

Law Student and Staff Perceptions of the Role of Professional Skills in a Law Degree: A Pilot Study



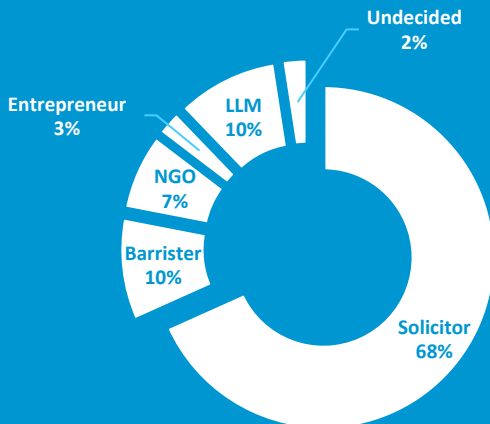
KEY PROFESSIONAL SKILLS IDENTIFIED BY LAW STUDENTS AND STAFF



Research Methods

This pilot study was conducted at Leicester Law School in October 2021 and consisted of an online survey of 17 staff members and a separate online survey of 41 law students (13 Year 1, 11 Year 2, 12 Year 3, 5 LLMs). Follow-up student focus groups are planned to collect additional qualitative data.

PLANS AFTER LAW SCHOOL



OTHER "PROFESSIONAL SKILLS" IDENTIFIED BY LAW STUDENTS:



3. Adopt teaching methods that enable students to achieve their full potential in any career.

1. Demystify professional skills to enhance employability and self-confidence.

4. Emphasize common professional aims and objectives of students and staff.

Why embed professional skills in a Law Degree?

1. Increase access to the legal profession
2. Develop students' professional identity
3. Improve pedagogical suitability and alignment
4. Create an inclusive environment

An articulation and awareness of these values can inform the strategies employed to incorporate professional skills in the curriculum.

