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LIFE IN LAW SCHOLARSHIPS 2027

Scholarship Terms and Conditions

These terms apply to everyone who applies for a Life in Law Scholarship, and to the scholars chosen. Please read them before you register your interest.

£12,000
Diploma fee covered in full, plus exam fees

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Scholarships, each chosen by its namesake

15 Jan 2027
Applications close at 11:59pm

1 About these terms

1.1 These terms apply to the Life in Law Scholarships 2027 (the **Scholarships**), run by Datalaw Ltd (**Datalaw**, **we**, **us**).

1.2 There are four Scholarships, each named after a guest of the Life in Law podcast: Mark Senior, Emma Carey, Elkan Abrahamson and Donna Scully (each a **Namesake**).

1.3 By submitting an application you agree to these terms. A person awarded a Scholarship is a **Scholar**.

2 What the Scholarship covers

2.1 Each Scholarship covers the full fee for Datalaw's CILEx Level 6 Diploma (the **Diploma**), valued at £12,000, and all exam and assessment fees charged by Datalaw.

2.2 The Scholarship has no cash value, cannot be exchanged or transferred, and can only be used for the Diploma cohort we offer you.

3 Who can apply

3.1 To apply, you must:

- be aged 18 or over;
- live in England or Wales;
- be working in a law firm or legal role, and continue in one throughout the Diploma, so that you can evidence the competencies needed to qualify as a Chartered Legal Executive; and
- meet the entry requirements for one of the two Diploma routes: the Graduate route, for those with a law degree, or the Non-Graduate route, for those without one.

3.2 You may apply for more than one Scholarship. You must complete a separate application for each, and you can only accept one Scholarship.

4 How Scholars are chosen

4.1 Applications open on Monday 2 November 2026 and close at 11:59pm on Friday 15 January 2027. Late applications will not be considered.

4.2 **Stage 1, register your interest.** Datalaw's judging panel reviews all applications and shortlists applicants for each Scholarship.

4.3 **Stage 2, interview.** Shortlisted applicants answer a set of questions we send in advance, either by recorded video or in person at the Datalaw studio. Each Namesake reviews the interviews for their Scholarship and selects three finalists.

4.4 **Stage 3, final conversation.** The three finalists meet the Namesake for a conversation, after which the Namesake chooses their Scholar.

4.5 If you are shortlisted for more than one Scholarship, you may be invited to more than one interview or final conversation, but you can only be awarded one Scholarship.

4.6 The Namesake's decision is final. We will tell every applicant the outcome, but we may not be able to give individual feedback.

4.7 We may decide not to award a Scholarship if no suitable applicant is found, and we may change the timetable if needed. We will tell applicants about any change.

4.8 The expected timetable is:

w/c 18 January 2027	Applications reviewed and shortlisted
w/c 1 February 2027	Interviews, then Namesakes choose their three finalists
w/c 8 February 2027	Final conversations with the Namesakes
w/c 15 February 2027	All applicants told the outcome
w/c 22 February 2027	Scholars announced publicly

5 Accepting the Scholarship

5.1 Scholars must accept the Scholarship in writing within 7 days of being offered it, and complete enrolment by the date we give.

5.2 If a Scholar does not accept in time, or withdraws before starting, we may offer the Scholarship to another finalist.

5.3 Accepting the Scholarship includes agreeing to the Scholar Ambassador role in section 7 and giving the permissions in section 8.

6 Study commitments

6.1 Scholars must follow Datalaw's learner policies, attend required sessions, submit work on time and take part in progress reviews.

6.2 Each Scholar will agree with their tutor how long they can go without engaging with the Diploma before a check-in is needed. If a Scholar goes beyond that agreed period without good reason, we will contact them to agree a plan. If no plan is agreed, we may end the Scholarship.

6.3 If a Scholar leaves their law firm or legal role, they must tell us within 14 days. We will work with them to find a way to continue, and the Scholarship may be paused. If they are not back in a suitable role within 3 months, we may end the Scholarship.

6.4 A Scholar who withdraws, or whose Scholarship is ended, will not be asked to repay any fees.

6.5 Breaks in learning for health, caring or other personal reasons will be handled with care under our usual learner policies.

7 Datalaw Scholar Ambassador

7.1 On enrolling, every Scholar becomes a Datalaw Scholar Ambassador and agrees to document their journey on the Diploma and the progress of their legal career.

7.2 The ambassador period runs from enrolment until the end of the Diploma, and for 12 months after qualifying.

7.3 During this period, Scholars agree to take part in activities such as short videos and social media posts about their progress, filmed check-ins at key points in the course, a return visit to the Life in Law studio, and a reasonable number of events, with dates agreed in advance.

7.4 Scholars must act professionally in all ambassador activity, follow the ambassador guidelines provided with their Scholarship offer, and comply with their employer's policies and any professional conduct rules that apply to them.

7.5 Scholars must never share confidential information about clients, cases, their employer or other learners.

7.6 Datalaw may review content that features its brand before it is published, and may ask for changes to keep it accurate.

7.7 Scholars are free to share their honest views about their experience. Datalaw will never ask a Scholar to say anything untrue.

8 Use of name, image and content

8.1 Scholars agree that Datalaw and the Namesake may use their name, photo, voice, video and story, and any content they create as an ambassador, to promote the Scholarships, the Diploma and Datalaw, in any media.

8.2 This permission covers content created during the ambassador period. If a Scholar withdraws consent in writing, Datalaw will stop creating new content with them but may keep using content already published.

8.3 Scholars keep ownership of the content they create and give Datalaw a free, non-exclusive licence to use it as described above.

8.4 Scholars agree that their name and Scholarship may be announced publicly from the week commencing 22 February 2027.

9 Your personal data

9.1 We use applicants' personal data to run the Scholarships, in line with our Privacy Notice and UK data protection law.

9.2 Applications and interviews are shared only with the judging panel and the Namesake of each Scholarship you apply for.

9.3 Unsuccessful applications are deleted 6 months after the Scholarships are awarded, unless the applicant agrees otherwise.

10 General

10.1 We may change these terms where reasonably necessary, and will tell applicants and Scholars about any change that affects them.

10.2 Nothing in these terms limits any liability that cannot be limited by law.

10.3 These terms are governed by the law of England and Wales.

Questions about the Scholarships? Email lexie.cheesewright@datalaw.org or call 0151 236 2024, Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm.