UNIT 3: Compulsory/Options(3 out of 5)

The syllabus lists what the Course must cover as a minimum, it is not set out in any order of importance, weight or otherwise. The course must always remain current, relevant and proportionate to the profession of the Costs Lawyer.

COMPULSORY

Module 3(a) CIVIL PROCEDURE (ADVANCED) 15 Credits

Minimum syllabus:

Injunctions

Professional negligence
Clinical negligence
Personal injury
Foreign claims & jurisdiction issues
European Communities (Recognition of
Professional Qualifications) Regulations 2007

Aim: To provide Trainees with an insight into aspects of civil procedure required for some specialised claims and specific applications.

Outcome: Upon completion of this Module a Trainee will be able to:

- Explain and apply the appropriate civil procedures and protocols to professional negligence and clinical negligence claims.
- Explain the law and procedure relating to injunctions in litigation claims.
- Identify claims where jurisdiction issues arise.
- Present their answers logically and coherently.

Module 3(b) BUSINESS MANAGEMENT 10 Credits

Minimum Syllabus:

Annual business plans & objectives Range of business models Functional areas:

- Human resource management
- Finance
- Marketing
- Communication
- Production

Key external elements of the business environment:

Aim: To provide Trainees with an understanding of the key elements and functional areas of the organisation of a business.

Outcome: Upon completion of this Module a Trainee should be able to:

- Explain & compare different business models.
- Explain the main functional areas of business management.

- Political
- Economic
- Social
- Technological
- Cultural

Employee:

- Supervision & training
- Health & safety
- Data Protection
- Whistleblowing
- Equality
- Professional development
- Appraisals

- Explain and evaluate impact of external elements of the business environment on the business.
- Explain legal expectations of an employee.
- Present their answers logically and coherently.

Module 3(c) PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLANNING (ADVANCED) 5 Credits

Minimum Syllabus:

Understanding & developing professional attributes
Identifying training & CPD needs

Career planning & development

Aim: To enable Trainees to build on professional development planning studied in Unit 1 to ensure conscious and conscientious approach to professional learning is maintained and to enable a Trainee to reflect on their progress in developing their careers, confidence and competence across a number of practice areas.

Outcome: Upon completion of this Module a Trainee will have:

- A deep understanding of the professional attributes expected of a Costs Lawyer.
- Insight into a range and level of skills that they have acquired through their work and study.
- Understanding of their skills and attributes which require further development and will be able to devise and implement a plan to achieve that.
- A greater appreciation of their own career development aspirations.

Written assessment:

- (1) 50%: Professional conduct problem.
- (2) 50%: Detailed written skills analysis &

development strategy by Trainee.

OPTIONS: (3 out of 5)

Module 3(d) PERSONAL INJURY/CLINICAL NEGLIGENCE & COSTS 10 Credits

Minimum syllabus:

Personal Injury

Types of Claim

Causation

Quantum of damages

Evidence

Personal injury protocol

Pleading a case

Defences

Interim hearings and trial

Settlement & final orders

Appeals

Limitation Act 1980

Costs

Clinical Negligence

Types of claim

Negligence & breach of duty

The Bolam test

Causation

Quantum of damages

Evidence

Clinical negligence protocol

Pleading a case

Defences

Interim hearings & trial

Settlement & final orders

Appeals

Limitation Act 1980

Costs

Aim: To enable Trainees to develop knowledge, understanding and critical awareness of the law in relation to personal injury and medical negligence and costs in such proceedings to encourage and support their continued legal research and understanding of the subject matter.

Outcome: Upon completion of this Module a Trainee will be able to:

- Explain personal injury law & procedure and medical negligence law & procedure.
- Apply the law and practice to presenting legal arguments on costs matters in personal injury and clinical negligence claims.
- Present their answers logically and coherently.

Module 3(d) LAND LAW & COSTS 10 Credits

Minimum Syllabus:

Freehold estates

Registered/unregistered land

Leasehold estates

Aim: To enable Trainees to develop knowledge, understanding and critical awareness of the basic principles of land law to enable the Trainee to understand any Unlawful eviction & harassment
Legal & equitable rights
Protection of third party rights
Co-ownership
Rights, obligations & interests in land
Mortgages
Sale
Costs

such issues that may arise in relation to land law costs disputes and costs in such proceedings and to encourage and support their practice and continued research and understanding of the subject matter.

Outcome: Upon completion of this Module a Trainee will be able to:

- Explain the key principle of land law.
- Apply their knowledge to a range of non-complex and complex problem based scenarios.
- Apply their knowledge of costs law to a range of realistic problem based scenarios.
- Present their answers logically and coherently.

Module 3(f) FAMILY LAW & COSTS 10 Credits

Minimum Syllabus:

Domestic violence

Costs

Scope of current family law
Courts &legal personnel
Sources of family law
Marriage
Cohabitation
Civil partnership
Divorce
Finance & property
Children

Aim: To enable Trainees to develop knowledge, understanding and critical awareness of family law and costs in such proceedings.

Outcome: Upon completion of this Module a Trainee will be required to:

- Demonstrate a critical awareness of principles and rules of family law and to illustrate the nature of marital relationships and of those adults in a close relationship.
- Apply the law to a range of factbased scenarios.
- Explain and apply principles of costs law in relation to family law disputes.
- Present their answers logically and coherently.

Module 3(g) CRIMINAL LAW & COSTS 10 Credits

Minimum Syllabus: Criminal liability Court hierarchy Overview of Criminal Procedure Rules

Aim: To enable Trainees to develop knowledge, understanding and critical awareness of criminal law and costs in such proceedings and to encourage and support

Detection of crime & arrest

Actus Reus (guilty conduct)

Mens Rea (guilty mind)

Strict liability

Criminal damage

Murder

Voluntary/involuntary/gross

negligence/unlawful act manslaughter

Other homicide offences

Theft

Defences

Costs

their continued legal research and understanding of the subject matter.

Outcome: Upon completion of this Module a Trainee should be able to:

- Explain the fundamental principles of criminal law.
- Apply the relevant law accurately to a range of act based scenarios.
- Present their answers logically and coherently.

Module 3(h) COMPANY AND COMMERCIAL LAW & COSTS 10 Credits

Minimum Syllabus:

Types of companies

Partnerships

Limited liability partnerships (LLP)

Formalities

Memorandum of association

Articles of association

Share capital

Members

Directors & officers

Directors duties

Minority protection

Winding up

Insolvency

Business agreements

Competition law

Costs

Aim: To enable a Trainee to develop knowledge, understanding and critical awareness of company & commercial law and to encourage and support their continued legal research and understanding of the subject matter.

Outcome: Upon completion of this Module a Trainee should be able to:

- Explain the key rules and characteristics of registered companies, partnerships and LLP's.
- Explain the internal structure of a company, its management and control, legal restrictions and requirements placed on the board or partners.
- Explain the protection offered in law to minority shareholders.
- Explain the process by which a company may be wound up.
- Identify key features of the various types of business agreements (franchise, agency & distribution).
- Explain the domestic and European anti-competition legal framework.
- Present their answers logically and coherently.