

External Examiners' Report

2021/2022

General details	
Subject	International Capital Markets / Banking Debt Finance LPC and SQE Plus
Name of external examiner	Stephanie Jones
Date of report	02/08/22

1 Report Checklist	
Have you received:	
1.1 LPC / SQE Plus Handbook(s)?	YES
1.2 LPC / SQE Plus Assessment Regulations?	YES
1.3 Module Descriptions?	YES
1.4 Marking Criteria?	YES
1.5 A sufficient numbers of scripts?	YES
1.5.1 If you did not receive the scripts, was the method of selection satisfactory?	YES

2 Academic Issues	
2.1 Were the standards of the questions set appropriate for Legal Practice Course / SQE Plus level?	YES
Please comment. The standards of the questions seem appropriate and rigorous.	
2.2 Were the assessments well-designed? i.e did they assess appropriately the learning outcomes set for the course.	YES
Please comment. Yes .	
2.3 Was the standard of performance attained by candidates in general appropriate for Masters level?	YES
Please Comment Yes absolutely.	

2.4 Was the marking satisfactory and consistent?

YES

Please Comment

The marking has always been thorough and consistent. Scripts have always been moderated appropriately. The move to online means that some of the paperwork is a little haphazard and the omission of Moderation Feedback reports is noted. These reports were incredibly useful and were certainly examples of good practice.

3 Administrative Issues: please make any comments you wish to make on:

3.1 The process of setting assessments.	There have been some mix ups along the way in seeking approval for assessments set (I am never sure when I will be receiving assessments for approval or who from). It would really help to have a single point of contact for all assessments.
3.2 The administration of assessment of coursework and the final examinations.	There were some delays here from some centres but overall a smooth process.
3.3 The moderation process.	Subject to comment in 2.4 above, this was all OK.
3.4 The conduct of the Examination Board meetings	Very efficient.
3.5 Procedures relating to candidates with special needs/concessions	No issues.
3.6 Any other procedural issues.	Nothing to report.

4 Quality Assurance Issues	
4.1 Were assessment policies and your duties as external examiner adequately explained to you?	YES
4.2 Did you have adequate access to any material needed to make the required judgements?	YES
4.3 Were your comments during the assessment process and at the Examination Boards considered appropriately	YES
4.4 Has appropriate action been taken in respect of comments made in your last examiner's report?	YES
Please make any comments you wish to make on the above points. None	
5. Areas of good practice Please provide a description or bullet point list of any particular areas of good practice in relation to standards and assessment processes that would be worthy of dissemination to a wider audience. The feedback reports to students failing are thorough and to be commended. Feedback reports of a more limited nature to all students are also to be encouraged.	
6 Other issues Please make any comments you wish to make on other issues. None.	

Signed: Stephanie Jones
Dated: 2/8/22