



The Honorable Society of King's Inns Course for Solicitors wishing to transfer to the Bar

Solicitors wishing to transfer will already have considerable knowledge and experience. The course is intended to address areas of specific relevance to the Bar, in which solicitors will not have had as much prior training as barristers and in which they will not necessarily have practical experience. The course is held for four weeks in June of each year. The closing date for receipt of applications is 31 March.

Aims

To build on the prior knowledge and experience of solicitors wishing to transfer so as to equip them with the necessary knowledge and skills specifically required for practice at the Bar.

Outcomes

By the end of the course those participating should be able to:

- Apply the procedural rules of civil and criminal litigation in a variety of contexts
- Describe and explain the Code of Conduct of the bar and apply it in a range of challenging situations
- Draft initiating documents and defences for a range of different types of [cases] in both the circuit and high court (including personal injury cases)
- Draft the relevant documents for a range of different types of interlocutory applications in both the circuit and high court
- Draft the necessary documents for judicial review cases
- Draft written submissions
- Make oral applications (both contested and uncontested) in both civil and criminal cases
- Research and write a legal opinion/advice in a variety of types of cases
- Examine and cross-examine witnesses
- Run a criminal trial and a civil hearing

Delivery Methods

The teaching and learning will take place in small groups and all sessions will be practical and interactive. The teaching will be delivered by members of the practicing bar. Participants will be expected to undertake prescribed reading prior to each session in addition to certain specified independent study tasks (including research, drafting, opinion writing and advocacy preparation). Attendance is compulsory. There is no examination.