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This year IPLS celebrates its 20th anniversary. There has been considerable change in the last five years, particularly in the Institute's management structure, course delivery (now predominately online) and course content (which has been developed through input from stakeholders). IPLS has effectively responded to the ever changing and evolving legal and educational environment. The one factor that remains constant is that IPLS continually strives for, and achieves, excellence. We look forward to another 20 years of serving our stakeholders and providing excellence in professional legal training in New Zealand.

Bernadette Wilson
National Director

2008 Course Dates

Part time Online Courses (19 weeks) Available in all centres

Intake 2D	3 March 2008 to 12 July 2008
Intake 3D	7 April 2008 to 16 August 2008
Intake 4D	19 May 2008 to 27 September 2008
Intake 5D	4 August 2008 to 13 December 2008
Intake 6D	8 December 2008 to 2 May 2009

Full time Onsite Courses (13 weeks)

Intake 1	26 March 2008 to 25 June 2008	Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch
Intake 2	4 August 2008 to 31 October 2008	Auckland, Wellington
Intake 3	8 December 2008 to 20 March 2009	Available in all centres

Come and meet us at the Career Fairs

You will find us at the following law career fairs listed below. Come and have a chat with us. We would love to meet you and discuss your career and how we can assist.

Otago:	12 May, 11am to 3pm, Main Common Room
Canterbury:	14 May and Information Sessions on 31 March, 5pm to 7pm, and 10 September 5pm to 7pm
Victoria:	11 March, 11am to 2pm, Rutherford House Foyer
Waikato:	12 March
Auckland:	29 July
Virtual Career Fair:	3 to 20 March www.vcf.graduatecareers.co.au

Law Distribution Day at all Law Schools is held on the 12 and 13 March. Look out for our new Information Packs.



New instructors

Welcome to Jamie Moore in Wellington and Val Farrow in Dunedin. Both will be teaching Litigation and Legal Practice. They have extensive practical experience and will be a great asset to our team.

Soon to our web site...

We will soon have our instructor photos and profiles on our web site.

What makes a great teacher?

This is an often asked question and some very informative guidance can be found in an article in a recent North and South; *Those Who Can Teach* by Stacey Anyan. In the article the following qualities are identified as making a great teacher; passion, interpersonal skills, causing learning, creativity, love of learning and organisational skills. The article also highlighted a teaching profile developed by Professor Russell Bishop of the University of Waikato. The teacher profile set out the following combination of qualities and skills as having the greatest positive impact on student learning:

1. Mutual trust, respect and concern.
2. High teacher expectations of students.
3. Superior teacher organisation and management.
4. Interactive teaching with use of feedback and feed forward techniques.
5. Range of teaching strategies.
6. Ongoing assessment and an awareness of the needs and capabilities of individual students.

These skills and qualities are also identified as important by IPLS when we employ instructors. In addition our instructors receive regular training which encompasses many of these skills and qualities.



Staff Profile: Michael Pullar, Compliance and Delivery Manager

How long have you been an instructor at IPLS?

This is my 4th year and I am also the National Compliance and Delivery Manager.

Where are you based and what areas do you instruct in?

Based in Dunedin. I can teach both modules (Legal Practice and Litigation) in both modes of delivery (onsite and online).

What did you do prior to instructing?

Before IPLS I spent 10 years as a lawyer in private practice. Initially, in general litigation, then as a civil litigation specialist. During my last three years in practice I branched out a bit and did general property and commercial work as well.

What do you enjoy most about teaching IPLS trainees?

As an instructor, I enjoy the interaction with our trainees. It's extremely satisfying assisting them to acquire new skills. They're fun people to be around.

Any particular words of wisdom for students?

Good luck with the next stage of your life. I hope you enjoy the transition.

When I am not at work you will find me...

At home with my family or out tramping. I also do consulting work for the Te Araroa Trust which is establishing a national tramping trail. If you are interested, check out www.teararoa.org.nz and offer to assist with the project.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you require any further information or have any queries

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