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# LIVE TRAINING EVENTS DURING 2017

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“TO IMPROVE THE SKILLS OF  
LEGAL PROFESSIONALS  
AROUND THE WORLD”.



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# Live training events and courses

We understand that lawyers and other professionals sometimes need to invest in themselves to develop and improve their practical legal knowledge and skills to work in different areas of the law and use professional abilities which were not covered in sufficient detail at University. We hold live training event, courses and Summer and Residential Schools in many countries, mixing practical legal English, law and training in a wide range of legal skills. We gather students from all over the world with our international trainers, all of whom are drawn from legal and professional practice. The training courses combine intensive study and practical workshops to train lawyers in legal English and the legal professional skills they will need in their future careers.

All our trainers are qualified UK and US lawyers, or Chartered Surveyors for the FIDIC courses, who additionally hold English language teaching qualifications.

The courses include a full programme of practical training with the objective of equipping the participants with the skills necessary to undertake their work without the need for further supervision. Our trainers all have experience of working in the real business world and draw upon that expertise and knowledge to develop and train the participants in relevant, practical work-related abilities.





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# Our trainers

All our trainers for the Summer Schools are either qualified UK or US lawyers or specialist construction industry professionals, with experience of legal practice, who also hold teaching qualifications to teach English as a second language. You can find their details on our web-site at: <http://www.british-legal-centre.com/en/trainers.html> We also have highly qualified international lawyers, legal award winners, available for individual tailored training, such as FIDIC Contracts, ICSIDA Arbitration, Judicial writing and all commercial law areas.

By using qualified practicing UK and US lawyers as our trainers we can deliver an outstanding level of practical legal knowledge, and ability, from the real world, coupled with impeccable English language grammar, pronunciation and legal vocabulary skills. They are used to the genuine work situations and problems which lawyers experience and advise on and use this knowledge to guide, mentor, and train, our course participants. You can find more details about our lead trainer's, including their legal specialisations, on the next three slides.





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# Our lead trainers

**Nick Johnson, UK Solicitor:** A corporate lawyer with over 20 years of experience in Europe and the Middle East dealing directly with high profile corporate acquisitions and privatization of large entities including banks and telecom companies. Nick was a founding partner in a leading law firm in Central Europe and is our lead trainer for the Mergers and Acquisitions training.



**Denis Lyons BA, LLB, Barrister-at-Law:** A Law Lecturer and Trainer for over 20 years, for institutions including, Euromoney, The University of London, City of Westminster College, The Institute of Advanced Legal Studies. Denis has developed and run courses for overseas lawyers and judges, devising and delivering training courses for Europe's largest law firms.



**Ronan M D Fitzsimons, UK Solicitor:** Ronan brings over 30 years of experience as a law and legal English trainer, and 20 years as a practicing Solicitor. Ronan has Lectured at many Universities around the world and has considerable experience of Intellectual Property law. He is the lead trainer for the IP course.





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**Mark Beckford, Solicitor, Cayman Islands** A corporate off-shore tax specialist with over 20 years of corporate, commercial, international financing & lending, investment structures, and private equity transactions. His work, and training, involves all aspects of mutual/hedge fund formation, from selection of the investment vehicles to advising on the setting up, registration and ultimately termination thereof. Mark has also developed a specialty in the area of Islamic Finance (i.e. HALAL, Sharia compliant structures).



**Joel Bryant** a California-licensed attorney and holds a post-doctoral law degree (LL.M.) in taxation and estate planning. As a practicing attorney, he specialized in employment law and tax-advantaged estate-planning for wealth preservation and asset protection. He holds a CELTA (Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) through Cambridge University, and has taught and trained in the United States, Taiwan, Thailand, Malaysia, and Poland.

He teaches and trains Contracts, Constitutional Law, contract-drafting and legal writing, negotiations, and presentations — all, of course, following American professional standards. He also offers courses in academic writing, and English for the fields of construction, engineering, and hospitality.







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**Salwa Ahmed Sherine Fawzy B.Sc, LL.M, F.C.I.Arb.** Salwa is a senior contracts manager, experienced in Contracts and Procurement. Salwa specialises in construction industry training - dealing with FIDIC, JCT, and NEC contracts and disputes. She has an LLM in Construction Law and Arbitration, and is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCIArb) in the UK, and a Member of the Egyptian Engineers Syndicate.



**Richard Brady.** Richard qualified as a lawyer in 1976, and re-qualified in Banking and Insurance in 1997, with the UK Chartered Institute of Insurance, and then spent 6 years working in a leading finance house in the City of London. He further qualified as a teacher of English as a foreign language in 2003. For the last 13 years he has been teaching legal English, law and practical legal skills to lawyers, and judges, around the world. Richard is the Managing Director of the British Legal Centre.





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# Summer School courses in Ireland

We will hold both one and two-week residential courses throughout June, July and August 2017 in Limerick covering both general legal English skills topics such as Contract Drafting, General legal English and Contract Law courses, plus more specialised advanced training weeks relating to topics such as, Company and Corporate Law, M&A, International joint ventures, CIArb Arbitration law and practice courses. You can find a full list of the courses and dates at: <http://www.british-legal-centre.com/en/Residential-Spring-and-Summer-Schools-Ireland.html>

Holding the courses in Ireland has many advantages over legal summer schools run in the UK: The Irish visa regime is easier and much cheaper than the UK – We have never heard of a visa application for Ireland being refused.

The overall cost of attending a course is around 50% lower than for an equivalent course in the UK - An Irish student visa costs just Euro 60, In the UK, the visa can cost Euro 410.

Accommodation is less than half the price of the UK.

Everyone in Ireland speaks English as a first language.

We have a wide program of events at the end of each day:

Horse-racing at Limerick racecourse, trips around historic Limerick and local Castles , even a day trip to cosmopolitan Dublin for shopping and sight-seeing.





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# Contract Drafting for lawyers:

The Contract Drafting training, which can be tailored to last from 2 - 5 days, is a master-class of commercial contract drafting, intended both for new lawyers and other professionals as well as for lawyers who are already practicing in this area of law.

The training covers with the meaning, use and wording of both the most frequently used and also specialised clauses of commercial contracts. The course covers which clauses to use and how to use them in combination to achieve the desired results.

Contract law and vocabulary are also included in the course, together with a full review of Contract remedies.

The course pays particular attention to the use of Warranties, Covenants, Representations, Indemnities and Guarantees.

The Course uses listening, writing, speaking exercises, plus a free Glossary with vocabulary definitions.

Authentic contracts, Language of contract formation.

Contract negotiation and Contract drafting practice.







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# Contract drafting for Business staff:

The course enables overseas business executives to draft contracts in English.

Participants are trained to draft both "operative" and "boilerplate" clauses, to compile and draft entire agreements, to develop an understanding of how legal terminology, phraseology, and the "grammar" of drafting interact in the drafting process. The course also shows how the English legal system affects the way contracts are drafted and interpreted and explores the relationship between contractual and tortious liability for drafting purposes, together with other essential Contract law principles, which must be followed for the contract to be binding upon both parties. The course includes contract drafting practice based on real-world commercial situations. The trainer is an experienced UK Barrister who designed and wrote the course, which he has delivered successfully many times. The training can be tailored to fit the precise requirements of the participants or their employers.

We can deliver this training both in live training events and in on-line video conference training. It is also a popular course for the participants at our Residential Summer Schools.

Please contact us if you have any special topics which you would like to be covered in the training.





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# General Law and legal English - TOLES Courses:

TOLES courses, run over both one and two weeks, provide practical and current legal English language skills training to legal professionals and law students. They ensure a more effective and prominent role for local law practitioners in the international legal market. TOLES, with its modulated and progressive syllabus, focuses on how to apply theory to today's practical matters in the legal world.

The courses involve different writing techniques for different styles of legal documents, court arguments, client e-mails, and contract drafting, including legal vocabulary and the relevant law. They also cover essential principles of Anglo/US contract law with the meanings and use of technical legal English vocabulary. The courses are accredited by the UK Law Society, the UK Solicitors regulatory authority.

The courses improve spoken and written legal English ability, teach essential skills such as Contract drafting and negotiation and provide a solid knowledge base of essential International Commercial and Contract law principles. Special discounts available for participants taking the 2 week course option. Regular examinations are held worldwide each month. Successful students receive their Certificates direct from TOLES.





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## Anglo/US Contract Law:

This course prepares its students for work as lawyers in commercial law offices, anywhere in the world, where English is the working language. The courses can be tailored to run for between 2 to 5 days and cover all aspects of Common Law Contract law, including Anglo/US legal doctrines, Commercial contract essentials, contract remedies and practical advice on how to deal with complex contract situations.

English course contains numerous study tasks involving international commercial legal principles and role-play situations of real world commercial problems. All this is designed to cement the participants' ability to practice Contract law in an international environment.

This is one of our most popular courses as it provides a full over-view of Anglo/US Contract law covering all the essential Common Law doctrines and ideas of modern commercial contracts.

The training involves the law relating to the different stages of a Contract, from offer, negotiation and eventual agreement through to the performance of the obligations and discharge from the Contract. The course also covers problems and remedies in Contract law.





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# CIArb – International Arbitration Law and Practice:

The Arbitration Law and Practice training is for practicing lawyers, law students and all those involved with disputes. It will improve their knowledge of the law, procedures and practices of Arbitral proceedings. The trainers are experienced British lawyers and/or members of CIArb, with experience of International arbitration proceedings, who are also qualified teachers of English as a foreign language. The courses which run for between 3 and 5 days all carry CIArb accreditation and qualifications.

Participants will gain knowledge and understanding of the law and procedures which are used in arbitration. The training covers the characteristics and nature of arbitration, together with the different steps involved in the process and the legal implications of decisions and terms of Arbitration clauses and agreements. We use realistic work based scenarios for discussion and exercises, including Moot court practice. The training requires full input from the participants to ensure they gain a solid working understanding of the principles and basics of conducting International Arbitration proceedings.





# Mergers & Acquisitions:

The 2 and 3 day Mergers & Acquisitions training courses have been structured to provide a comprehensive and practical guide to the international sale and purchase of companies from a strategic, legal, commercial and financial viewpoint. The lead trainer is an English lawyer who is an experienced M&A specialist and who was a founding partner in an international law firm with its head office in Central Europe.

The programme will give participants a thorough knowledge and understanding of the wide variety of skills that those involved in cross border acquisitions must possess – including the ability to juggle a diverse range of commercial and legal issues from an international viewpoint and all within the framework of foreign culture and foreign practices. The course is designed to be highly practical and features hands-on workshop sessions and case studies.

The training course also entitles participants to a discount for Venture Capital training which usually which takes place in the following week.





# Private Equity and Venture Capital:

The 2 day Private Equity and Venture Capital training course has been structured to provide a comprehensive and practical guide to international investment in, and funding of, companies from a strategic, legal, commercial and financial viewpoint. The lead trainer is an English lawyer who is an experienced M&A and Venture Capital specialist and who was a founding partner in an international law firm with its head office in Central Europe.

The core principles and major applications of Private Equity (PE) including valuation techniques that can be applied in PE, IPEV guidelines in valuing PE opportunities.

The training covers topics including, how PE funds are structured, how to originate transactions, leveraged buyouts and how are they are structured, the critical importance of due diligence in private equity deals and how to structure/manage the process.

The programme will give participants a thorough knowledge and understanding of the wide variety of skills Venture Capital work requires – covering the commercial and legal issues from the framework of foreign cultures and practices. The course features hands-on workshop sessions and case studies.





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# Intellectual Property Law:

The course run over either 2 or 3 days covers the wide range of law, technical and legal vocabulary and best practices used in this area of law, preparing the participants to work in this rapidly developing legal field. This includes the law of patents, copyright, e-commerce, domain names, design law, the international implications of the law as well as practical skills such as drafting IP agreements, IP due diligence and the rapidly evolving Internet related law.

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The training requires full input from the participants to ensure they gain a solid working understanding of the principles and basics Intellectual Property Law theories and the practical methods of defending and attacking IP rights and claims.





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# FIDIC Building Contracts:

The FIDIC Contracts training run over 2 or 3 days, as the participants prefer, is for practicing lawyers, engineers and all those involved with civil construction projects. It will improve their knowledge of the law, procedures and practices of the various FIDIC Contracts, Red book, Silver book, etc. The trainers are experienced British lawyers, or experienced engineers with experience of working with FIDIC contracts in the Middle East and handling the disputes that frequently arise from their use.

Participants will gain knowledge and understanding of which contracts to use in differing circumstances and the advantages and disadvantages of each. The dispute resolution procedures of the contracts are dealt with in detail, including the different steps involved in the dispute process.

We use realistic work based scenarios for discussion and exercises, including negotiation practice, and a review of the different notices which the contract circumstances may require.

The training provides the participants with a solid working understanding of the principles and basics of the different FIDIC contracts.





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# Banking, Finance and Capital Markets:

The Banking, Finance and Capital Markets training events deal with many of the different types of contracts which are used in the modern world of global commerce. Derivatives, forward exchange contracts, TD Spot Contracts, options, futures contracts, master finance agreements and their practical aspects, plus a wide range of other contracts from the finance industry, are examined in detail. The course looks at both the legal and practical requirements of these financial instruments as well as the different approaches of Islamic Finance to the same legal objectives. The Capital Markets training includes advice on the laws and documentation of debt and equity offerings, on securitization and on the creation of derivatives, debt (bonds), equity (stocks) and other types of securities.

The trainers are all qualified lawyers with practical experience of working in financial markets, including time spent in the City of London and Western and GCC capital markets. The course uses documents from real-life situations and examines their uses, comparing their advantages and flaws to prepare the participants for work in the Financial Industry.





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## Off-shore investment funds, trusts, corporate governance, Sharia compliant investment:

The Off-Shore investment training is focussed upon the use of Cayman Islands tax efficient structures and vehicles, including companies and the different types of trust vehicles which operate there. Cayman is a tax neutral jurisdiction and although the Islands are still a British Overseas Territory they have domestic control over their financial services products, benefiting tremendously from foreign investment by not having any form of income tax, corporation tax, capital gains tax, etc. Our training topics cover 4 areas:

- 1. Cayman products** - including a wide range of offshore companies formation (various company types, such as Segregated Portfolio Companies, where the assets of each portfolio are ring fenced from each other, LLCs, regular exempted companies), various trust products (including STAR Trusts-trusts for purposes rather than for beneficiaries, traditional discretionary trusts, etc.), exempted partnerships and other business structures.
- 2. Mutual funds** - Cayman is the domicile of choice for mutual funds and currently has over 10,800 registered funds. The training also covers setting up unregulated funds that can be set up for single institutional and high net worth investors/clients.
- 3. Corporate governance** - there is the continual need for good corporate governance to stay in compliance with Cayman (and international) laws. The training covers the legal requirements.
- 4. Islamic Finance/Sharia Law** -The Cayman Islands Companies Law, Trust Law and Partnership Law are very flexible so as to fit the principles of Sharia into any of the Cayman structures, in order that compliance can be adhered to by both sets of rules and laws.





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## Tailored courses:

**INDIVIDUAL TAILORED COURSES: Your career is going to last 40 years!**

**Get ahead of the competition – INVEST IN YOURSELF!**

We know that many people are unable to find exactly the right course in terms of content, duration, timing, etc. This is why we also tailor individual courses for companies and lawyers. A specific tailored course is the perfect solution, if you want to ensure that the course content exactly matches your language learning needs. The content will be designed to achieve your learning objectives. Our trainers have many years practical professional and training experience behind them. They can draw upon that experience to write tailored courses dealing with virtually every area of company, banking, and commercial law. We have written tailored courses for the in-house lawyers of international construction companies, Manufacturing, and pharmaceutical companies. We have provided tailored solutions to many 'Magic Circle' law companies and all of the 'Big 4' audit companies. We can vary the length of the courses from a half-day to 4 weeks, depending upon the requirements.

If you are interested in a tailored course for yourself ,or your company, then please contact us and we will be happy to give you our advice for free.

For further information please contact: **info@british-legal-centre.com** Our International Skype number is:+44 208 144 6440.



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# The right group for your ability

We know that Legal English is not easy, and that students have different levels of English language ability. We have 3 different ability levels for the groups. Check your level, for free, to ensure you choose the group most appropriate for you. This ensures that you get the maximum benefit from the course. Take the free test to check your level on our website at:

<http://www.british-legal-centre.com/en/test/1.html?section=12>



**Level 1.** Score below 20% Basic– Suitable for students who know a few words but cannot hold a conversation. The group course will include general conversational English practice as well as the legal topic.

**Level 2.** Score 21% – 50% Intermediate – Suitable for those who can speak English with grammar and vocabulary mistakes. The group courses will include legal vocabulary plus eliminating the grammar and vocabulary mistakes as well as the legal topic.

**Level 3.** Score 51 % and above - Upper Intermediate and Advanced – Suitable for students who have a strong command of English. These courses concentrate on Law, legal skills, vocabulary and advanced legal writing techniques for contracts and litigation as well as the legal topic.



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# Contact Us:

We can give you friendly, no pressure, advice and information on training needs, dates, course topics, and which course is most suitable to achieve your objectives:

Call us free on our Skype telephone number : 0044 280 144 6440

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Call us - we will always be happy to talk to you.

