

Youth Justice Legal Centre

Membership

Youth Justice Legal Centre (YJLC) is the centre of excellence and innovation in youth justice law in England & Wales. We are specialist youth justice lawyers.

YJLC exists for professionals to help get the best possible outcomes and experiences for children and young people in contact with the criminal legal system. This ultimately benefits the whole community and wider society. We are not for profit.

Why YJLC Matters for Your Practice

Representing children requires a distinct and evolving skillset. The Solicitors Regulation Authority (SRA) and Bar Standards Board (BSB) expect demonstrable, up-to-date specialist expertise—and further regulation is emerging.

YJLC membership ensures you and your team stay ahead of these requirements while strengthening the quality and impact of your practice.

“YJLC is an exceptional organisation providing a wealth of essential resources for anyone working with children in the criminal justice system. Their Advice Line provides clear, authoritative guidance in complex cases, and their depth of specialist knowledge in youth justice is unrivalled. Their legal guides, updates, and webinars are accessible, accurate and highly useful. Time and again their expertise has helped practitioners identify stronger legal arguments and achieve outcomes for children that might otherwise have been missed. Their work is vital in ensuring that children receive fairer treatment and better futures.”

Kathryn Hollingsworth,
Professor of Law and Criminal Justice

Our Core Services

Specialist Training

High-quality, practice-focused training designed specifically for lawyers representing children.

- In-person training and events
- Monthly online masterclasses
- Bespoke training for firms and chambers

Delivered by the country's leading youth justice lawyers, with some sessions co-delivered by children themselves.

Authoritative Legal Resources

YJLC Legal Guides are the leading publications for youth justice practice, endorsed by the Law Society of England and Wales.

Each guide combines:

- Clear, accessible explanations of the law
- Practical, strategic advice
- Expert insight to strengthen case outcomes

Specialist Legal Advice

Our Advice Line gives you direct access to expert youth justice lawyers.

Get support on:

- Complex or unusual points of law
- Case strategy and approach
- Ongoing, case-specific issues

A National Best Practice Network

Join a community of lawyers committed to raising standards in youth justice and sharing knowledge across the profession.

Membership Benefits

- Free access to 25+ leading legal guides
- Free access to regular live expert webinars
- Half price access to our online masterclasses - £15pp (Non-member rate £30)
- Reduced-rate team training days – £1,600 per day for up to 20 delegates (£80pp). Non-member rate £2,600
- Free access to the YJLC Advice Line for case-specific support and expert input
- Bi-monthly legal updates on case law, legislation, and guidance
- Discounted tickets for the Annual Youth Justice Summit
- Professional visibility, including directory listing and digital membership badge

Membership rates

YJLC Annual Membership	Basic ★★★	Classic ★★★★	Enhanced ★★★★★
Firm / Chambers (Under 20 members)	£400 Includes 2 Hours Advice Line Access	£700 Includes 6 Hours Advice Line Access	£1000 Includes 12 Hours Advice Line Access
Firm / Chambers (20+ members)	£600 Includes 3 Hours Advice Line Access	£950 Includes 9 Hours Advice Line Access	£1500 Includes 15 Hours Advice Line Access
Individual membership	£150 Includes 2 Hours Advice Line Access		

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"If you work with children, this training is essential – it transforms how you listen, how you advocate, and how you ensure every child's voice is truly heard."

Junior Lawyer

"YJLC training is an amazing and invaluable resource for those representing children and young people. I have worked with children and young people for over 25 years yet still always take away fantastic gems of information about the law and practice in this area."

Garry Green KC
Barrister, Doughty Street Chambers

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Training for solicitors and barristers

The Solicitors Regulation Authority and Bar Standards Board require lawyers representing children to maintain specialist, up-to-date expertise.

YJLC's bespoke training programmes—delivered by the country's leading youth justice lawyers—help you meet and exceed these standards while supporting your CPD requirements. Focused on the most critical youth justice issues and enriched by co-delivery with children, our training offers rare, practical insight grounded in lived experience.

You'll learn how to apply youth justice law and procedure with confidence, using real case studies that show what works in practice. Each session sharpens case preparation, strengthens advocacy, and improves outcomes for your clients.

Core modules include:

Adolescent brain development	Out of Court Resolutions	Representing children at the police station	Court Bail & Remand	Court Confidence – New Starters
Sentencing	Youth culture as evidence	CBOs and Civil Injunctions	Child Criminal Exploitation	Turning 18 & Criminal Records
Anonymity	Participation	Sexual Offending	Joint Enterprise & Conspiracy	Digital Offending
Deprivation of Liberty Orders	Breach	Children in the Youth Court	Weapon and Knife Offences	Children in the Crown Court
Effective participation & Fitness to plead	Racism, Bias & Adulthood	Communicating with children		

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