

The Practice of Law in a Clinical Environment

Essay 1 Guidance 2021-2022

Title: “Clients who receive advice through a clinical legal education initiative, such as the Queen Mary Legal Advice Centre, receive a substandard service in comparison to those who pay for legal advice, or attend a pro bono initiative which does not involve students giving advice.”
Discuss.

The word count for this essay is **3000 words and forms 30% of your overall grade for this module**. Please be aware that the Department standard has changed. Rather than having a 10% leeway on word counts, this is a hard limit. Please see the Student Handbook 2022-2023 for more information including penalties.

As per the Law Department standard, your referencing is included in this word count, but your bibliography is not. Essays which exceed the word count or do not contain a bibliography will be marked down.

Please submit essays on QM Plus with the Department Cover sheet by **12 noon on the 27th January 2023**. Essays submitted late will be marked down in accordance with the Department criteria.

Please note that the Law Department uses plagiarism software. When referencing, direct quotations should be in quotation marks and care should be taken not to confuse your voice as the author's, with the quotation. Doing so could lead to accidental plagiarism.

When quoting please put the exact location of the quote within the article, e.g. page X. You should also use a recognised referencing system such as Harvard, OSCOLA etc.

On this module, you are encouraged to think about the structure of the essay and how it can be used to help make the argument as persuasive as possible. You should spend time planning their essays, and thinking about what the conclusion is that the essay is building to; then use interweave supporting reading into this.

Poor spelling, punctuation and grammar can lead to a reduction in marks so proof reading work is essential. When proof reading ask whether the sentences make sense, cut out unnecessary words, ensure there is no repetition. Please do not use American spellings like organize or recognize. Many students submit essays with different font types or sizes for the references / bibliography. Please check to ensure this does not happen as formatting is important.

Although an academic essay, where relevant you can use practical experiences, practice documents, and practical examples.

This essay will be marked using the standard Law Department Criteria.

You will get the marks for this essay in your individual 1-2-1 appraisals with Patrick Cahill in semester 2 teaching week 6 (week commencing 27th February).

Good luck with writing your essays.