

Legal Project Management Training 2024

Leading to the certification of Legal Project Practitioner (LPP) or Legal Project Associate (LPA)

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INTRODUCTION

This is a three-day course, after which students may apply to become Legal Project Practitioners (LPPs), certified by the International Institute of Legal Project Management (IILPM).

Students attending the first two days only are eligible to become certified as Legal Project Associates (LPAs) by the IILPM.

Research shows that practising skills is the most effective way to learn and apply new knowledge. Hence during the course students are taken through facilitated workshops and exercises.

Students particularly enjoy the workshops and exercises, not least because they provide a great opportunity for interacting with, and learning from, other students who are often engaged in different roles in the legal services industry.

The course is based on the IILPM's 4-Phase LPM Framework. This Framework begins by focusing on essential project management ideas and techniques, but then covers much more. The result is a comprehensive approach to legal service delivery.



Course Deliverables

- 1. Written notes covering all topics referred to in each module.
- 2. IILPM approved Templates for executing key tasks found in legal project management.
- 3. Practical workshops and exercises to help students understand key concepts and develop their legal project management skills.

Timings

My three-day public training courses normally run Wednesday to Friday and training hours are normally 09:00 - 16:30 GMT, but please check my website and any emails you may receive from me for any variations.

Course Outline

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3
Introduction	Phase 2: Project Planning	Productivity Tools, Leadership
	(continued)	Skills and LPM
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- Introduction to Legal	- 9 Step Matter Planning	- Introduction to Agile LPM.
Project Management (LPM).	Process (continued) - Matter Planning Steps 3	
- Workshop: LPM and You.	to 9	- Introduction to Hybrid
	- Matter Planning Exercises	LPM
- Introducing the legal and	continued.	- Best practices:
commercial Scenario we		implementing LPM
will use on this course.		successfully
- What is required of legal		- Learning from high
project managers?		performing project
		managers: team leading and soft skills.
- Introduction to the IILPM	-	- Introduction to Legal
4-Phase LPM Framework.		Process Improvement
Phase 1: Project Definition.	Phase 3: Project Delivery	- Introduction to Legal
		Service Design
- 12 Step Process for legal	- Issue Management.	- I.T support for LPM.
matter definition	- Schedule Management	- LPM related software
- Walkthrough of a one- page matter definition	(with exercise).	applications - What to look for in LPM
template		support systems.
- Why and how you should		support systems.
run matter / project kick-		
off meetings.		
- Workshops and exercises:	- Change Control.	- Using Programme
defining the legal matter	- Reporting Progress.	Management tools to help
for the course legal scenario.		deliver innovation
Scenario.		projects.
Phase 2: Project Planning.	Phase 4: Project Close	- Hybrid project
		management
- Why bother with matter	- Closing Projects Properly.	- Developing your legal
planning?		project management
- 9 Step Process for matter		competence
planning.		 Developing your organisations legal project
		management maturity.
- Matter Planning Steps 1 &	- Recovering Failing	Workshop: how are you going
2	Projects.	to implement course topics
- Matter Planning Exercises.		most relevant to you?

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I am a solicitor by training with post-graduate level qualifications in law, project management and computing.

I am also:

- A Legal Project Practitioner (LPP) and Fellow of the International Institute of Legal Project Management (FIILPM).
- A full member of the Association for Project Management (APM), and the Project Management Institute (PMI).
- Prince II qualified (Practitioner level).

I have enjoyed project-based roles at Pinsent Masons, The School of Law Kings College London, Berrymans Lace Mawer and Axxia / LexisNexis, where I spent just over 10 years in the role of Strategic Project Manager.

I started my commercial career during the first wave of legal Artificial Intelligence as a legal expert system developer. I have since successfully managed project support for complex international commercial disputes, using computers in courtrooms and implementing practice management and workflow systems in a wide range of law firms. I have been called a 'completion expert' and during my career I have implemented many legal support projects which have been innovative and strategically important to the sponsoring organisation.

I now enjoy devising and delivering legal project management and legal process improvement training courses. Most people attending my courses do so because their colleagues have recommended them, and this is something of which I am proud. I stay connected with all my course graduates, and over the years some have become friends and colleagues.