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Hear what ICCA students have to say (current and past)

TRANSCRIPT

I was attracted to the ICCA because in my view it offered a better level of education and a better level of tutors than other comparable institutions.

And I really liked the ICCA process, in that they seem to really vet you based on do you have a realistic prospect of obtaining pupillage.

The application form, coming along to the selection day felt that they cared more about setting me up to succeed as a barrister than getting me through a course.

What really struck me was the fact that I'd be taught by individuals who at some point in their career had practised.

The two-part structure, I could do the first part and not have to commit the whole fee. I could choose to go on or not to the second part.

Somebody from a different background, i.e. I worked in social work before this, I could be assessed in a way that I felt was fair and in a way that I felt was accessible.

It does allow people to take it at their own pace and sometimes defer some exams or take a longer gap between Part One and Part Two.

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I think for Part One the online quizzes and the videos screen cast and particularly the films with the actors helped keep it interesting.

So, I had a part time tutoring job which meant that I could sort of fit in lessons as and when suited my clients and then do my ICCA work around that.

The thing about Part One is that it's a lot of material to cover and I thought that because I've done the Criminal and Civil Litigation exams in December, going into Part Two in March I felt a bit more relaxed.

I think that there were so many past papers and questions but when it came to the real exams, I did feel genuinely prepared.

Even though you are not there in person, you do feel like you are part of a collegiate environment.

So, it was just nice to be able to speak to people and actually hear about their experience and share tips.

I thought the graphics were really good and the animations were really good and that they would like sort of carried through the whole course.

I would say my most enjoyable aspect are the "Two Steve's" on the criminal course. There are podcasts in between each of the subjects. Just their little back and forth is so entertaining sometimes.

You are in a small class which always helps to ensure that you have enough time to do your advocacy, listen to others and then do as we would a replay, and that gave you an opportunity to put any feedback that you've been given into action.

We are getting feedback from different practitioners and learning different ways to approach similar problems.

You very much felt like you are being prepared for the profession and in particular the way that struck me was our opportunity to do things such as cross examine experts in a civil trial. That is something that you are not required to learn on the Bar Course and it's also something that you are not examined on.

Moving from an online environment into face-to-face teaching and being able to be taught within the Inns has been a great treat. The facilities are very good and not only that, but it feels like you're coming into the heart of legal London every day.

And so having the opportunity in a safe space such as the course to practise these kind of skills, but for many they only learn when they are in a real courtroom standing on their feet was hugely beneficial and I think really prepared me for not only pupillage but the profession and my career beyond that.