

Fact and figures

About The Chartered Institute of Legal Executives (CILEx):

- CILEx came into being after the former Institute of Legal Executives was awarded a Royal Charter by the Queen in Council on 13 October 2011. The charter itself was then presented to CILEx president, Susan Silver, and CEO, Diane Burleigh OBE, on 30 January 2012 by Justice Minister Jonathan Djanogly.
- We have roots going back to 1892, when there is the first recorded meeting of Managing Clerks at The Girdlers Hall in the City of London. Managing Clerks featured in Victorian and Edwardian literature. Charles Dickens was a solicitor's clerk (he drew on his experience for characters in his novels) and a Solicitor's Managing Clerk is featured in Galsworthy's Justice).
- CILEx has around 20,000 members who are either trainee and practising Chartered Legal Executive Lawyers (7,700 are Fellows and so fully qualified lawyers).
- Since 1989, the Chartered Institute of Legal Executives (CILEx) has enabled around 92,500 people to pursue a successful career in law through vocational learning.
- On average, 74% of CILEx members are women and 36% of CILEx students are from a BAME background (compared to 7.9% for the UK population as a whole).
- CILEx opens up access to a career as a lawyer to all. 82% of CILEx members do not have a parent who attended university, and only 2% of CILEx members have a parent who is a lawyer.
- As well as being an awarding organisation regulated by Ofqual, CILEx also works in partnership with City & Guilds; the UK's largest awarding body. In conjunction with City & Guilds, CILEx offers a range of legal studies and legal secretary qualifications which are available in over 70 centres in the UK and overseas.
- CILEx is unique in being a non-graduate route to qualification as a lawyer, although graduates are welcomed and the CILEx Graduate Fast Track Diploma gives law graduates intending to practice law a more affordable and viable alternative to the LPC.
 - CILEx now delivers Level 3 and Level 4 Apprenticeships in Legal Services.

About Chartered Legal Executive lawyers:

- Chartered Legal Executives are able to become judges, partners, coroners and advocates
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- Chartered Legal Executives can represent their clients in court and become advocates.
- Chartered Legal Executives' rights are on an increasingly level playing field with barristers and solicitors.
- Chartered Legal Executives can recover costs at the same level as solicitors once they reach 8 years' Post Qualification Experience in litigation (known as Grade A rates)
- Chartered Legal Executives can become partners in law firms, coroners, judges or advocates in open court, and now litigators, immigration practitioners, conveyancers and probate practitioners. They can also set up and run their own law firms providing reserved legal activities.

