

Youth court advocacy

These resources are for solicitors practising in the youth justice system and their employers. They can help you:

- Address the challenges of practising in the youth justice system, including adapting to the needs of vulnerable children and engaging effectively with them.
- Meet your continuing competence obligations
[<https://www.sra.org.uk/solicitors/resources/continuing-competence/#:~:text=All%20solicitors%20must%20adopt%20our,knowledge%20remain%20up%20to%20date.>] by identifying and addressing any learning and development needs so your knowledge, skills and behaviours are up to date.
- Deliver a competent service as required by our Code of Conduct.
[<https://www.sra.org.uk/solicitors/standards-regulations/code-conduct-solicitors/>]
- Demonstrate good practice.

We developed these resources with a wide range of stakeholders, including lawyers who practise in the youth justice system and representatives from:

- The Association of Youth Offending Team Managers
- The Ministry of Justice Working Group on Quality of Advocacy
- The Magistrates' Association
- Just for Kids Law
- The Crown Prosecution Service.

You can use these resources alongside our continuing competence resources [<https://www.sra.org.uk/solicitors/resources/continuing-competence/cpd/continuing-competence/>] and our advocacy resources. [<https://www.sra.org.uk/solicitors/resources/advocacy/>]

Good practice guide for youth court solicitors

[<https://www.sra.org.uk/solicitors/resources/continuing-competence/cpd/youth-court-advocacy/good-practice-guide/>]

Up to date knowledge and skills

[<https://www.sra.org.uk/solicitors/resources/continuing-competence/cpd/youth-court-advocacy/knowledge-skills/>]

Communication and engagement

[<https://www.sra.org.uk/solicitors/resources/continuing-competence/cpd/youth-court-advocacy/communication-engagement/>]

Working with other organisations

[<https://www.sra.org.uk/solicitors/resources/continuing-competence/cpd/youth-court-advocacy/other-organisations/>]

What should children expect?

[<https://www.sra.org.uk/solicitors/resources/continuing-competence/cpd/youth-court-advocacy/what-children-expect/>]

Videos

Supporting youth court advocates

Why youth courts are different

How youth court solicitors can stay competent

Hints and tips for youth court advocates