



BARRISTERS AND SOLICITORS

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Training

Route One:

1. Law degree;
2. Bar vocational course;
3. Join an Inn of Court;
4. Called to the Bar;
5. Pupilage.

Route Two:

1. Degree;
2. One-year conversion course;
3. As above;
4. As above;
5. As above.

Work

The role of the barrister can include advocating in a Crown Court, preparing cases and preparing opinions for clients as to whether cases are worth pursuing. After 10 years a barrister may apply to be a QC (Queen's Council).

Solicitors

Training

- Law degree or degree + common professional examination;
- Legal practice course (LPC);
- Two years in-service training;
- Enrolment with the Law Society.

Work

- Advocacy in magistrates courts (solicitors can obtain an advocacy certificate to work in the higher courts);
- Preparation of wills and testaments;
- Commercial contracts;
- Divorce proceedings;
- Conveyancing (the buying and selling of houses);



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