

Fitness to Practise Code

Code of Professional Conduct and Fitness to Practise

Introduction

A student who is registered for the programme of study leading to the Diploma in Professional Legal Practice (DPLP) is required during their period of study to act in a professional manner in relation to staff and other students and to achieve the Professional Outcomes for the Diploma in Legal Practice set out by the Law Society of Scotland. Therefore, as a condition of registration the student undertakes to comply with the principles of this Code of Professional Conduct and Fitness to Practise (the Code).

Should a “fitness to practise” matter arise, attempts will be made to resolve the matter informally by discussion with the Director or Deputy Director of the DPLP. Following such a discussion an action plan will, if necessary be agreed, implemented and reviewed, as set out in the Law Society of Scotland’s Reporting System on Professional Lapses. Should informal resolution not be successful, the matter will be referred to the School of Law’s Fitness to Practise Committee. Thereafter procedures will be as set out in the University’s Procedure for Determining Fitness to Practise, set out in Section 34 of the Fees and General Information section of the University Calendar. Should this process conclude that there has been a breach of the School of Law Code of Professional Conduct and Fitness to Practise then, subject to any rights of appeal, the matter will be reported to the Law Society of Scotland in terms of its Reporting System on Professional Lapses.

The School of Law Code of Professional Conduct and Fitness to Practise

This code applies to students registered on the Diploma in Professional Legal Practice (DPLP) programme

Purpose of the Code

The Code aims to:

- protect future clients;
- comply with the requirements of the Law Society of Scotland (LSS);
- protect the health and well being of the student;
- protect the University of Glasgow against legal action brought by someone claiming to have suffered loss as a result of the student proving, during training or after qualification, to be unfit to practise.

Professional Conduct

As a DPLP student at the University of Glasgow I shall:

- conduct myself in a manner which the public might reasonably expect of a professional person;
- treat everyone connected with the DPLP including all employees of the University, professional bodies and colleagues politely and with consideration and respect;
- develop and practise the use of my knowledge, skills, attitudes and values to the best of my ability;
- respect and protect confidential information;
- be truthful and not plagiarise the work of others;
- uphold the Professional Outcomes as described in the PEAT 1 accreditation guidelines as specified by the Law Society of Scotland.

I confirm that I understand the principles of the Fitness to Practise Code and agree, whilst a registered DPLP student of the University of Glasgow, to abide by them. I understand that if I am found to be in breach of its terms I may be referred for consideration under the University's Fitness to Practise procedures.

Student name**Signed**

Student number**Date**