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AGCAS LEGAL PROFESSION TASK GROUP

THE GOOD LEGAL RESOURCES GUIDE

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Online Directories

- [Chambers and Partners](#) Detailed directory with solicitors and barristers listings, plus in-depth information on solicitors firms including specialist areas. Free searchable directory on website.
Guides cover the UK, the UK Bar, USA, Canada, Latin America, Europe, Asia Pacific, as well as a Global Guide. (Canada, Caribbean, Middle East and Africa).
- [The Legal 500](#) Comprehensive worldwide coverage on legal services providers, in over 100 countries.
- [Infolaw](#) legal information service which provides a free access listing of lawyers' websites in the UK and Ireland which is fully searchable by firm name, work type and location
- [Havers find-a-barrister search engine](#) Search barristers by expertise/town/junior or QC or simply by their name or set of Chambers.
- [The Law Society's Find a Solicitor](#) is provided by the Law Society of England and Wales. This is a free service for anyone looking for information about organisations or people providing legal services in England and Wales that are regulated by the Solicitors Regulation Authority (SRA).
- [The Law Society of Scotland](#) provides a directory of all Scottish firms which can be searched by name of firm, town or category of work. There is also a separate section to search for individual accredited experts (solicitors) in specific fields of law.
- [The Faculty of Advocates](#) is the organisation for Scottish barristers. There is a directory of practising members on the site.
- [The Law Society of Northern Ireland](#) provides a register of all solicitors in Northern Ireland. You can search by County or town, by specialism and by name.
- [The Law Society of Ireland](#) provides a directory of Irish firms [here](#). You can search for an individual solicitor, a firm, a firm of solicitors by geographical location or by category of work undertaken.
- [Vault](#) opinions and observations on Vault's top 100 law firms in the USA and a directory of US law schools.
- [Lexadin](#) – World-wide law guide

Books

- **A Guide to International Law Careers**, Anneke Smit & Christopher Waters 2015
- **Bewigged and Bewildered? A guide to Becoming a Barrister in England and Wales**, Adam Kramer & Ian Higgins 2016
- **Careers in International Law**, Salli Anne Swartz , ed, 2013
- **Careers in International Law: A Guide to Career Paths in International Law** 2013/14, D. Wes Rist
- **Employability Skills for Law Students**, Emily Finch and Stefan Fafinski, 2014
- **Is Law for You? Deciding if you want to study Law**, Christopher Stoakes 2013
- **The Devil's Advocate**, Iain Morely, 2015
- **The Path to Pupillage: A Guide for the Aspiring Barrister**, Georgina Wolfe and Alexander Robson, 2013
- **Tomorrow's Lawyers**, Richard Susskind 2017
- **Ultimate Guide to Training Contract Success**, Craig Robinson, 2013
- **Working in Law**, Charlie Philips, 2015
- **The Successful Law Student, An Insider's Guide to Studying Law**, Imogen Moore and Craig Newbery-Jones, 2018

- **What About Law? Studying Law at University**, Catherine Barnard, Janet O'Sullivan and Graham Virgo, 2016
- **Letters to a Law Student**, Nicholas J McBride, 2017
- **Pupillage Inside Out: how to succeed as a pupil barrister**, Daniel K Sokol & Isabel McArdle, 2013

The following would also be helpful for students considering a career in commercial law:

- **Commercial Awareness 2015/16** Christopher Stoakes, 2014
- **Know the City**, Christopher Stoakes, 2018
- **Commercial Law Handbook**, Jake Schogger, 2016-2018 (CityCareerSeries)

TAKE AWAY CAREER DIRECTORIES

Many of these will be available in Careers Services and Law Schools/Faculties.

- **The Training Contract & Pupillage Handbook**
A directory of training contracts, firm profiles, practice areas, barristers pupillages and careers advice. Published in association with LawCareers. Net
<https://www.lawcareers.net/> No online version currently available
<https://www.tcph.co.uk/>
- **Chambers Student**
Guide to legal careers includes listings of solicitors firms and barristers chambers. Detailed information on applications and practice areas as well as a dedicated section on the Bar. www.chambersstudent.co.uk
- **The Lex 100:**
Guide to the UK's top law firms based on a survey sent to trainees. Provides advice on training contracts, vacation schemes and deadlines as well as detailed firm profiles.
<http://www.lex100.com/>
- **TARGETjobs Law:**
Information on legal careers and listings of solicitors and barristers.
<https://targetjobs.co.uk/law>
- **nb. Nota Bene Law Employability Guide**
Published by AllAboutLaw. Covers careers advice, types of law firms, practice areas and featured law firms.
<https://www.allaboutlaw.co.uk/>
- **Beginners Guide to a Career in Law**
Introductory Guide for those beginning their research into a career in law.
https://www.lawcareers.net/Assets/BeginnersGuide_2018.pdf
- **Best in Law**
Guide for applicants. Information on firms draw from the annual Law Careers.Net Training and Recruitment Awards. www.lawcareers.net
- **TARGETjobs: Vacation Schemes & Mini Pupillages:**
Focusses on how to secure a vacation placement and/or mini pupillage.

- **TARGETjobs Law Pupillages Handbook**
Information on how to obtain a pupillage including which chambers are offering pupillages.

JOURNALS AND MAGAZINES (including on-line)

- **The Lawyer:** www.thelawyer.com
Legal news, analysis and briefings from around the world. Also has a jobs section.
- **Lawyer2B:** <https://www.thelawyer.com/lawyer-2b/>
Student website linked to The Lawyer. News, advice and resources.
- **The Law Society Gazette:** www.lawgazette.co.uk
The Law Society's magazine. Includes news and analysis as well as jobs and a Legal Services Directory.
- **Counsel Magazine:** www.counselmagazine.co.uk
Monthly journal of the Bar of England and Wales covering the key issues facing the Bar and the legal system. Includes news and professional updates.
- **The Barrister:** www.barristermagazine.com
Independent magazine for barristers practising in the UK. Includes comments and opinions and an A-Z of barristers' chambers.
- **Legal Week:** www.legalweek.com
Legal news, analysis opinions and research. Focus on business lawyers at leading firms, including in-house departments.
- **Legal Futures:** <http://www.legalfutures.co.uk>
Daily news coverage, expert analysis and market intelligence on legal issues.
- **Legal Business:** www.legalbusiness.co.uk
Legal news, blogs, commentary and analysis. Also has links to The Legal 500 and The Lex 100.
- **In Brief:** www.inbrief.co.uk
An online legal resource providing information on the laws of England and Wales. Contains articles on a wide variety of legal issues.
- **Prospects Law:** <http://viewer.zmags.com/publication/5311a3ac#/5311a3ac/8>
Digital-only magazine features training contracts and law courses for law and non-law students.
- **Insite Law Magazine:** <https://insitelawmagazine.wordpress.com>
News, blogs, lectures and podcasts on a wide range of legal issues.
- **Legal Action Group:** www.lag.org.uk
a national, independent charity that promotes equal access to justice for all members of society who are socially, economically or otherwise disadvantaged. Publishes a monthly magazine.

- **Legal Cheek:** www.legalcheek.com
News, views and jobs section.
- **RollOnFriday:** www.rollonfriday.com
News, views and gossip on the legal profession. Also includes jobs and training contracts.
- **Pupillage and How to Get It:** <https://pupillage&howtogetit.com>
Advice from pupils, juniors and senior barristers where the aim is to demystify the pupillage process.

INTERACTIVE RESOURCES

- **I could:** <http://icould.com/focus-on/law-order/>
A series of law and order online videos found under the 'Focus on Law & Order' section.
- **Law Careers.net:** www.lawcareers.net/Information/Videos - online video interviews with recruiters, students, trainees, partners and publishers covering topics such as networking, psychometric testing and interviews.

KEY WEBSITES

Solicitors

- **Find a Solicitor:** <http://solicitors.lawsociety.org.uk>
Produced by The Law Society, this allows you to choose a location and obtain a complete list of firms in that area.
- **Junior Lawyers Division of The Law Society**
<http://communities.lawsociety.org.uk/junior-lawyers/>
Includes information for students and training/recruitment information and details of local groups.
- **Legal Aid Practitioners Group (LAPG):** <http://lapg.co.uk>
News, information directory of legal aid firms and occasional vacancy advertising.
- **Search for law firms:** www.chambersstudent.co.uk
All sets offering pupillage in the UK.
- **Solicitor - AGCAS Occupational Profile:** www.prospects.ac.uk/solicitor.htm
- **Solicitors Pro Bono Group:** www.lawworks.org.uk
Information for students interested in carrying out pro bono work.
- **Solicitors Regulation Authority (SRA):** www.sra.org.uk
The SRA is the organisation that regulates the solicitor's profession.
- **The Law Society:** www.lawsociety.org.uk
Search for law firms by postcode and area of law.
- **Trainee Solicitor Surgery:** www.traineesolicitorsurgery.co.uk

- Free e-book 'How to Succeed at Interview and Assessment Centres'.
- **The Lawyer Portal:** <https://www.thelawyerportal.com/> - Online resource partnered with The Law Society of England and Wales, the Bar Council and a large portfolio of law firms hosting free guides and delivering events and workshops nationwide. Vantage is their new online vacancy notification service https://thelawyerportal.vantageapp.io/signup?utm_source=LawyerPortal&utm_medium=webpage

Barristers

- **Bar Standards Board:** www.barstandardsboard.org.uk regulation issues.
- **Barrister - AGCAS Occupational Profile:** www.prospects.ac.uk/barrister.htm
- **Barrister's clerk - AGCAS Occupational Profile**
www.prospects.ac.uk/barristers_clerk.htm
- **Pupillage Gateway:** www.pupillagegateway.com
Lists pupillage vacancies in England and Wales.
- **Search for Mini Pupillages:** www.chambersstudent.co.uk
All sets offering pupillage in the UK.
- **The Bar Council: Becoming a Barrister:**
https://www.barcouncil.org.uk/media/621986/becoming_a_barrister_pdf.pdf
Download copies from this address, useful information for those starting out.
- **The Bar Council: Publications:** www.barcouncil.org.uk/media-centre/publications
Download the 'Bar Barometer', an annual report on statistical trends at the Bar.
- **The Inns of Court:**
 - **Gray's Inn:** www.graysinn.org.uk
 - **Inner Temple:** www.innertemple.org.uk
 - **Lincoln's Inn:** www.lincolnsinn.org.uk
 - **Middle Temple:** www.middletemple.org.uk

Course Applications for the BPTC, LPC and GDL

- **Bar Student Application Service** (online application system for the Bar Professional Training Course): www.barsas.com - includes an applicant's guide and deadlines.
- **Central Applications Board** (for full-time LPC and GDL courses): www.lawcabs.ac.uk - those interested in part-time courses should contact the individual course providers directly.

Job Vacancy Sites

Pupillage

- **Pupillage Gateway:** www.pupillagegateway.com - all authorised pupillage providers must advertise on the Pupillage Gateway online system. Many will then ask you to apply using this system, whereas others will invite you to apply via other methods.
- Some chambers' pupillages are also listed on www.lawcareers.net and the other student publications referred to in the 'Training Contract' section.

Training Contracts

The majority of student publications (e.g. Chambers Student Guide, The Lex 100, Prospects, All About Law) have websites listing training contracts and the same firms appear again and again. The websites included below have more comprehensive lists and/or provide useful starting points.

- **Find a Solicitor:** <http://solicitors.lawsociety.org.uk> - The Law Society's 'Find a Solicitor' database has a full list of firms within England and Wales. Useful for speculative applications.
- **Law Careers.Net:** www.lawcareers.net - the up-to-date version of the *Training Contract and Pupillage Handbook* with useful drop-down sections for searching. Includes some immediate vacancies.
- **Target Law:** <https://targetjobs.co.uk/law>

Paralegals, Qualified Solicitors and some Training Contracts

Journal/newspaper-related

- **Lawyer 2B:** <http://l2b.thelawyer.com> - trainee and graduate law jobs, some immediate vacancies.
- **LegalWeek:** www.legalweekjobs.com - features jobs of varying seniority, both in private practice and in-house, mainly in commercial and international jurisdictions.
- **The Law Society Gazette:** www.lawgazette.co.uk - features legal jobs ranging from family and crime to commercial across the UK.
- **The Lawyer:** www.thelawyer.com/lawyer2b/?cmpid=001 - solicitor and barrister roles in the UK and crown dependencies, both commercial and otherwise.

Portals and Recruitment Agencies

- **Badenoch & Clark:** <https://www.badenochandclark.com/en-gb/specialist-careers/specialist-disciplines> - national legal recruitment agents.
- **Career Legal:** <https://careerlegal.co.uk> - national legal recruitment agents.

- **Garfield Robbins International:** <https://www.garfieldrobbins.com>
- International legal recruitment agents.
- **HAYS legal jobs:** <https://hays.co.uk/job/legal-jobs> - national legal recruitment agents.
- **HG.org:** <https://hg.org/law-jobs.asp> - information and jobs inc.in the US and Spain via the Legal Employment Centre.
- **Law Crossing:** <https://www.lawcrossing.com> legal job aggregation site allowing you to search legal jobs in the UK, the US and other countries.
- **Legal Jobs Board:** <https://www.legaljobsboard.co.uk>
A range of jobs, e.g. paralegal, legal cashier, solicitor and PA, in the UK and overseas.
- **Lipson Lloyd-Jones:** <https://www.ll-j.com> – national legal recruitment agents.
- **MichaelPage:** <https://www.michaelpage.co.uk> - national legal recruitment agents.
- **Pro-Legal:** <https://www.pro-recruitment.co.uk>- agency for legal, tax and finance careers.
- **Simply Law Jobs:** <https://www.simplylawjobs.com> - another site with all levels of law jobs throughout the UK, both from agencies and directly from employers.
- **Taylor Root:** <https://www.taylorroot.com> - typical of the recruitment agencies you may find on Totally Legal. Taylor Root covers the UK, Asia and other international locations and its site carries salary surveys and advice, including City Guides.
- **Ten-Percent Legal Recruitment:** <https://ten-percent.co.uk> - national recruitment agency to both firms and in-house legal departments; permanent and locum for solicitors, barristers and other legal staff.
- **Totally Legal:** <https://www.totallylegal.com> - jobs portal for many agencies and some individual employers. Includes solicitors, lawyers, barristers, paralegals, legal PAs and legal executives from Magic and Silver Circle to boutique firms and in-house.

Subscription Services

- Going Global: www.goinglobal.com - your university may subscribe to Going Global, a subscription job and careers advice site for jobs all over the world.

Freelance Opportunities

- Lawyers on Demand: <https://lodlaw.com> - opportunities for experienced lawyers to work more flexibly through a legal resourcing company.
- LPC Law: <https://www.lpc-law.co.uk> - seeks freelance advocates, usually with a minimum of LPC or BPTC, to work for its clients, often in the county courts.

- FlexLex: <https://flex.legal> - F-LEX is an online platform which connects pre-vetted law students to law firms and general counsel for a flexible, on demand service.

Other Legal Professionals

- Association of Costs Lawyers: www.associationofcostslawyers.co.uk
- Chartered Institute of Legal Executives: www.cilex.org.uk
- Institute of Barristers' Clerks: www.ibc.org.uk
- Institute of Paralegals: www.theiop.org
- National Association of Licensed Paralegals: www.nationalparalegals.co.uk
- The Society of Licensed Conveyancers: www.conveyancers.org.uk

Public and Voluntary Bodies

- Disclosure and Barring Service: www.gov.uk/government/organisations/disclosure-and-barring-service
- Government Legal Profession: www.gov.uk/government/organisations/civil-servicegovernment-legal-service
- HM Courts and Tribunals Service: www.gov.uk/government/organisations/hm-courts-and-tribunals-service
- Law Commission: www.lawcom.gov.uk
- Lawyers in Local Government: www.lawyersinlocalgovernment.org.uk/
- Ministry of Justice: www.gov.uk/government/organisations/ministry-of-justice
- The Crown Prosecution Service: www.cps.gov.uk
- The Legal Aid Agency: www.gov.uk/government/organisations/legal-aid-agency

Diversity Issues

- **AGCAS: Equality and Diversity (Diversity Matters):** <https://targetjobs.co.uk/careers-advice/equality-and-diversity> - advice on disclosure, identifying diversity positive employers and understanding your rights.
- **Aspiring Solicitors:** www.aspiringsolicitors.co.uk/about-as - aiming to increase diversity in legal profession, they run events for students in partnership with 26 law firms. Their Legal Diversity and Inclusion Directory "provides an insight into the diversity and inclusion commitments and initiatives law firms are implementing in the UK".
- **BLD Foundation:** <http://www.bldfoundation.org.uk/> - offer an annual 'Legal Launch Pad (LLP) programme', targeted at first and second year law students from ethnic minorities.
- **Black Solicitors Network:** www.blacksolicitorsnetwork.co.uk
- **Deaf Law UK:** <http://deaflaw.uk/deaf-lawyers-uk/> (a list of all the known Deaf lawyers in the UK).
- **EmployAbility:** www.employ-ability.org.uk - a not-for-profit organisation dedicated to assisting people with all disabilities into employment. Advertises internships, graduate roles and scholarships.

- **Law Society Communities:** <https://www.lawsociety.org.uk/communities/> - page includes links to Divisions including: Ethnic Minority Lawyers; Lawyers with Disabilities; LGBT Lawyers; Women Lawyers.
- **Law Society Diversity Access Scheme:** www.lawsociety.org.uk/law-careers/becoming-a-solicitor/equality-and-diversity/diversity-access-scheme/ - provides finance, professional contacts and opportunities to those who have faced obstacles to qualification (NB the eligibility criteria are subject to change). Typically open from February to April each year.
- **Lesbian and Gay Lawyers Association (LAGLA):** www.lagla.org.uk
- **National Bureau for Students with Disabilities:** www.skill.org.uk
- **Open to Law:** www.aspiringsolicitors.co.uk/open-law-event-aspiring-solicitors-disabilities-long-term-health-conditions-2/ - an event run by consultancy, MyPlus, for students interested in the challenges of a legal career, but who due to a disability or long-term health condition may require support.
- **Pegasus Access & Support Scheme (PASS):** www.pegasus.me - a coordinated work experience programme that aims to support those from diverse backgrounds to consider a career at the Bar.
- **Society of Asian Lawyers (SAL):** www.societyofasianlawyers.co.uk
- **Society of Black Lawyers:** <http://societyofblacklawyers.co.uk/>
- **Sponsors for Educational Opportunity (SEO) London:** www.seo-london.org - not-for-profit organisation that helps undergraduate students from under-represented ethnic minority backgrounds to gain summer internships at some of the most prestigious corporate law firms.
- **TARGETjobs Events:** <https://targetjobs.co.uk/events/bame-city-law> - includes the 'BAME City Law' event.
- **The Society of Visually Impaired Lawyers (SoVIL):** www.sovil.org.uk

General Law Careers Information Sites

- **All About Law:** www.allaboutlaw.co.uk- inside information, tips and advice on all aspects of a career in law.
- **Law Careers.Net (LC.N):** www.lawcareers.net- search for training contracts, work placements, pupillages and mini pupillages. Sign up for the LC.N Weekly email newsletter. The 'MySelf' exercise at MyLC.N allows individuals to assess their suitability for the legal professions and start to build evidence of their suitability in preparation for applications and interviews.
- **Prospects Law:** www.prospects.ac.uk/options_law.htm
Information on legal job roles, training, typical employers and opportunities abroad

- **TARGETjobs:** <https://targetjobs.co.uk/employer-hubs> - the inside buzz from graduates on selected firms and chambers.
- **TARGETjobs Law:** <https://targetjobs.co.uk/law> - careers information, solicitor and barrister listings, courses, application and interview advice.

Events

- Events and training: <https://events.lawsociety.org.uk>
- First year insight and open days: www.lawcareers.net/Information/News/Firstcome-first-served-Get-ahead-of-the-game-with-first-year-open-days-and-workshops
- Law fairs: www.prospects.ac.uk/events.htm - careers events: fairs, open days and workshops.
- Open evenings/days and employer presentations
www.lawcareers.net/Information/Diary

Jurisdictions in Scotland, Ireland and Internationally

Scotland

- Scottish Law Firm Directory: www.scottishlaw.org.uk/lawfirms
- Scottish Paralegal Association: www.scottish-paralegal.org.uk
- Solicitor, Scotland - AGCAS Occupational Profile: www.prospects.ac.uk/solicitor_scotland_job_description.htm
- The Law Society of Scotland: www.lawscot.org.uk

Ireland

- Law Society of Ireland: www.lawsociety.ie
- Solicitors and legal sites in Ireland: www.venables.co.uk/ireland.htm
- Solicitors and legal sites in Northern Ireland: www.venables.co.uk/firmnort.htm
- The Bar of Northern Ireland: www.barofni.com
- The Law Society of Northern Ireland: www.lawsoc-ni.org
- Institute of Professional Legal Studies: <https://www.qub.ac.uk/schools/InstituteofProfessionalLegalStudies/>
- GradIreland: www.gradireland.cm/law

International

- American Bar Association: www.abanet.org
- Amicus: Assisting Lawyers for Justice on Death Row: www.amicus-ali.org
- Council on International Educational Exchange: www.ciee.org
- European Court of Human Rights: www.echr.coe.int
- European Union: www.europa.eu/index_en.htm
- Federation of Law Societies of Canada: <https://flsc.ca>
- Fulbright Commission: www.fulbright.co.uk
- HG.org: www.hg.org - worldwide legal directories.
- Law Society of South Africa: www.lssa.org.za
- Mountbatten Institute: www.mountbatten.org
- The Law Society of New South Wales (Australia): www.lawsociety.com.au

- The Law Society of South Australia: www.lawsocietysa.asn.au
- The Law Society of Western Australia: www.lawsocietywa.asn.au