



## DRAFT PROGRAM of the ENGLISH COMMON LAW COURSE

### DAY 1 JANUARY 21 – Being a lawyer in the UK and the English Legal System

Time	Topic	Indicative Content
9-10:00	Introduction to the English Common Law Course (CS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction to lecturers, content of programme.</li> <li>• Icebreaker/introductions.</li> <li>• What are the key differences between UK and Polish systems?</li> </ul>
10-11:00	Becoming a lawyer in the UK (CS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Difference between barrister and solicitor</li> <li>• How you qualify as a barrister or solicitor in the UK.</li> <li>• What law students study in the UK (at undergraduate and postgraduate stages).</li> <li>• Paralegals and the opening up of the legal profession.</li> <li>• Becoming a judge.</li> <li>• The changing(?) nature of the UK judiciary.</li> <li>• Other relevant qualifications.</li> <li>• The role of the magistrate and the magistracy system.</li> <li>• Qualifying if you are a lawyer from another jurisdiction.</li> <li>• UK lawyers working in other jurisdictions.</li> </ul>
11-11:15		COFFEE BREAK
11:15-12:15	The role of a lawyer in the UK (CS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What do lawyers do in different areas of practice (in general terms)</li> <li>• Professional and ethical duties of a lawyer</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Duty to client</li> <li>• Duty to the court</li> <li>• Ability to swear documents.</li> <li>• Ability to give undertakings.</li> </ul>
12:15-13:15		LUNCH BREAK
13:15-15:30	The court system and areas of practice: which courts do what? (CS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Case law and precedent.</li> <li>• Civil and criminal systems.</li> <li>• Court hierarchy.</li> <li>• Tribunal system.</li> <li>• Magistrates' courts.</li> <li>• Crown Court.</li> <li>• High Court.</li> <li>• Court of Appeal.</li> <li>• Supreme Court.</li> </ul>

**DAY 2 JANUARY 22 – Sources of Law**

Time	Topic	Indicative Content
9-10:15	The role of Parliament, the doctrine of parliamentary sovereignty and sources of UK law (CS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Case law and precedent.</li> <li>• Civil and criminal systems.</li> <li>• Court hierarchy.</li> <li>• Tribunal system.</li> <li>• Magistrates' courts.</li> <li>• Crown Court.</li> <li>• High Court.</li> <li>• Court of Appeal.</li> <li>• Supreme Court.</li> </ul>
10:15-10:30		COFFEE BREAK

10:30-11:45	Precedent and the UK court system (part 1) – statutory interpretation (CS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Case law: a reminder.</li> <li>• Doctrine of stare decisis.</li> <li>• Operation of precedent.</li> <li>• Pros and cons of precedent.</li> </ul>
11:45-12:45		LUNCH BREAK
12:45-14:45	Precedent and the UK court system (part 2) – stare decisis (CS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Case law: a reminder.</li> <li>• Doctrine of stare decisis.</li> <li>• Operation of precedent.</li> <li>• Pros and cons of precedent.</li> </ul>
14:45-15:30	Modern practice and innovation in the UK legal sector (CS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alternative legal service providers (ALSPs).</li> <li>• The rise of the General Counsel.</li> <li>• What it means to be a 21<sup>st</sup> Century lawyer.</li> <li>• Challenges in the modern UK legal sector.</li> <li>• The rise of legal technology.</li> <li>• Challenges of artificial intelligence in modern practice.</li> <li>• The future.</li> </ul>

**DAY 3 (ONLINE – DATE TO BE DECIDED) – Contract law, tort law and other areas of law**

Time	Topic	Indicative Content
9:00-11:00	Contract law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fundamentals of contract law</li> <li>• Offer &amp; Acceptance</li> <li>• Consideration</li> <li>• Breach and remedies</li> </ul>
11:10-13:10	Tort Law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Different types of tort</li> <li>• Fundamentals of general negligence</li> <li>• Remedies</li> </ul>

13:30-14:30	Other areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public law</li> <li>• Equity and trusts</li> <li>• Land law</li> </ul>
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**DAY 4 (ONLINE– DATE TO BE DECIDED) – Criminal law and criminal litigation process**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Indicative Content</b>
9:00 – 10:00	Criminal law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fundamentals of criminal offences</li> </ul>
10.10-13:00	The criminal litigation process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arrest, interview and charge</li> <li>• Which court? Magistrates' or Crown Court?</li> <li>• Criminal trials – what happens</li> <li>• Sentencing and guidelines</li> </ul>