



Clinical Education and Preparation for Life

“Education is not a preparation for life but is life itself”
(John Dewey)

Start Clinical Education

What is it?

- Teaches students about injustice
- Traditional and modern methods of teaching
- Develops legal skills
- Provides a community service
- Growing field in UK, however already an integral part of legal education in US & Oz.

How are we taught? Lawyering Skills

1. Advocacy Skills (bail applications, represent clients in court)
2. Interviewing (interview clients, how to deal with problems)
3. Running real clients cases, supervision from a solicitor
4. Legal Writing (drafting contracts, leases, Company articles)
5. Professional conduct- (prepares us for real life issues)
6. Practical (how to open a file, what documents go into the file)
7. Mediation
8. Solving ethical dilemmas
9. Problem solving (preparation for life no matter what a career)

Benefits and Preparation

Confidence

Practical Learning

- Professional Conduct
- Advantage when join firm
- How to speak and deal with clients

Less Daunting

When go into a Solicitors Firm

Pro Bono Work

Provide legal representation to those that cannot afford it
Help to appreciate others who are less fortunate
Solicitors all over the world are in a position to help

Usefulness?

Northumbria University
‘Best Contribution by a Law School’
Attorney General Student & Pro Bono Awards 2010

CUNY
“CUNY in top 10 law schools in USA for most diverse faculty and best professors”
Princeton Review 2010

Finish Prepared for Life