



The Law Society



CPD Centre for the The Law Society of England and Wales

Background

The Law Society is the professional body representing solicitors in England and Wales. One of its functions is to provide guidance, training and advice to support solicitors in their practice and to encourage the maintenance of the very highest standards across the profession.

Challenge

The Solicitors Regulation Authority, which is the body responsible for regulating the profession, operates mandatory continuing professional development (CPD) for the 130,000+ solicitors in its constituency.

The Law Society contracted Aurion Learning to design and develop an online tool that would:

- help members identify suitable CPD opportunities;
- make it easy for its members to plan and manage their CPD activities; and
- assist the Law Society monitor the CPD activities of its members.



The Law Society also stipulated that administrators, employers and training providers would all need access to the CPD management tool and that it would have to support e-commerce, advertising and e-learning.

Solution

Designed and built by Aurion Learning, **cpdengage** is a sophisticated and flexible tool that supports the management, delivery and administration of online CPD. We knew that **cpdengage** had the core features the Law Society needed for their **CPD Centre**. However, we needed to customise it to meet their requirements.

Benefits for learners

The Law Society's **CPD Centre** helps members self-assess to identify their strengths and competency gaps against key development areas for solicitors and other legal practitioners. The CPD Directory lists all available training courses so members can produce a yearly development plan. Members can and buy and pay for their courses online because the **CPD Centre** supports e-commerce. Members can also record and evaluate completed training activities in their online portfolio.

Client says:

"The Law Society was pleased to work with Aurion Learning to launch the very successful CPD Centre, which is helping our members plan and manage their continuing professional development.

The CPD Centre is an invaluable resource that our members find easy to use and is especially tailored to our e-learning programmes such as Lexcel Risk Management."

Desmond Hudson, Chief Executive

Manage CPD Online



Benefits for administrators

Administrators can advise members of news, events, training courses and submission deadlines. They can also run reports, manage the online payment centre and add advertising banners. Employers can align their training courses to Law Society development areas and add their internal training courses (optional and mandatory). They can also view employee member records on an individual and group basis and run reports. Finally, training providers can update course listings, map training courses to development areas and run reports.

E-Learning

Aurion Learning was also commissioned to design and build a suite of e-learning programmes for the CPD Centre that members can purchase and complete online. These include:

- Solicitors' Code of Conduct;
- Lexcel Risk Management;
- Money Laundering Regulations 2007;
- Solicitors' Accounts Rules 1998;
- Equality and Diversity in Practice;
- SRA Principles and Code of Conduct;
- SRA Account Rules 2011;
- The Role of Compliance Officers for Legal Practice; and
- The Bribery Act 2010.

Members must pass an online assessment for each e-learning course. Their CPD points are automatically entered into their CPD record after they complete a reflection on the course.

E-learning Programmes



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Results

The Law Society is delighted with the end result and has now made its **CPD Centre** available to all its members.

It is now much easier for members of the Law Society to identify their development gaps, find suitable training courses and plan, record and evaluate their CPD activities.

Members don't even have to leave their desk to participate in CPD activities because there is now a range of e-learning courses available through the **CPD Centre**.

The Law Society is able to monitor CPD activities across the entire professional body, identify key competency gaps and provide targeted training opportunities.

