

Awards

"Outstanding, exemplary and truly inspirational"

National Training Awards judging panel

"The Student Law Office is the jewel in the crown of the Law School" Attorney General's Pro Bono Awards judging panel

The Student Law Office has received numerous awards over recent years recognising the quality of the service provided, including:

2010

Attorney General's Pro Bono Awards

Law School of the Year – Winner

Regional Training Award – Winner

National Training Award – Winner

National Training Award UK – Winner

Law Society Excellence Awards – Highly Commended

Newcastle Law Society Law Firm of the Year – Shortlisted

Higher Education Academy

National Teaching Fellow Appointment

2009

Attorney General's Pro Bono Awards Best Contribution by a Team of Law Students – Runner up

Attorney General's Pro Bono Awards Best New Student Pro Bono Activity – Runner up

Law Society Junior Lawyer Division Pro Bono

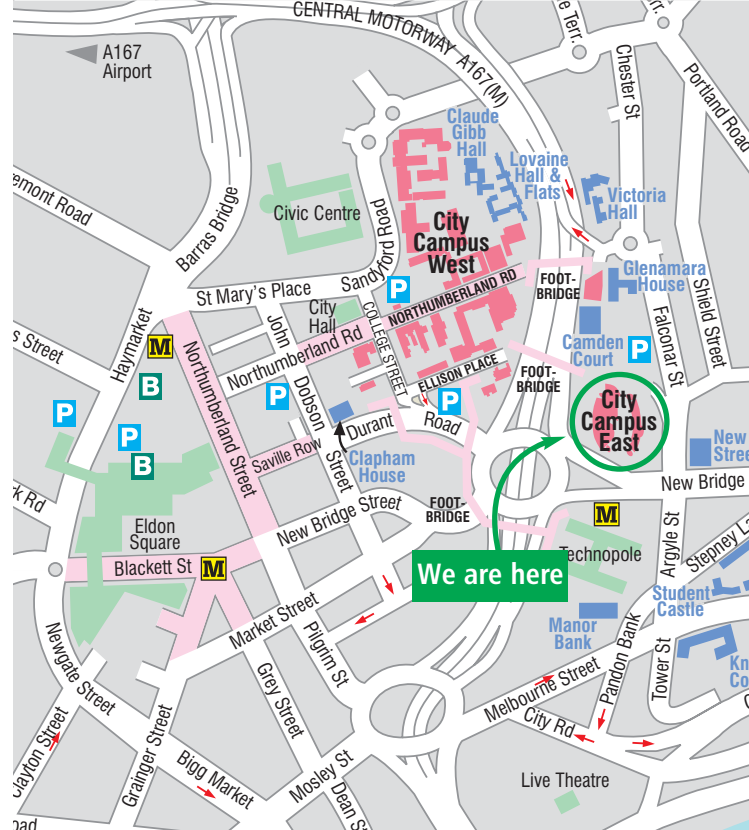
Team of the Year – Highly Commended

2008

Times Higher Education Awards Outstanding Contribution to the Community – Shortlisted

Attorney General's Pro Bono Awards

Law School of the Year – Winner



Northumbria University is situated in Newcastle upon Tyne city centre. The Student Law Office is located in the School of Law at City Campus East, where visitors should report to reception.

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School of Law

Do you need help with an Environmental Law problem?



Northumbria University Student Law Office

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Real Solutions

Real Life



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Environmental Law Project

If you have an environmental legal problem but cannot afford legal advice or representation, the award winning Student Law Office at Northumbria University's School of Law may be able to help you.

The Environmental Law Project offers a free legal advice service to members of the public facing environmental legal issues including:

- Pollution and contamination
- Nuisance
- Noise problems
- Water pollution and resource issues such as discharge consents and abstraction licences
- Flooding
- Wildlife and countryside issues
- Waste
- Environmental prosecutions
- Air emissions such as dust and odours
- Public participation in planning and environmental decision making
- Advice on changes in government policy in relation to environmental and planning matters
- Town and village greens and common land

Supervising solicitor profiles

Jennifer Stephens

Jennifer completed her training contract at Dickinson Dees LLP, qualifying as a solicitor in the Environment and Safety team in 2004. Jennifer advised public and private sector clients on contentious and non-contentious environmental issues and became an associate in 2009. She has represented clients in a range of environmental matters and has experience of civil and criminal procedure in the Magistrates' Court, the Crown Court and the County Court. Jennifer also advised clients on compliance issues as well as environmental risks arising in property, corporate and commercial transactions.

Jennifer closely supervises the work completed by final year law students and has overall responsibility for the progress of each case.

Christopher Simmonds

Chris qualified as a Solicitor under the Qualified Lawyers Transfer Regulations in 2008 and has worked for local authorities for four years specialising in Planning Law. He has experience of advising on planning applications that are of environmental importance including developments in the open countryside and within designated Green Belt land. He also has experience in all areas of planning enforcement, including Enforcement Notices, Breach of Condition Notices and Notices served under s.215 of the Town and Country Planning Act. Chris has also advised on various regulatory actions (including enforcement) in relation to statutory nuisances and drainage issues.

Chris has worked closely with other statutory bodies, including Natural England and the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Partnership for the North Pennines.

How we work

The Student Law office runs just like an ordinary solicitor's practice. Set up in 1991, it handles hundreds of cases each year.

The first step is to get in touch by either giving us a call on 0191 227 3909 or emailing us on la.studentlawoffice@northumbria.ac.uk with details of your enquiry. If your enquiry is accepted, you will be contacted usually within two weeks, and asked to come in for an initial interview so that we can assess whether we will be able to help you. If we can assist, we will help you by providing legal advice, writing letters on your behalf, liaising with regulators and negotiating settlements. All interviews and discussions are confidential. Please note that we will usually only accept enquiries between September and March.

We cannot take on every case, so if we cannot help you, we will try to refer you to someone who may be able to assist.

