your day.

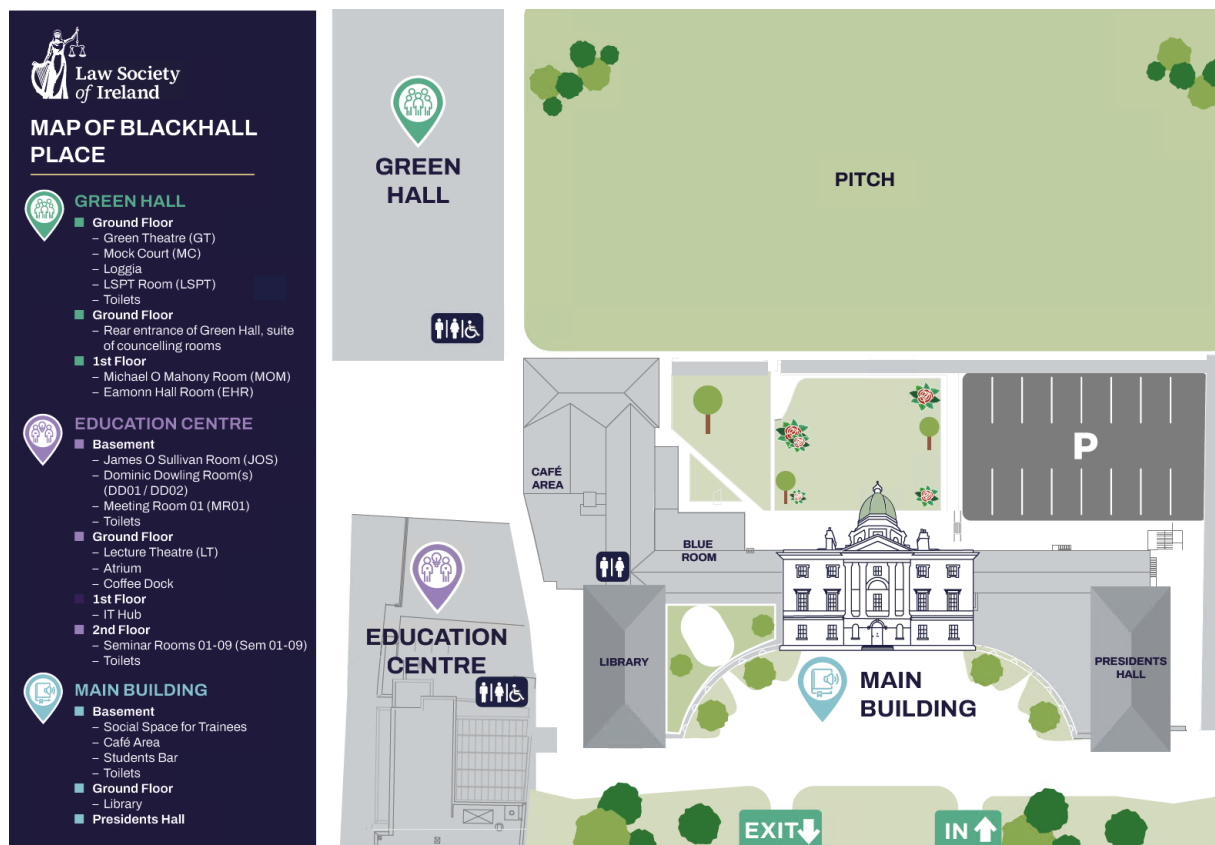


Turn the page to explore the campus and find your way around

CAMPUS SPACES & FACILITIES

From the historic Main Building to the modern Education Centre, Blackhall Place blends tradition with innovation. Now the doors are open to you. This is your campus, where you'll learn, connect and become part of the Law Society community. Explore your campus below.

THREE BUILDINGS, ONE CAMPUS



*Showering facilities aren't available onsite just yet, but they're part of our campus development plans - so watch this space!



LAW SOCIETY LIBRARY

The solicitor's secret superpower

Finding the right legal information quickly is an essential skill for every solicitor. Throughout your PPC the Law Society Library will help you build that skill with expert support, leading legal databases and a wide range of trusted research resources.

You'll have access to:

- ✓ Expert research support from the Library team
- ✓ Legal databases including LexisNexis and Westlaw
- ✓ Hundreds of eBooks and journals
- ✓ Practical subject guides and legal research tools
- ✓ LawWatch updates and other online resources

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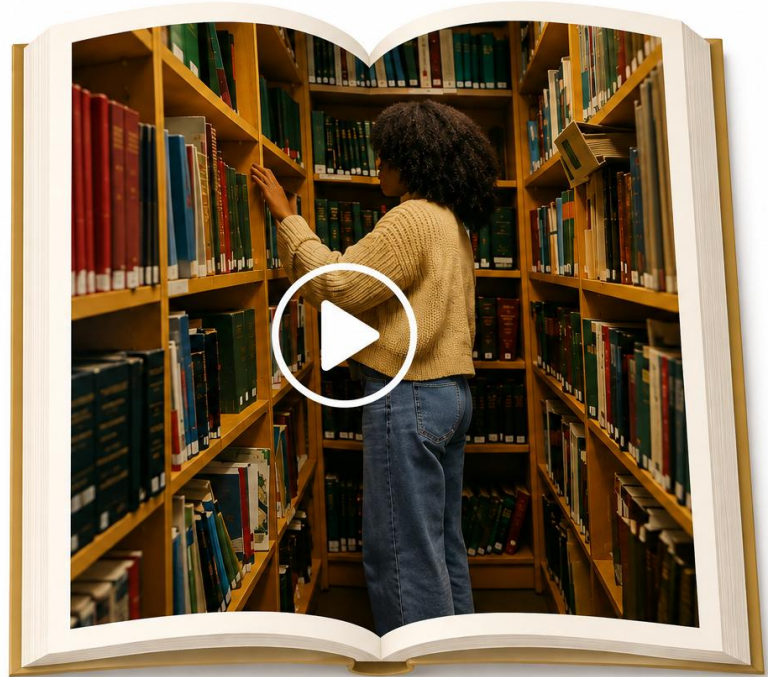


LawWatch updates
and other online resources



WATCH THE VIDEO

Discover how the Library supports solicitors in practice



EAT, DRINK & RECHARGE

Good food. Great coffee. Even better conversations.

Whether it's a hot meal, a great coffee or simply somewhere to catch up with classmates, you'll find plenty of options on campus. With the café, coffee dock and student bar all close by, it's easy to refuel, recharge and take a well-earned break between sessions.

Marketplace Café

Main Building

Fresh hot meals, soups, sandwiches and snacks served daily at trainee-friendly prices..

Vanilla

Main Building

The main seating area beside Marketplace Café, perfect for enjoying lunch, studying or catching up with classmates.

Coffee Dock

Education Centre Atrium

The perfect place to grab a freshly brewed barista coffee before class or between lectures.

Student Bar

Main Building

Unwind after class, catch live sport or just relax. On sunny days, you can even enjoy your drink in the Rose Garden.

Sip Sustainably

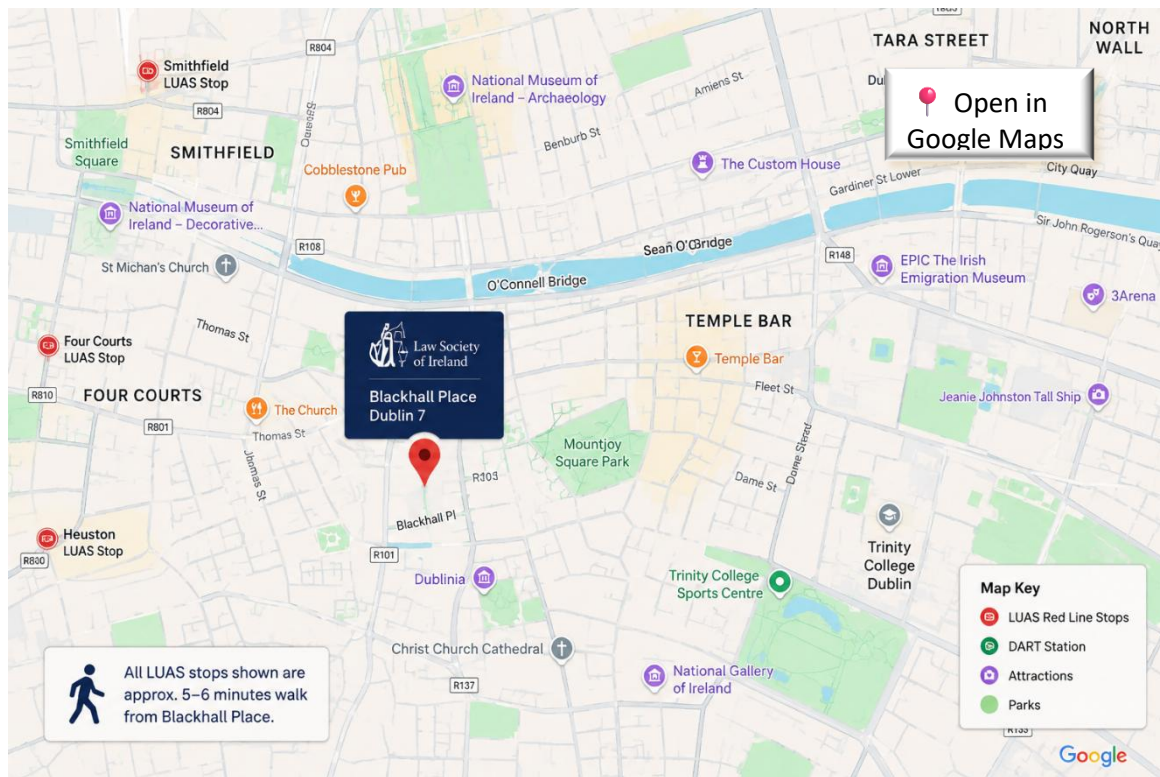
Bring your reusable cup and help us reduce waste. Don't have one? Our Law Society insulated tumblers are available to buy for €23, with your first coffee on us.

 [Buy your Law Society Tumbler](#)



GETTING HERE

Plan Your Journey



Whether you're based in Dublin or commuting from elsewhere in Ireland, getting to Blackhall Place is straightforward and there are plenty of options to suit your routine. The Law Society campus in Dublin 7 is well-served by public transport, bike routes, and nearby parking facilities.



LUAS (Red Line)

Stops within walking distance:

- Heuston Station
- Museum (National Museum of Ireland)
- Smithfield
- Four Courts



All are approx 5–6 mins on foot from campus



More info at www.luas.ie



Bus Routes

Bus routes 37, 39, 39A, 39X, N2, and 70 all stop near the Law Society at Blackhall Place.

These routes are reliable and run frequently during weekdays,



Plan your journey at www.transportforireland.ie



DART (at Tara Street)

Transfer to Bus 90, which runs along the quays and stops at or near the Guinness Depot.

From there, it's a short walk to campus via James Joyce Bridge



Cycling to Campus

We're bike-friendly with 2 secure bike parking areas on campus:

- Outside the Education Centre
- Beside the tennis courts

A Dublin Bikes docking station is also located directly opposite the main entrance.

Check real-time bike availability in the [DublinBikes](#) app.



Student Parking

Student parking is NOT available onsite. Trainees can use the Q-Park Smithfield public car park on Queen Street, approximately 5–6 minutes' walk from campus.

A top-up parking pass is available from the car park office at the barrier area on Level -1. The initial top-up is €60, with parking charged at a maximum of €12 per visit/day.

The standard Q-Park maximum daily rate is €38, so the pass offers a saving of up to €26 per day.

The pass can be topped up as required at the Q-Park payment machines.



Access & Security

The Law Society campus is staffed daily by our security partners, who may ask to see your Trainee ID card when entering buildings.

Your digital Trainee ID card will be available to download during your IT setup sessions in orientation week – just make sure to upload your ID photo in advance.



READY FOR PPC?

Your Before You Start Checklist

Use this checklist to keep track of everything you need to complete before your first day at Blackhall Place.



✓ Essential Tasks

- ☐ Select your iPad before the deadline of Monday 10 August @1pm
- ☐ Upload your Student ID photo before the deadline of Wednesday 26 August
- ☐ Return your Indenture Deed to the Law Society (if applicable)
- ☐ Pay any outstanding course fees before the course starts
- ☐ Check your Apple account
- ☐ Read PPC Compass – familiarise yourself with everything you need to know.

✓ Get Ready for Day One

- ☐ Review your timetable
- ☐ Plan your journey to Blackhall Place
- ☐ Download your digital Student ID
- ☐ Bring a USB-C power adapter for your iPad

✓ Get Involved

- ☐ Explore PPC Connect opportunities
- ☐ Apply to become a Student Representative (if interested)
- ☐ Join the PPC Connect Committee (if interested)
- ☐ Register your interest in becoming a Social Media Rep
- ☐ Read about competitions and opportunities

✓ Before You Arrive

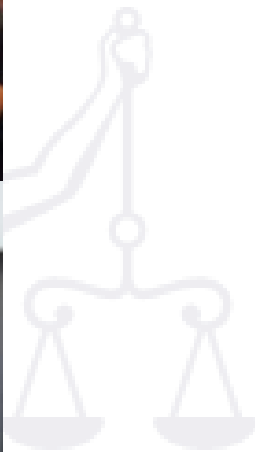
- ☐ Read the First Week guide
- ☐ Familiarise yourself with the campus map
- ☐ Save important contact details



See you soon!

You've completed the key steps and you're almost ready to begin your PPC journey. Thank you for taking the time to explore PPC Compass. We hope it's helped you feel prepared for everything ahead.

We can't wait to welcome you to Blackhall Place on Tuesday 8 September



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