

Your Story, Your Career.

# Be the Whole Lawyer.



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Discover Australia's  
leading PLT program.





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# PLT Explained

Completing a law degree is just one step in your journey to becoming a qualified lawyer. So what's PLT and how does it fit into your legal career?

## Launch your legal career

To be admitted as a lawyer, you need to learn the practical skills of a lawyer. That's where Practical Legal Training (PLT) comes in. Leo Cussen's PLT program immerses you in the practical work of a lawyer, teaching you the skills you'll need in your career.

After completing your PLT, you're awarded a Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice (GDLP). Leo Cussen's GDLP will let you seek admission to practice anywhere in Australia, and is recognised by the profession as providing high-quality training.

## Australia's Leading PLT Program

The legal profession is evolving. Clients and employers are not only seeking legal professionals with technical expertise, but lawyers who are empathetic, adaptable, creative and ethical.

Our Practical Legal Training (PLT) program doesn't just tick the box. It will give you the skills employers are looking for, helping you thrive as the Whole Lawyer.



# Stand Out. Be the Whole Lawyer

## The skills you'll get from our PLT program

Our PLT program is designed to equip you with the skills employers are looking for. To be a successful legal practitioner, not only do you need to be technically proficient, but also an intuitive, curious, creative, and emotionally intelligent lawyer - the Whole Lawyer.

## The Whole Lawyer

Four professional capabilities are taught and developed throughout our PLT program to help you become the Whole Lawyer - technical capability, human skills, character, and adaptability.

The skills you'll develop within each of these four professional capabilities are designed to help you be a successful and confident lawyer from day one.

### Technical Capability (TQ)

enhance your ability to work with clients across a range of entry level practice areas. With the support of expert legal practitioners, you'll run simulated client matters to learn the skills, processes and procedures to work effectively with clients.



### Character (CQ)

helps you become a values-driven and self-aware lawyer, acting with integrity. Explore ethics, professionalism and reflective practice through a program of mentoring tailored to you and your career goals.



### Human Skills (EQ)

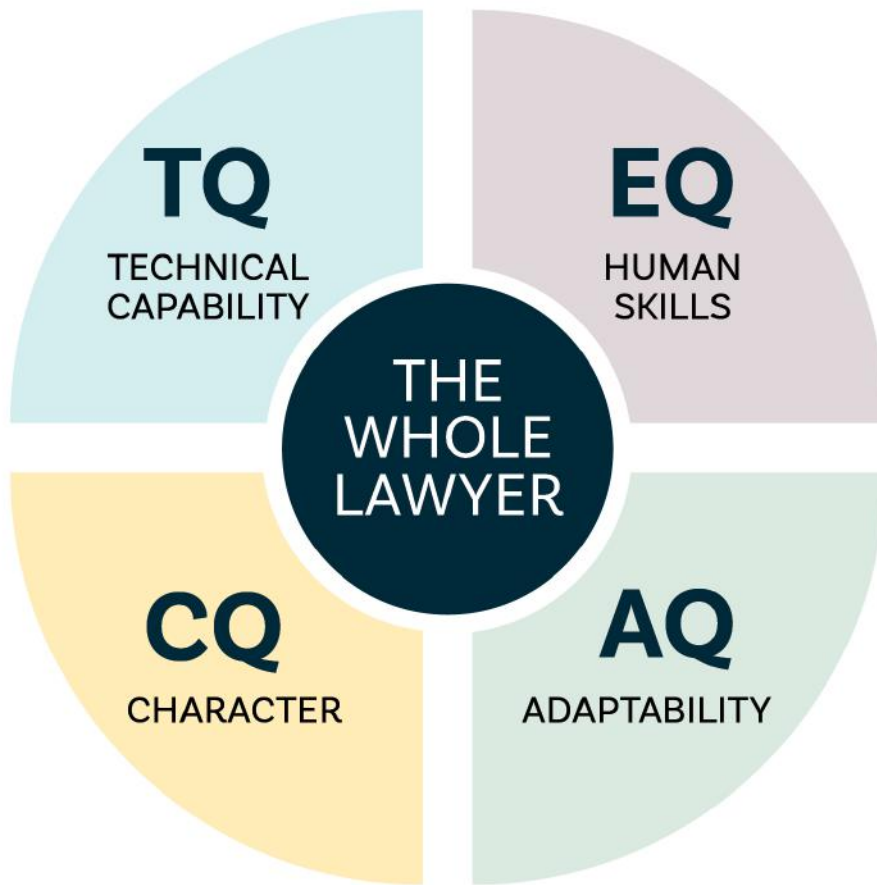
are essential for effective client interaction, negotiation and advocacy. Through immersive learning and an optional industry secondment, you'll fast-track your journey to becoming an empathetic lawyer with advanced emotional intelligence.



### Adaptability (AQ)

has the power to transform you into a curious and creative legal thinker, capable of adapting to diverse client circumstances and needs. By participating in our Leo Justice Lab, you'll build the legal tech awareness, critical thinking and problem-solving skills to become a leading innovator in the law firms of tomorrow.





Find out more  
about the Whole  
Lawyer here >



# Your Journey to be the Whole Lawyer

## Find out about the program structure

Our program is designed to give you more preparation through simulated practice, so you're confident and fully prepared to enter the profession.

Through our simulated practice program, you'll develop the professional capabilities of the Whole Lawyer. You'll build these across four parts of our program: rotations, mentoring, immersives and the Leo Justice Lab.

### 1 Rotations:

Progress through five rotations that simulate the experience of a law graduate in a law firm. The five rotations are:

**Induction** - transition from university to legal work.

**Transactions** - represent your client in the purchase of their exciting new business and the associated building.

**Specialist** - choose any two practice areas: Administrative Law, Banking & Finance, Consumer Law, Criminal Law, Employment Law, Family Law, Planning & Environment or Wills & Estates.

**Disputes** - act for a business navigating a disputed agreement where you'll commence court proceedings and represent them at mediation.

**Profession-Ready** - focus on your future career as a lawyer and advance your advocacy skills.



### 2 Mentoring:

Be coached by your mentor throughout our PLT program. Your mentor is an experienced lawyer who will provide you with personalised guidance to help you develop as an ethical, professional and reflective lawyer.



### 3 Leo Justice Lab:

Innovate for impact with the Leo Justice Lab. You'll work in a team to generate real-world solutions for real-world clients that help impact the justice gap. You'll develop sought-after skills for the future of law, including innovation mindsets and collaborative problem-solving.



### 4 Immersive Learning:

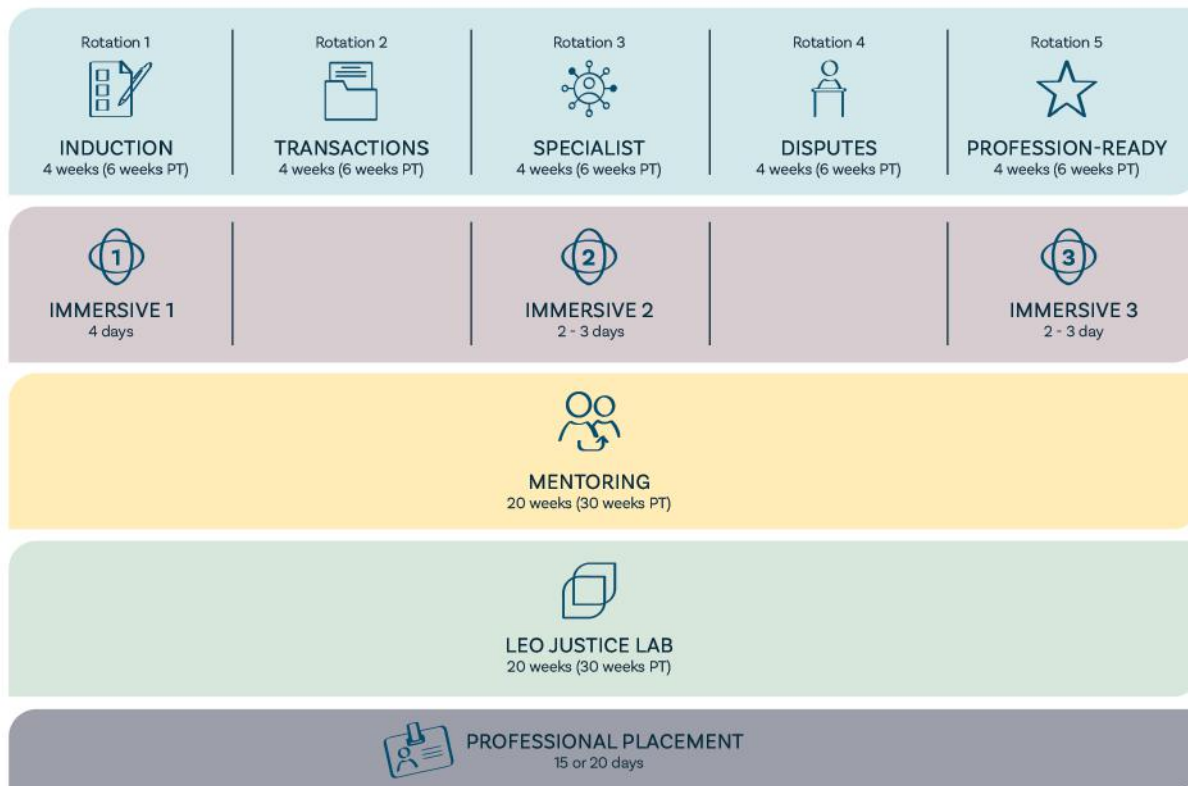
You'll take part in three immersives. Each immersive is a multi-day, face-to-face learning block, where you'll interact with your mentor, industry professionals and other grads, helping to develop the human skills required for legal practice.





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## Program structure



Find out more about the program structure here



# Real Legal Work, Not Course Work

In each rotation, you'll get to experience what it's like to work as a lawyer through simulated legal practice. You're the lawyer, these are your clients.

Here's an example of how you will run your Disputes Rotation.

- 1 Meet your client**  
Attend the simulated client interview and take notes as you would as a law grad. You'll learn how to identify the important facts, as well as the legal and non-legal issues impacting the client's situation.
- 2 Give advice**  
Draft advice using your file notes from the interview, explaining options and recommending a strategy to resolve the dispute.
- 3 Draft court documents**  
Action your client's instructions and draft the documents to start the court case.
- 4 Attend a court ordered mediation**  
Work with the other party under the guidance of a qualified mediator to achieve the best outcome for your client.
- 5 Settle the case**  
Learn how to conclude the negotiated deal by drafting a settlement agreement and bringing the court case to an end.
- 6 Finalise the case**  
Get paid and close the file - learn how to write up your final client advice, ask them to pay your bill and close the file.



## Real Work with Real Support

The advantage of our simulated legal practice program is not just the practical experience you gain, but the support and guidance you'll receive from both your mentor and supervising lawyers. Your supervising lawyer is a practice area expert who you'll work alongside in each client matter in the Transactions, Specialist and Disputes rotations.





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# Professional Placement & Career Support

## Professional Placement

The professional placement provides an opportunity to further experience real-life legal work.

You'll get to practice the skills you've developed throughout the PLT program, applying them in a real-world setting. You can complete your placement in any eligible legal setting, such as a law firm, community legal centre, government department, or in-house legal team.

Professional placement in our PLT program is 15 days (20 days in WA) and is a requirement for admission to legal practice.



## Career Support

Launch your legal career with help from Leo Cussen's specialist legal careers team. They're here for you when you need them, so you can get dedicated career support during and after you complete your PLT program.

The Careers Team at Leo Cussen is here to support you with

- Access to one-on-one careers consults
- Identifying career paths
- CV reviews
- Job search tips
- Interview preparation
- General chats about your next steps
- And much more.



## Your Placement Sorted

Take the stress out of finding your professional placement. Make the most of our extensive network of industry partners and let us organise it for you\*. We can provide support if you choose to find your own placement.

\*additional fee applies.

# Personalise Your PLT

We've designed our PLT to be personalised to your needs. Whether it's start dates, learning modes, specialisations or one-on-one mentoring, enjoy a personalised PLT experience at Leo Cussen.

## Choose your learning mode

### Blended:

Melbourne, Perth, Canberra, Brisbane, Adelaide

- Mostly self-paced online
- Regular mentor support
- 10 days of immersive onsite learning

### Online:

Available nationally

- Mostly self-paced online
- Regular mentor support
- 8 days of immersive learning via video conferencing

### Onsite:

Melbourne

- 10 days of immersive learning
- 2 days per week of interactive onsite learning with your mentor, plus self-paced online learning

## Dates

### Full Time

| Intake | VIC    |         |        | ACT     |        | QLD     |        | WA      |        | SA      |        |
|--------|--------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|--------|
|        | Onsite | Blended | Online | Blended | Online | Blended | Online | Blended | Online | Blended | Online |
| Jan    | ✓      | ✓       | ✓      | ✓       | ✓      | ✓       | ✓      | ✓       | ✓      | ✓       | ✓      |
| Mar    | ✓      | ✓       | ✓      | ✓       | ✓      | ✓       | ✓      | ✓       | ✓      | ✓       | ✓      |
| May    | ✓      | ✓       | ✓      |         | ✓      |         | ✓      |         | ✓      |         | ✓      |
| Jul    | ✓      | ✓       | ✓      | ✓       | ✓      | ✓       | ✓      | ✓       | ✓      | ✓       | ✓      |
| Sep    | ✓      | ✓       | ✓      | ✓       | ✓      | ✓       | ✓      | ✓       | ✓      | ✓       | ✓      |
| Dec    | ✓      | ✓       | ✓      | ✓       | ✓      |         | ✓      |         | ✓      |         | ✓      |

### Part Time

| Intake | VIC     |        | ACT     |        | QLD     |        | WA      |        | SA      |        |
|--------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|--------|
|        | Blended | Online | Blended | Online | Blended | Online | Blended | Online | Blended | Online |
| Feb    | ✓       | ✓      |         | ✓      |         | ✓      |         | ✓      |         | ✓      |
| Mar    | ✓       | ✓      | ✓       | ✓      | ✓       | ✓      | ✓       | ✓      | ✓       | ✓      |
| Aug    | ✓       | ✓      |         | ✓      |         | ✓      |         | ✓      |         | ✓      |
| Nov    | ✓       | ✓      |         | ✓      |         | ✓      |         | ✓      |         | ✓      |

## Fees

| Student Type           | Fee      | Fee (with Placement organised by Leo Cussen) |
|------------------------|----------|--|
| Domestic Students      | \$10,990 | \$11,620                                     |
| International Students | \$15,990 | \$16,620                                     |

Find out more on program dates and fees here



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# The Right PLT for You

## Compare our PLT

|   | Leo Cussen | Most Other PLTs |
|---|------------|-----------------|
| Learn through simulated law practice and start your career development      | ✓          | ✗               |
| Be coached by lawyer mentors  | ✓          | ✗               |
| No tests or exams   | ✓          | ✗               |
| Experience more face-to-face skills training and networking                 | ✓          | ✗               |
| Gain access to specialist careers advisors experienced in legal recruitment | ✓          | ✗               |
| Get expert help with admission and disclosure documents                     | ✓          | ✗               |
| Let us find your placement for you*   | ✓          | ✗               |

\*additional fee applies.

## How to Enrol

Ready to take the next step in your legal career? Enrolling in Leo Cussen's PLT program is easy. Just complete the online enrolment form and in less than 10 minutes you'll be on your way to becoming the Whole Lawyer.

### No results? No worries!

You can enrol before you've received your final university results. By completing the online enrolment form you're just securing your place - you can send us your final transcript a little closer to your PLT commencement. Avoid missing out and enrol before you finish your final exams.

Complete the  
enrolment  
form here



# Six Reasons to Complete PLT at Leo Cussen



## 1 Be the Whole Lawyer

Experience learning that's designed to ensure you enter the legal profession as a confident, creative and adaptable lawyer.



## 2 Simulated Legal Practice

Make the most of the opportunity to practice negotiation, advocacy and working with clients in our simulated law firm environment.



## 3 Be mentored

Receive valuable support, advice, and industry insights by working closely with an experienced lawyer throughout your PLT.



## 4 Your placement sorted

Take advantage of our extensive network of industry partners. We can help you find the right organisation for your required placement. \*Extra fee applies.



## 5 Future proof your skillset

Learn innovative mindsets and methods by taking part in our Leo Justice Lab, where you'll work collaboratively with a team to solve a real world access-to-justice issue.



## 6 Personalise your PLT

Choose the learning method that suits you – blended, online or face-to-face. And with 28 combinations of electives, you can build the course for the career you want.

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