

SQE conference 2020

15 December 2020

Watch the conference sessions for our annual SQE virtual conference for education and training providers.

Get all the latest information on the SQE to further help you to prepare for its September introduction. Discussion topics include:

- how providers and firms are preparing for SQE
- the timeline to launching the SQE assessments in September 2021
- the logistics for sitting the assessment
- qualifying work experience, including in relation to law clinics
- an update from The Bridge Group on their recent SQE diversity report.

Read the answers to factual questions that were asked at the conference (PDF 8 pages, 192KB)
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Overview - where we've got to

Benedict Fisher, Head of External Communications, SRA | **Julie Brannan**, Director of Education and Training, SRA | **Geoff Coombe**, SQE independent reviewer

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[<https://www.sra.org.uk/globalassets/sra/news/events/on-demand/sqe-2020/overview---where-weve-got-to.pptx?version=4af120>]

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Resources

Developing the SQE [<https://www.sra.org.uk/sra/policy/solicitors-qualifying-examination/>]

SQE1 sample questions [<https://sqe.sra.org.uk/exam-arrangements/assessment-information/sqe1-sample-questions>]

SQE2 sample questions [<https://sqe.sra.org.uk/exam-arrangements/assessment-information/sqe2-sample-questions>]

SQE implementation

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[<https://www.sra.org.uk/globalassets/sra/news/events/on-demand/sqe-2020/sqe-implementation.pptx?version=4af10e>]

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[<https://www.sra.org.uk/globalassets/sra/news/events/on-demand/sqe-2020/sqe-implementation.pdf?version=4af12f>]

Resources

SQE timings [https://sqe.sra.org.uk/registering-and-booking#heading_01fd]

SQE policies and processes [<https://sqe.sra.org.uk/policies>]

Transitional arrangements [<https://www.sra.org.uk/become-solicitor/legal-practice-course-route/becoming-solicitor-legal-practice-course-transitional-requirements/>]

How providers and firms are preparing for SQE

Benedict Fisher, Head of External Communications, SRA | **Dimitrios Giannouloupoulos**, Goldsmiths, University of London | **Fionnghuala Griggs**, Linklaters, representing City Training Consortium | **Chris Howard**, The Professional Law Institute, King's College London | **Gun Judge**, Addleshaw Goddard LLP | **Carl Lygo**, Arden University | **Elizabeth Smart**, Sheffield Hallam University [<https://form.sra.org.uk/s3/SQE2020-providers>]

Assessment Specifications and the Functioning Legal Knowledge

Benedict Fisher, Head of External Communications, SRA | **Julie Brannan**, Director of Education and Training, SRA | **Jill Foster Taylor**, Interim SQE Academic Director, Kaplan

Resources

SQE1 Assessment Specification [<https://sqe.sra.org.uk/exam-arrangements/assessment-information/sqe1-assessment-specification>]

SQE2 Assessment Specification [<https://sqe.sra.org.uk/exam-arrangements/assessment-information/sqe2-assessment-specification>]

SQE monitoring and maximising diversity

Benedict Fisher, Head of External Communications, SRA | **Cordella Bart-Stewart**, Black Solicitors Network | **Nicholas Miller**, The Bridge Group

Resources

SQE: monitoring and maximising diversity (The Bridge Group report)

[<https://www.sra.org.uk/sra/policy/solicitors-qualifying-examination/archive/research-reports/sqe-monitoring-and-maximising-diversity/>]

SQE Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Risk Assessment

[<https://www.sra.org.uk/sra/policy/solicitors-qualifying-examination/edi-risk-assessment/>]

Qualifying work experience

Benedict Fisher, Head of External Communications, SRA | **Richard Williams**, SRA | **Mary Bonsor**, Flex Legal | **Lucy Blackburn**, University of Central Lancashire | **Clare Collins**, DWF Law LLP | **Nicole Poole**, The Law Society

Resources

Guidance - Meeting our standards for good qualifying work experience

[<https://www.sra.org.uk/solicitors/guidance/meeting-standards-good-qualifying-work-experience/>]

Guidance - Solicitors and Compliance Officers for Legal Practice (COLPs) confirming qualifying work experience

[<https://www.sra.org.uk/solicitors/guidance/colps-confirming-qualifying-work-experience/>]

Information for employers [<https://www.sra.org.uk/become-solicitor/sqe/qualifying-work-experience-employers/>]