



External Quality Assurance

Level 6 Chartered Legal Executive and
Level 7 Chartered Legal Executive
Litigator and Advocate Apprenticeship

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Introduction

CILEx Regulation (CRL) was appointed to act as the External Quality Assurer for the Chartered Legal Executive Apprenticeship in October 2018.

The Admissions and Licensing Committee has oversight responsibility for CRL's role as External Quality Assurer for the Chartered Legal Executive Apprenticeship.

This report provides a review of the work CRL has conducted in the role during 2024.

Work completed during 2024

CRL undertook a review visit of CILEX in May 2024 and has monitored CILEX's progress with the action plan set following that meeting. We also undertook a further review visit in October 2024 at which a further action plan was created. The report of the visit in October 2024 was reported to the Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education. A version of that report is attached at Appendix 1 to this report.

The Level 6 Chartered Legal Executive Apprenticeship Standard (Version 1.1) and the Level 7 Chartered Legal Executive Litigator and Advocate Standard (Version 1.0), have now been in operation for over 12 months and CILEX is anticipating the first end-point assessment taking place in September 2026.

61 apprentices completed the Level 6 Chartered Legal Executive Apprenticeship Standard (Version 1.0) in 2024.

Forward look

In 2025, CRL plans to continue with its review visits to CILEX to ensure that the Chartered Legal Executive Apprenticeship is being completed in accordance with the Standard, Assessment Plan, and relevant Institute guidance.

We will continue to work with CILEX on the end-point assessment requirements for the new Level 7 Standard to ensure what is developed and implemented for the Advocacy component of the framework meets regulatory requirements.

In 2024, the UK government announced a review of funding of Level 7 Apprenticeship Standards that may have an impact on the Chartered Legal Executive Litigator and Advocate Apprenticeship Level 7 Standard. CRL are closely monitoring developments.

In 2025, IfATE will be replaced by the new Skills England. CRL are in regular communication with colleagues within IfATE to understand the transition arrangements to the new organisation.

AML supervision

As a further addition to its remit, the Board has assigned oversight of CRL's Economic Crime and AML activities to the SRC, although the Executive will continue to make regular reports to the Board. This ensures that the SRC will be well placed to approve the annual AML Sectoral Risk Assessment and the AML Supervision Report before it is presented to the Board for noting.

Other areas of oversight

The SRC noted there was no further update on the progress of CRL's application to become a Designated Professional Body (DPB) under the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000.

Areas for development in 2025

- Review the Terms of Reference for the SRC
- Review the CRL's Risk Appetite Statement
- Review and comment on CRL's Risk Reporting
- Review and approve CRL's AML Sectoral Risk Assessment
- Review and approve CRL's AML Supervision Report 2024-2025 To provide input into work related to the LSB policy statement on empowering consumers.