

Leave me alone, I know what I am doing

Lawyers at Work Workshop | LXXXIX ICM Brno

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Workshop Description:

Description

Lawyers at Work is one of the most popular Professional Development projects. In this workshop, we will discuss how it is currently implemented, explore ways to improve it, and share different approaches used across ELSA Groups.

Outcome

Participants gain a clearer understanding of Lawyers at Work and concrete ideas for improving and implementing the project.

Preparation

Read the Lawyers at Work Handbook found [here](#). Read the part on Lawyers at Work found in the International Council Meeting Decision Book found [here](#). Review your own experience with Lawyers at Work events



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Definition

Article 2. Lawyers at Work

2.1 A Lawyers at Work event is a project which allows law students and young lawyers to **experience** the working culture and environment of the legal profession first-hand.

2.2 Lawyers at Work events are **meant to provide practical insights into the legal profession** and, as such, shall involve interactive learning opportunities.

2.3 Lawyers at Work events can be organised in different ways, such as:

- a. as a single session;
- b. as part of a series;
- c. as an open day; or,
- d. including a job fair;

Purpose

The aim of Lawyers at Work events is to offer law students and young lawyers a deeper insight into the practical realities of the legal profession. In this sense, the event functions as a bridge between academic education and professional practice, by turning theoretical knowledge into hands-on experience within a real legal working environment.

Additionally, Lawyers at Work supports professional socialisation by offering a platform to explore workplace culture, professional ethics, and the expectations of the legal profession. It also creates an opportunity to develop key soft skills, such as professional communication, teamwork awareness, and networking, within a practical and accessible environment.

Benefits

- For participants, L@W provides practical insight into legal work and offers an informal space for networking and interaction with professionals.
- For ELSA Groups, it supports building and strengthening partnerships with law firms, institutions, and organisations.
- For law firms, enables engagement with motivated students, and enhances visibility and reputation.

How to Organise Lawyers at Work?

- Choose a partner and a topic
- Prepare and plan
 - Set a date and event format
 - Identify the number of participants
 - Set the topic
- Promotion of the event
- Conducting the event
- Evaluation

Content of the Event

You can get as creative as you want for the topic. Here are some examples you can have:

- Introductions to specific fields of law or practice areas
- Explanations of recruitment processes and employer expectations
- Introductions to other Professional Development activities, including skills based training, workshops, or complementary programmes

WELCOME TO



KOÇ & INDREGÅRD
— LAW FIRM —

Group Work:

You are planning to organise a Lawyers at Work event together with K&I Law Firm

Go together in groups and discuss all the different ways and formats the Lawyers at Work event could have.

Presentation of Group Work

Group Work

You are a participant of a L@W event to Koç & Indregård Law Firm. Instead of usual L@W, the partners decided to have a little game:

You've just joined a law firm as junior lawyers. You will face a series of real-life situations.

Your job is to make the best professional decision. There are no perfect answers, only better and worse judgement.

After each round, we will give a quick feedback. We're not looking for the 'correct' answer, we want to see how you think as a lawyer.

Group Work (20-25 minutes)

- Groups of 3-5
- Every round has 5 minute of discussion within the groups
- Discuss quickly and choose ONE answer per group

ROUND 1

“What the client wants is legally risky but not clearly illegal.”

How do you proceed?

ROUND 2

“A friend asks you about an interesting case you’re working on.”

What do you say?

ROUND 3

“Client messages you late at night expecting an immediate reply.”

How do you respond?

ROUND 4

“You are asked a legal question in a meeting with the client and don’t know the answer.”

What do you say?

ROUND 5

“You’re working on multiple files and mix up details between cases.”

What do you do?

Questions?



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Thank you for your attention

Closing of the Lawyers at Work Workshop



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