



Module Definition Form (MDF)

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1. Module Title
Civil Litigation

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3a. Level
6

3b. Module Type
Standard (fine graded)

4a. Credits
15

4b. Study Hours
150

5. Restrictions			
Type	Module Code	Module Name	Condition
Pre-requisites:	None		
Co-requisites:	None		
Exclusions:	None		
Courses to which this module is restricted:			

LEARNING, TEACHING AND ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

6a. Module Description

You'll cover basic law and procedures involved in acting in a civil litigation claim. You'll look at interviewing a client and taking instructions in a basic litigation matter. Based on a case study in the context of a personal injury matter, you'll take client instructions and explore the evidential basis of the claim, consider the costs and funding and the steps needed in the personal injury protocol before considering other causes of action such as simple breaches of contract and reviewing the implications of the claim not being settled. As part of the module, you'll draft a simple claim and look at the procedural steps that need to be taken to issue a claim in the County Court and serve it on a defendant before considering the draft of their defence.

6b. Outline Content

- Students need to understand legal causes of action arising from tort and contract and how these causes of actions are litigated in the Courts
- Students have to be able to understand and complete all the relevant practical and procedural steps in a contested County Court civil litigation matter.
- Liability and Quantum
- Taking Instructions/Costs and Funding
- CPR - protocols
- Issue and service
- Responding to a claim
- Allocation
- Case management
- Directions
- Trial
- Interim applications
- Part 36 offers
- Interviewing and negotiation
- Commercial awareness

6c. Key Texts/Literature

The reading list to support this module is available at: <https://readinglists.aru.ac.uk/>

6d. Specialist Learning Resources

The following websites are important:

Court Service website - www.hmcourts-service.gov.uk/

Ministry of Justice website - www.justice.gov.uk/

7. Learning Outcomes (threshold standards)

No.	Type	On successful completion of this module the student will be expected to be able to:
1	Knowledge and Understanding	Demonstrate a detailed knowledge and understanding of particular aspects of the law of tort and/or contract, and a clear, practical understanding of the role of the Civil Procedure Rules and how they apply to the conduct of a civil claim in the courts.
2	Knowledge and Understanding	Demonstrate awareness and understanding of professional conduct matters relevant to civil litigation, and the need to act professionally with regards to the client, the court and third parties. when acting for and conducting a claim in the County Court
3	Intellectual, practical, affective and transferrable skills	Identify, assess, analyse and evaluate legal and factual information arising from commonly occurring scenarios, so as to identify the basis and likely success of a basic civil claim, and to be able to advise and act on behalf the claimant in contested civil proceedings.
4	Intellectual, practical, affective and transferrable skills	Demonstrate the commercial awareness that is needed to advise and act on behalf of a client in a civil litigation claim.

8a. Module Occurrence to which this MDF Refers

Year	Occurrence	Period	Location	Mode of Delivery
2025/6	ZZF	Template For Face To Face Learning Delivery		Face to Face

8b. Learning Activities for the above Module Occurrence			
Learning Activities	Hours	Learning Outcomes	Details of Duration, frequency and other comments
Lectures	0	N/A	N/A
Other teacher managed learning	23	1-4	1 hour tutor led workshop OR 1 hour lecture x 10 weeks (weeks 1-10) AND 1 hour student led workshop OR 1 hour tutorial x 10 weeks minimum (weeks 2-11) PLUS 1 x twenty-minute screencasts x 10 weeks minimum (weeks 1-10, ACL modules only and excluding ARUL and SAM)
Student managed learning	127	1-4	To include such things as engaging online discussion boards, VLE exercises, private study (guided and autonomous), tutorial preparation, assessment preparation and completion. This is adjusted if additional Teacher Managed Learning is used to ensure total 150 hours.
TOTAL:	150		

9. Assessment for the above Module Occurrence					
Assessment No.	Assessment Method	Learning Outcomes	Weighting (%)	Fine Grade or Pass/Fail	Qualifying Mark (%)
010	Coursework	1-4	100 (%)	Fine Grade	30 (%)
<p>Assessment is by coursework (2000 words) comprising the analysis and application of legal and factual information to complete a practice based drafting task typical of those encountered in legal practice by paralegals which may include analysis of a theoretical aspect of civil justice and procedure</p>					

In order to pass this module, students are required to achieve an overall mark of 40% (for modules at levels 3, 4, 5 and 6) or 50% (for modules at level 7*).

In addition, students are required to:

- (a) achieve the qualifying mark for each element of fine graded assessment as specified above**
- (b) pass any pass/fail elements**

[* the pass mark of 50% applies for all module occurrences from the academic year 2024/25 – see Section 3a of this MDF to check the level of the module and Section 8a of this MDF to check the academic year]