Legal Systems & Skills: Learn, Develop, Apply (4th edn)

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Abstract

*Legal Systems & Skills* provides essential knowledge and skills for underpinning legal studies, providing a foundation for graduate employability both within and outside the legal service profession. It develops students’ understanding in three core areas: legal systems, legal skills, and professional development and commercial awareness. The first part of the book looks at legal systems, sources of law, legislation, case law, and legal services and ethics. The next part considers, in the context of academia and practice, how to read and understand law, legal research, problem solving, oral communication and presentations, client interviews and meetings, negotiation and mediation, mooting, advocacy and criminal advocacy competitions, and writing and drafting. The final part examines employability skills, commercial awareness, business, economics and finance, law firms, and clients.

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