

REAL WORLD LEGAL TRAINING

A clear pathway from study into your legal career, with practical training, personalised support and real world experience from day one.



Why choose Leo Cussen

A career long advantage.

Build practical skills through real legal work, receive personalised support from experienced lawyers, and develop the connections and capability that create a career long advantage.



FLEXIBLE
LEARNING

Choose full-time or part-time, online, onsite or a blended mode, with options designed to fit around work and life commitments.



REAL WORLD
TRAINING

Build skills through real legal scenarios, case files and tasks that reflect modern legal practice.



PERSONALISED
SUPPORT

Learn in small groups with direct access to experienced lawyer mentors.



GUARANTEED
PLACEMENT

Gain valuable workplace experience through professional placement organised by Leo Cussen.



INDUSTRY
CONNECTED

Learn from practising lawyers and build professional connections that support your transition into the legal profession.



JOB READY
CONFIDENCE

Graduate with the capability, practical experience and confidence employers look for in future lawyers.

95%

Leo Cussen graduates reported increased confidence when entering the legal profession.

Based on responses from Leo Cussen 2025 PLT Graduate Outcomes Survey.

A woman with long dark hair tied back, wearing a beige turtleneck, is seated at a desk in a modern office, focused on her laptop. The office has a warm, contemporary feel with wooden paneling and soft lighting. In the background, other office workers are visible, including a man at a desk and a woman standing and holding papers.

Your PLT program

BUILD SKILLS FOR
REAL LEGAL WORK

CHOOSE LEO CUSSEN

Five rotations

Your PLT experience.



Rotation 01

INDUCTION

Step into your first day as a lawyer in our simulated law firm, meet your lawyer mentor and peers working alongside you, and build the core legal skills and professional capability needed to enter the profession.

Immersive Workshops
04 days*

Kick off your training with hands-on workshops on communication, interviewing, negotiation, drafting and advocacy with guidance from your lawyer mentor.



Rotation 02

TRANSACTIONS

Work on client matters in property, commercial, and corporate law, learning about contracts, leasing, business sales, and company law while applying your knowledge to real client scenarios and developing the practical skills employers value in emerging lawyers.



Rotation 03

SPECIALIST

Choose two specialist practice areas to focus on, run client matters in your selected fields, practise negotiation and advocacy, and begin your legal innovation project to explore solutions to real world issues.

Immersive Workshops
03 days*

Apply what you've learned by putting ethics, negotiation, advocacy and drafting into practice with real client scenarios and practical insights from your lawyer mentor.

Through five rotations, professional placement and continuous mentoring, you'll build practical skills while developing the capability employers value. Each stage of the program is designed to reflect real legal work helping you prepare for your first role as a lawyer.



Rotation 04

DISPUTES

Focus on dispute resolution and civil litigation, building key skills for real legal work by drafting pleadings and affidavits, managing disputes, and developing effective strategies to resolve conflicts.

Immersive Workshops
03 days*

Showcase everything you've learned through advocacy and negotiation milestones, legal innovation and risk management.



Rotation 05

PROFESSION READY

Prepare for the profession by practising court submissions during an interlocutory application, participating in a simulated negotiation, and reflecting on your development and the next steps in your legal career.

Immersive Workshops
03 days*

Showcase everything you've learned through advocacy and negotiation milestones, legal innovation and risk management.



Job Ready

STEP INTO YOUR CAREER

Our PLT qualifies you with a Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice (GDLP) and eligibility to apply for admission to the legal profession in any Australian state or territory. Move into your first role with the skills, experience and professional connections developed throughout your time at Leo Cussen.

Professional placement
15 days**

Your professional placement can be completed during your PLT or up to 6 months afterwards.

*Immersive Workshops in NSW total 15 days for the NSW blended PLT program (5 days each session). **Professional placement total of 20 days in WA.

Professional placement

GUARANTEED PLACEMENT

Professional placement provides valuable workplace experience, helping you apply your skills in a professional environment while building the connections and experience employers value.

As part of your PLT program, you can source your own placement with support from Leo Cussen or choose to have a placement arranged for you – giving you assurance that this important step towards admission is taken care of.

Placement is guaranteed in every capital city in Australia. Additional fee applies for professional placements organised by Leo Cussen.



Working Days
VIC, NSW, ACT, QLD, SA, TAS, NT

15

Working Days
WA

20

Learning options

Complete
PLT your way.

Flexible study options allow you to start your intake on a date that suits your schedule and life commitments. Choose from full-time or part-time, multiple learning modes, and specialist areas that align with your career goals.

01
Choose your
commitment level.

Select from full-time or part-time learning to align with your goals and lifestyle, with the flexibility to complete your professional placement during or after your PLT.

FULL TIME

20
Week Program

Hours	25–30 per week
Placement	15 days (20 days for WA)
Available	Online, Blended, Onsite

PART TIME

30
Week Program

Hours	15–20 per week
Placement	15 days (20 days for WA)
Available	Online, Blended

02
Choose your
intake date.

Choose from multiple intakes throughout the year, making it easier to fit PLT around work, study and life commitments.

INTAKES

10+
Intakes

Find your start date and take the next step when you're ready.

View the full intake schedule and filter by your preferred start date and availability.

03
Choose your
learning mode.

Choose from online, blended or onsite learning modes, allowing you to complete your PLT in a way that suits your location, learning preferences and commitments.

ONLINE

Learning	Online +10 days online workshops
Available	Nationally

BLENDED

Learning	Online +10 days onsite workshops (15 days for NSW)
Available	VIC, NSW, WA, ACT, QLD, SA

ONSITE

Learning	Onsite (2 days per week) +10 days onsite workshops
Available	VIC

04
Choose your
specialist areas.

Build knowledge in areas that interest you, guided by practising lawyers from across the profession.

GROUP 01

Practice areas	Family Law Banking and Finance Wills and Estates
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GROUP 02

Practice areas	Criminal Law Administrative Law Employment Law
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PROGRAM FEES

Domestic student	\$12,390
International student	\$17,790
• FEE-HELP is available for eligible students. • If you choose Leo Cussen to source your professional placement, an additional \$895 fee applies.	

Specialist support

Career guidance at every stage.

From CV reviews and interview preparation to admission guidance and career planning, Leo Cussen provides personalised support to help you take the next step into your legal career.



CV REVIEW

Receive personalised feedback and practical advice to help showcase your skills, experience and professional capability to employers.

INTERVIEW SKILLS

Develop the skills to communicate your experience effectively, articulate your strengths and approach interviews with confidence.

CAREER PATHWAY

Explore career pathways, build professional connections and receive personalised guidance on the next steps in your legal career.

JOB SEARCH

Gain expert advice and dedicated support to help you identify opportunities, secure your first role and begin your legal career.

ADMISSION

Navigate admission with expert guidance on preparing and submitting your documents, every step of the way.

Testimonials

Insights from past graduates.



Truly transformative experience!

JASPREET
FEBRUARY 2026



My experience with the blended course was wonderful. It feels like Leo Cussen tailors the student experience to each individual's legal journey. The mentors are incredibly considerate and deeply involved in supporting your early legal career.

RAVIANA
JULY 2025



Leo Cussen has given me the confidence to challenge myself and improve my advocacy skills, and I couldn't have done so in a more supportive environment.

JOSHUA
JULY 2025



Leo Cussen allowed me to develop and demonstrate the skills and knowledge needed for a career in law.

SANDRA
MAY 2025



High quality, state of the art teaching methods and personal 1:1 support from your mentor and the support team.

NICOLE
JUNE 2025



Leo's practical real world learning, combined with immersive attendance left me wholly prepared to enter the profession. The entire Leo's team have provided overwhelming support from the administrative team through to expert mentors.

DANIELLE
MARCH 2025

Learn more

Frequently asked questions.

Are there any exams during PLT?

No, instead you'll be guided by supervising lawyers and mentors to complete tasks that lawyers would do.

How does professional placement work?

As part of your PLT you're required to complete 15 days of placement in a legal setting (20 days in WA). As an added option, we can find your placement for you. Your professional placement can be completed during your PLT or up to 6 months afterwards.

What qualification will I receive after completing PLT?

You'll receive a Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice (GDLP) and if you show a high level of performance, you'll be awarded a GDLP with Distinction.

Is Fee-Help available for PLT?

Yes, if you're eligible, you can use FEE-HELP to cover the cost of your PLT. Visit Study Assist (Fee-Help).

What are immersive workshops?

The immersive workshops will help you build the skills and networks to step into legal work. You'll attend workshop-style sessions that can be attended via video call or face-to-face, depending on your study mode.

Can I enrol in PLT before I finish uni?

Yes, you can secure your place in one of our PLT programs even if you're in your final year at uni.

Can I complete my PLT while I'm still at uni?

Yes, in most states and territories you can commence your PLT while finishing your law degree, provided you have no more than two electives remaining.

What if I haven't done any legal work before?

That's totally fine. PLT is here to bridge the gap between uni and legal practice, and your lawyer mentor will lead your training and guide you every step of the way.

Our history

For more than 50 years, Leo Cussen has helped aspiring and practising lawyers build the knowledge, confidence and capability to succeed throughout their careers.

CELEBRATING
50+ YEARS

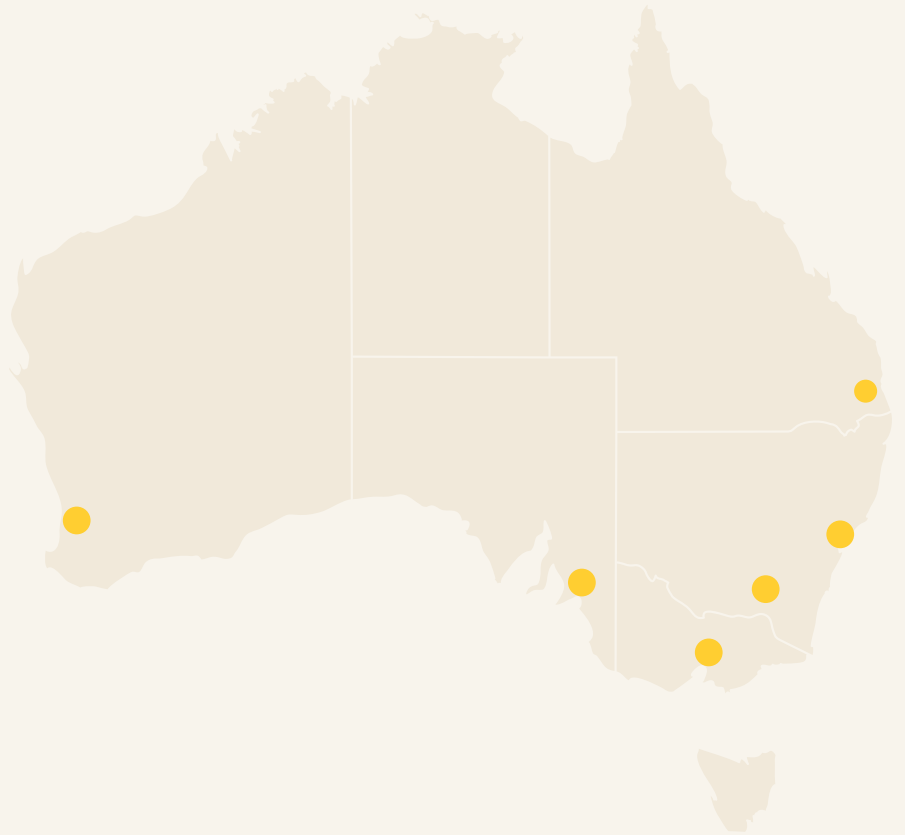


Ask us anything

We're here to help with your PLT questions. Bookings are available for both domestic and international students, with sessions running every half hour. Book a Zoom or phone call via leocussen.edu.au/contact.

NATIONAL REACH AND REPUTATION

With office locations across
Australia, we offer a connected,
national learning experience.



Program information

To learn more about our programs, simply visit
our [website](#) or chat to us. We're here to help.

Enrol today

Secure your place in just 10 minutes.

International students

Choose to do it right. Choose Leo Cussen.

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