

Introduction

The main purpose of this journal is to provide you with opportunities to:

- apply, test and reflect on what has been learned during the *minimum period of work experience* (i.e. work experience totalling 15 days within Australia and either concurrently or after the coursework component), when you are interacting with practising lawyers, other staff, government officers and clients; and
- reflect on the nature of legal practice and your aptitude for engaging in it.

Submission and Assessment

If you are undertaking the 75-day option for work experience, submission of the journal is compulsory. If you are undertaking the CEM option for work experience, submission is not required as reflective analysis occurs during the CEM.

This journal should cover *only the minimum period of work experience* (referred to above). *If you undertake multiple placements to complete the minimum period, you should complete the journal for each of those placements.*

The journal will be assessed as to the adequacy of your reflection on that work experience. Please follow indicative word count for each question. Note that text boxes expand to enable you to provide a full answer. Your answers must demonstrate insight into the value gained from the work placement.

You should discuss your journal with your supervisor, who is required to sign at the end of the journal before you submit it. The supervisor may also use it as a framework for providing you with feedback.

Instructions

1. Describe how your work experience has contributed to your understanding of what a legal practitioner does in the course of legal practice. You should reflect and give 3 specific examples of how your understanding was challenged or confirmed by the work experience. (300–500 words)

2. Your PLT Plus program includes training in:

- Ethics and professional responsibility
- Oral and written communication
- Advocacy
- Interviewing
- Drafting
- Negotiation
- Problem solving
- Managing work and time
- Resilience
- Civil litigation
- Property practice
- Commercial and corporate practice
- Your 2 elective subjects

Give 3 examples of how you were able to apply elements of this training in your work experience placement(s).
(300-500 words)

3a. Identify 2 or 3 of the experiences during your work placement(s) which you consider were significant and likely to have an impact on your future actions as a legal practitioner. (200-300 words)

3b. Reflect and describe how these experiences are likely to influence your future actions. (200-300 words)

Student signature

Date

Supervisor's statement

I have discussed this journal with
and I am satisfied that it correctly reflects experience undertaken under my supervision.

Supervisor's Name

Date

Supervisor's Signature

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Inadequate	Please see attached feedback