

Council of Legal Education (CLE): Archives, 1852-1997

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COUNCIL OF LEGAL EDUCATION ARCHIVES: SERIES LIST

CLE/1: Minutes and Papers of Committees of the Inns of Court, 1845-1962

Extent and form: 8 volumes

Administrative history: the first Legal Education Committee of the Four Inns (CLE/1/1), established in 1845, recommended in 1852 the creation of a standing Council of Legal Education, resulting in the establishment of the CLE. In 1858 a second Legal Education Committee of the Four Inns (CLE/1/2) was established to reconsider the whole subject of legal education; it produced its report in 1959. In 1863 a Joint Board of Examiners (CLE/1/3) was appointed by the Four Inns to conduct the examination of students previous to admission at any of the Inns. A further Committee of the Four Inns (CLE/1/4) was set up in 1870 to discuss the proposals of the Legal Education Association for the establishment of a University or School of Law. Its report was produced in 1871. The Standing Joint Committee on the Duties and Discipline of the Bar (CLE/1/5), possibly established in 1910 with representatives from each of the Inns, also dealt with regulations for admission of students.

Scope and content: this series contains the minute books of legal education and related committees of the Inns of Court. They may be the original minute books, or copies made for the CLE.

Access: open other than CLE/1/5 which is closed for 75 years as the files contain personal data. **Closed items are designated in red.**

Reproduction: fragile - not to be copied

Item list:

Reference	Title	Dates
CLE/1/1	Legal Education Committee: minute book	1845-1852
CLE/1/2	Legal Education Committee of the Four Inns of Court: minutes of proceedings	1858-1859
<u>CLE/1/3</u>	Joint Board of Examiners (of the Four Inns): rules, minutes and orders and results of examinations (bound vols with integral indexes):-	1863-1911
CLE/1/3/1	Vol 1	1863-1875
CLE/1/3/2	Vol 2	1875-1898
CLE/1/3/3	Vol 3	1899-1911
CLE/1/4	Legal Education Committee of the Four Inns of Court: minute book	1870-1871

Reference	Title	Dates
CLE/1/5	Reports of the Standing Joint Committee on the Duties and Discipline of the Bar (bound volumes). The series appears to be incomplete; in the report of the meeting which disbanded the committee in 1962 it is noted that the committee has functioned for 50 years, indicating that it was instituted in c.1910. The extant volumes deal with regulations on admission of students in absentia e.g. because of the war, as follows:-	1942-1962
CLE/1/5/1	Vol 1 CLOSED until 2029	1942-1953
CLE/1/5/2	Vol 2 CLOSED until 2038	1953-1962

CLE/2: Minutes of Proceedings of the Council of Legal Education, 1852-1997

Extent and form: 18 volumes.

Access: open

Conditions of copying: fragile: not to be copied. Loose minutes at CLE/4 should be used for photocopying of later papers.

Administrative history: the CLE and its Council were established by the Committee of the Four Inns in 1852. Meetings of the Council were held in one of the Inns of Court until the CLE obtained its own premises.

Scope and content: the minute books contain minutes of proceedings, including the establishment and amendment of rules and regulations, reports, including annual reports to the Senate of the Four Inns (later the Bar Council) and accounts, lists of students passing examinations and lists of studentships awarded.

Arrangement: volumes 1-14 are so numbered on the spine.

Finding aids: volumes 1-13 have integral indexes.

Access: open 30 years after last date on file. **Closed items are designated in red.**

Item list:

Reference	Description	Dates
CLE/2/1	Minute book	1852-1861
CLE/2/2	Minute book	1861-1868
CLE/2/3	Minute book	1869-1874
CLE/2/4	Minute book	1875-1881
CLE/2/5	Minute book	1881-1890
CLE/2/6	Minute book	1891-1897

Reference	Description	Dates
CLE/2/7	Minute book	1898-1905
CLE/2/8	Minute book	1906-1912
CLE/2/9	Minute book	1912-1920
CLE/2/10	Minute book	1920-1931
CLE/2/11	Minute book	1931-1949
CLE/2/12	Minute book	1949-1959
CLE/2/13	Minute book	1960-1969
CLE/2/14	Minute book	1969-1975
CLE/2/15	Minute book	1975-1987
CLE/2/16	Minute book	1987-1992
CLE/2/17	Minute book. CLOSED until 2026	1993-1995
CLE/2/18	Minute book. CLOSED until 2028	1996-1997

CLE/3: Duplicate Minutes of Council Meetings, 1856-1864

Extent and form: 2 volumes

Scope and content: this series comprises two volumes of duplicate minutes. There is no indication as to why the copies were made, but it is possible that they were intended for one of the Inns of Court.

Access: open

Conditions of copying: fragile: not to be photocopied

Item list:

Reference	Title	Dates
CLE/3/1	Minutes of meetings	1856-1863
CLE/3/2	Minutes of meetings	1863-1864

CLE/4: Council Agenda, Minutes and Papers, 1968-1997

Extent and form: 7 boxes

Scope and content: this series comprises loose agenda, minutes and papers, some annotated, of Council proceedings. The records are more detailed and often contain more information than the minute books at CLE/3. From the 1980s some papers are addressed to the Dean of IC SL, and some Dean's and Registrar's correspondence is included, so it is probable that the series comprises the Dean's copies of minutes and papers following the School's establishment in 1967. It appears from the numbering system that the series was not maintained prior to

1968.

Arrangement: the papers were originally filed, in chronological order in ring binders and numbered 1-29; each group of papers has now been placed in folders in the same order.

Access: open 30 years after last date on file. **Closed items are designated in red.**

Item list:

Reference	Title	Dates
CLE/4/1	Agenda, minutes and papers	July 1968 - Oct 1969
CLE/4/2	Agenda, minutes and papers	Dec 1969 - Nov 1970
CLE/4/3	Agenda, minutes and papers	Dec 1970 - Oct 1971
CLE/4/4	Agenda, minutes and papers	Nov 1971 - Dec 1972
CLE/4/5	Agenda, minutes and papers	Jan 1973 - July 1974
CLE/4/6	Agenda, minutes and papers	Oct 1974 - May 1976
CLE/4/7	Agenda, minutes and papers	July 1976 - Feb 1978
CLE/4/8	Agenda, minutes and papers	Apr 1978 - Feb 1980
CLE/4/9	Agenda, minutes and papers	Feb 1980 - July 1981
CLE/4/10	Agenda, minutes and papers	Dec 1981 - June 1983
CLE/4/11	Agenda, minutes and papers	Oct 1983 - Nov 1985
CLE/4/12	Agenda, minutes and papers	Jan – Nov 1986
CLE/4/13	Agenda, minutes and papers	Jan – May 1987
CLE/4/14	Agenda, minutes and papers	July 1987
CLE/4/15	Agenda, minutes and papers	Feb – Mar 1988
CLE/4/16	Agenda, minutes and papers	June – Oct 1988
CLE/4/17	Agenda, minutes and papers	Dec 1988 - Apr 1989
CLE/4/18	Agenda, minutes and papers	May – July 1989
CLE/4/19	Agenda, minutes and papers	Oct 1989
CLE/4/20	Agenda, minutes and papers	Dec 1989 - May 1990
CLE/4/21	Agenda, minutes and papers	July 1990 - Feb 1991
CLE/4/22	Agenda, minutes and papers	Mar - July 1991
CLE/4/23	Agenda, minutes and papers	Oct 1991
CLE/4/24	Agenda, minutes and papers	Dec 1991- Mar 1992
CLE/4/25	Agenda, minutes and papers	June – July 1992
CLE/4/26	Agenda, minutes and papers	Oct 1992 - Feb 1993

Reference	Title	Dates
CLE/4/27	Agenda, minutes and papers	Feb - Mar 1993
CLE/4/28	Agenda, minutes and papers	Mar - June 1993
CLE/4/29	Agenda, minutes and papers	July - Oct 1993
CLE/4/30	Agenda, minutes and papers	Nov - Dec 1993
CLE/4/31	Agenda, minutes and papers. CLOSED until 2025	Feb - Apr 1994
CLE/4/32	Agenda, minutes and papers. CLOSED until 2025	May - July 1994
CLE/4/33	Agenda, minutes and papers. CLOSED until 2025	July - Oct 1994
CLE/4/34	Agenda, minutes and papers. CLOSED until 2025	Nov - Dec 1994
CLE/4/35	Agenda, minutes and papers. CLOSED until 2026	Feb 1995
CLE/4/36	Agenda, minutes and papers. CLOSED until 2026	Mar 1995
CLE/4/37	Agenda, minutes and papers. CLOSED until 2026	June 1995
CLE/4/38	Agenda, minutes and papers. CLOSED until 2026	July 1995
CLE/4/39	Agenda, minutes and papers. CLOSED until 2026	Sept - Oct 1995
CLE/4/40	Agenda, minutes and papers. CLOSED until 2026	Nov - Dec 1995
CLE/4/41	Agenda, minutes and papers. CLOSED until 2027	Feb 1996
CLE/4/42	Agenda, minutes and papers. CLOSED until 2027	Mar 1996
CLE/4/43	Agenda, minutes and papers. CLOSED until 2027	June - July 1996
CLE/4/44	Agenda, minutes and papers. CLOSED until 2028	Sep 1996 - Jan 1997

CLE/5: Consolidated Regulations of the Four Inns of Court, 1852-1995

Extent and form: 2 volumes, 1 box

Scope and content: these volumes contain rules and regulations of the Inns, including reports of joint committees of the Four Inns. The regulations were issued on behalf of the Inns by the CLE.

Access: open

Conditions of copying: items 1-2 fragile - not to be photocopied

Item list:

Reference	Title	Dates
CLE/5/1	Consolidated Regulations (bound vol)	1852-1922
CLE/5/2	Consolidated Regulations (bound vol)	1922-1950
CLE/5/3	Consolidated Regulations (printed pamphlets)	1950-1996

CLE/5/4	Consolidated Regulations: notes on amendments	1971-1984
CLE/5/5	Consolidated Regulations: notes on amendments	1985-1989

CLE/6: Printed Documents, 1852-1933

Extent and form: 9 volumes

Access: open

Conditions of copying: fragile - not to be photocopied

Scope and content: these bound volumes comprise the CLE's rules for the public examinations of students, including prospectuses and some correspondence.

Item list:

Reference	Title	Dates
CLE/6/1	Printed documents	1852-1863
CLE/6/2	Printed documents	1863-1880
CLE/6/3	Printed documents	1880-1894
CLE/6/4	Printed documents	1894-1898
CLE/6/5	Printed documents	1902-1909
CLE/6/6	Printed documents	1922-1924
CLE/6/7	Printed documents	1924-1927
CLE/6/8	Printed documents	1928-1930
CLE/6/9	Printed documents	1930-1933

CLE/7: Cash Books, 1852-1915

Extent and form: 4 volumes

Access: open

Conditions of copying: fragile - not to be photocopied

Administrative history: the volumes in the following series (CLE/7-10) comprise the surviving records of the CLE's financial papers from 1852-1915. In 1915 a new system for regulating the CLE's finances was instituted with the creation of the Finance (later Finance and Administration) Committee (see CLE/21-24).

Scope and content: all four surviving volumes in this series list monies received and paid. CLE/7/1 and 3 also give annual abstracts. The two later volumes are numbered "3" and "4" on the cover. Two volumes, numbered 1-2, appear to be wanting for the period 1880-1891, as "cash book no 2" for the 1890s is referred to in CLE/7/3.

Item list:

Reference	Title	Dates
CLE/7/1	Cash book	1852-1863
CLE/7/2	Cash book [Cash book: <u>wanting</u>]	1864-1879 [1880-1891]
CLE/7/3	Cash book. Marked "No 3"	1892-1905
CLE/7/4	Cash book. Marked "No 4"	1905-1915

CLE/8: Records of Vouchers for Payments, 1864-1912

Extent and form: 3 volumes

Access: open

Scope and content: these volumes record payments to readers and examiners and other expenses. It is probable that several volumes in the series are wanting.

Item list:

Reference	Title	Dates
CLE/8/1	Record of vouchers for payments [Record <u>wanting</u>]	1864-1880 [1881-1894]
CLE/8/2	Record of vouchers for payments	1895-1904
CLE/8/3	Record of vouchers for payments	1904-1912

CLE/9: CLE Payments by the Inns of Court, 1879-1912

Extent and form: 1 volume

Access: open

Scope and content: payments are listed chronologically by Inn of Court. Again, this volume is probably the only surviving one of a larger series.

CLE/10: Ledger, Lecture Payments, 1897-1915

Extent and form: 1 volume

Access: open

Scope and content: indexed. Payments are listed by name of reader or lecturer and by year.

CLE/11: Examinations Performance Records, 1861-1957

Extent and form: 24 volumes

Access: items 1-20 open. Remainder closed for 75 years to protect personal data. **Closed items are designated in red.**

Conditions of copying: fragile - not to be photocopied

Scope and content: the volumes contain the results of the examinations of students of the Inns of Court.

Arrangement: arranged chronologically by examination, with name, Inn, marks and total marks. The volumes are numbered on the spine (nos 2-31); several are wanting.

Item list:

Reference	Title	Dates
CLE/11/1	Examinations performance record. With index. Spine missing, but probably No 1	1861-1871
CLE/11/2	No 2	1871-1878
CLE/11/3	No 3	1879-1888
CLE/11/4	No 4	1888-1897
CLE/11/5	No 5	1897-1903
CLE/11/6	No 6	T1903-H1908
CLE/11/7	No 7	E1908-H1911
CLE/11/8	No 8	E1911-T1913
CLE/11/9	No 9	M1913-E1916
CLE/11/10	No 10	T1916-T1920
CLE/11/11	No 11	M1920-M1922
CLE/11/12	No 12	H1923-M1924
CLE/11/13	No 13	H1925-M1926
CLE/11/14	No 14	H1927-M1928
CLE/11/15	No 15	H1929-M1930
CLE/11/16	No 16	H1931-M1932
CLE/11/17	No 17	H1933-M1934
CLE/11/18	No 18	H1935-M1936
CLE/11/19	No 19	H1937-M1938
CLE/11/20	No 20	H1939-T1941
	[Nos 21-23 <u>wanting</u>]	
CLE/11/21	No 24. CLOSED until 2026	M1949-T1950
	[Nos 25-27 <u>wanting</u>]	

Reference	Title	Dates
CLE/11/22	No 28. CLOSED until 2029 [No 29 <u>wanting</u>]	M1953-T1954
CLE/11/23	No 30. CLOSED until 2031	M1955-T1956
CLE/11/24	No 31. CLOSED until 2032	M1956-T1957

CLE/12: CLE Letter Book, 1866-1867

Extent and form: 1 volume

Scope and content: this volume contains letters addressed to the CLE Chairman concerning appointment of Readers and examiners, with some memorials from students. It is apparently the only surviving letter book.

Access: open

Conditions of copying: fragile - not to be photocopied

Item list:

Reference	Title	Dates
CLE/12	Letter book	1866-1867

CLE/13: Minute Book of the Committee of the CLE on Education and Examinations, 1872-1881

Extent and form: 1 volume

Administrative history: the Committee, consisting of eight members of Council, was established by the CLE on 22 February 1872 for the purpose of considering and reporting to Council upon a comprehensive system of legal education for students for the Bar. It also considered the reports of the Royal Commission on the Inns of 1855 and the Committee of the Four Inns of 1859.

Scope and content: the last surviving entry is in 1881; later Committee papers have not survived, though Council minutes show that the Committee continued to make regular reports until it was replaced by the Board of Studies in 1891 (see CLE/18).

Access: open

Conditions of copying: fragile - not to be photocopied

Item list:

Reference	Title	Dates
CLE/13	Minute book	1872-1881

CLE/14: Annual Reports, 1893-1967

Extent and form: 3 volumes

Administrative history: these reports were made annually to the Inns of Court by the CLE in accordance with the requirements of the Consolidated Regulations of 1891 on the appointment of Readers and the creation of the Board of Studies and a General Board of Examiners to oversee lectures and prepare prospectuses.

Scope and content: the reports give details of lectures and classes, examinations, prizes and scholarships. The reports were discontinued from January 1967; in May that year the CLE ceased to be directly responsible to the Inns and answered to the newly constituted Senate of the Inns of Court.

Access: open

Item list:

Reference	Title	Dates
CLE/14/1	Annual Reports	1893-1921
CLE/14/2	Annual Reports	1921-1949
CLE/14/3	Annual Reports	1950-1967

CLE/15: CLE Calendars, 1901-1991/2

Extent and form: 4 boxes

Scope and content: the calendars, which were published annually from 1901 with the title "Calendar of the CLE and the Inns of Court", include details of members of Council, Consolidated Regulations, Rules for examinations of students, examination questions, lectures and classes, scholarships and prizes and pass certificates. Earlier calendars have indexes to students passing examinations. Some calendars are either wanting or were not published for certain years.

Access: open

Calendars for the following years are extant:-

1901	1902	1903/4	1904/5	1905/6	1906/7
1907/8	[1908/9-1913/14 <u>wanting</u>]				
1914/15	1915/16	1916/17	1917/18	[1918/19-1919/20 <u>wanting</u>]	
1920/21	1921/22	[1922/23 <u>wanting</u>]			
1923/24	1924/25	1925/26	1926/27	1927/28	1928/29
1929/30	1930/31	1931/32	1932/33	1933/34	1934/35
1935/36	1936/37	[1937/38 <u>wanting</u>]			
1938/39	1939/40	1940/41	1941/42	1942/43	1943/44

1944/45	1945/46	1946/47	1947/48	1948/49	1949/50
1950/51	1951/52	1952/53	1953/54	1954/55	1955/56
1956/57	1957/58	1958/59	1959/60	1960/61	1961/62
1962/63	1963/64	1964/65	1965/66	1966/67	1967/68
1968/69	1969/70	[1970/71 <u>wanting</u>]			
1971/72	1972/73	1973/74	1974/75	1975/76	1976/77
1977/78	1978/79	1979/80	1980/81	1981/82	1982/83
1983/84	1984/85	1985/86	1986/87	1987/88	1988/89
1989/90	1990/91	1991/92			

CLE/16: Draft Joint Report on Clifford's Inn and the Sale of New Inn, 1902

Extent and form: 1 folder

Access: open

Administrative history: Clifford's Inn and New Inn were two Inns of Chancery; the CLE acquired an endowment through their sale. In 1902 two Committees were appointed to consider the fate of Clifford's Inn and to consider the monies arising from the sale of New Inn respectively. The two Committees put forward a joint report in October 1902. The extant copy is a draft.

CLE/17: Register of Attendance at Periodic Lectures, 1903-1922

Extent and form: 1 volume

Access: open

Conditions of copying: fragile - not to be photocopied

Scope and content: there is no indication as to whether this volume is the only surviving part of a larger series. The first half of the volume covers the period 1903-1908, listing attendance under lecture, then Inn of Court. The second half covers attendance at evening lectures from 1920-1922, by name of lecture, lecturer, date and numbers attending.

CLE/18: Minute Books of the Board of Studies, 1907-1995

Extent and form: 7 volumes

Access: open 30 years after last date on file. **Closed items are designated in red.**

Conditions of copying: fragile - not to be photocopied. Loose minutes at CLE/19 should be used for photocopying of later papers.

Administrative history: the Board of Studies (BOS) was formally established by Consolidated Regulations of 1891 as a sub-committee of the CLE to oversee lectures and prepare

prospectuses. The Board replaced the earlier Committee on Education and Examinations (see CLE/13), following the appointment of the first Director of Legal Studies in 1905. A General Board of Examiners to oversee examinations was also recommended. The Board met regularly until May 1996, when its responsibilities for academic matters were transferred to the Board of Studies of the Inns of Court School of Law.

Scope and content: the earliest minute book of the Board is wanting. The remaining volumes are numbered 2-6 on the spine, except for the last two, which are not numbered. Volumes 2-6 include integral indexes.

Item list:

Reference	Title	Dates
	[No 1 <u>wanting</u>]	
CLE/18/1	Minute book No 2	1907-1925
CLE/18/2	Minute book No 3	1925-1936
CLE/18/3	Minute book No 4	1937-1955
CLE/18/4	Minute book No 5	1955-1967
CLE/18/5	Minute book No 6	1967-1974
CLE/18/6	Minute book	1974-1987
CLE/18/7	Minute book. CLOSED until 2026	1988-1995

CLE/19: Board of Studies Agenda, Minutes and Papers, 1968-1996

Extent and form: 5 boxes

Access: open 30 years after last date on file. Closed items are designated in red.

Scope and content: this series comprises loose agenda, minutes and papers, some annotated, of BOS proceedings. The records are more detailed and often contain more information than the minute books at CLE/18.

Arrangement: the papers were originally filed in chronological order in ring binders numbered 1-22; each group of papers has now been placed in folders in the same order. As with loose Council minutes, it is probable that the series comprises the Dean of IC SL's copies of minutes and papers following the School's establishment in 1967; it appears from the numbering system that the series was not maintained prior to 1968.

Item list:

Reference	Title	Dates
CLE/19/1	Agenda, minutes and papers	1968-1969
CLE/19/2	Agenda, minutes and papers	1970-1971
CLE/19/3	Agenda, minutes and papers	1972

Reference	Title	Dates
CLE/19/4	Agenda, minutes and papers	1973
CLE/19/5	Agenda, minutes and papers	1974-1975
CLE/19/6	Agenda, minutes and papers	1976-1977
CLE/19/7	Agenda, minutes and papers	1978
CLE/19/8	Agenda, minutes and papers	1979-1980
CLE/19/9	Agenda, minutes and papers	1981-1983
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CLE/19/16	Agenda, minutes and papers	Jan - Oct 1991
CLE/19/17	Agenda, minutes and papers	Nov 1991 - Feb 1992
CLE/19/18	Agenda, minutes and papers	May 1992
CLE/19/19	Agenda, minutes and papers	July 1992
CLE/19/20	Agenda, minutes and papers	Nov 1992
CLE/19/21	Agenda, minutes and papers	Jan 1993
CLE/19/22	Agenda, minutes and papers	Mar - May 1993
CLE/19/23	Agenda, minutes and papers	June - Oct 1993
CLE/19/24	Agenda, minutes and papers	Nov 1993
CLE/19/25	Agenda, minutes and papers CLOSED until 2025	Jan - May 1994
CLE/19/26	Agenda, minutes and papers CLOSED until 2025	June - Oct 1994
CLE/19/27	Agenda, minutes and papers CLOSED until 2025	Nov 1994
CLE/19/28	Agenda, minutes and papers CLOSED until 2026	Jan - Mar 1995
CLE/19/29	Agenda, minutes and papers CLOSED until 2026	May - June 1995
CLE/19/30	Agenda, minutes and papers CLOSED until 2026	Oct 1995
CLE/19/31	Agenda, minutes and papers CLOSED until 2026	Nov 1995 - Jan 1996
CLE/19/32	Agenda, minutes and papers CLOSED until 2026	Mar 1996
CLE/19/33	Agenda, minutes and papers CLOSED until 2027	Mar - May 1996

CLE/20: Exemption Cases Books, 1927-1951

Extent and form: 2 volumes

Access: item 1 open. **Item 2 closed for 75 years to protect personal data.**

Conditions of copying: fragile - not to be photocopied

Item list:

Reference	Title	Dates
	[volume 1 is <u>wanting</u>]	
CLE/20/1	Exemption Cases book Vol 2. With integral index	1927-1936
CLE/20/2	Exemption Cases book Vol 3. CLOSED until 2026	1936-1951

CLE/21: Minute Books of the Finance (later Finance and Administration) Committee, 1915-1997

Extent and form: 7 volumes

Access: open 30 years after last date on file. **Closed items are designated in red.**

Administrative history: in October 1914 the Council appointed a Committee to examine and report upon the expenditure of the Council. The Committee recommended the establishment of a Finance Committee, comprising one member from each of the four Inns, with the Council and Board of Studies Chairmen as ex-officio members. The Committee's brief was to examine all proposals for expenditure and investment of funds, to authorise payments and to arrange auditing of accounts. The Committee was to run two accounts, the General (Common Fund) Account and the New Inn Account.

The Committee met irregularly, sometimes only once per annum. By the late 1980s it was meeting 4-5 times per year. In August 1969 the Committee was reconstituted as the Finance and Administration Committee to include a member from the Bar Council. In 1996 responsibility for financial and administrative matters was transferred from the Committee to the governing body of the Inns of Court School of Law.

Scope and content: the first five volumes in the series are numbered 1-5 on the spine and include integral indexes.

Item list:

Reference	Title	Dates
CLE/21/1	Minute book No 1	1915-1924
CLE/21/2	Minute book No 2	1925-1939
CLE/21/3	Minute book No 3	1939-1955
CLE/21/4	Minute book No 4	1955-1967
CLE/21/5	Minute book No 5	1967-1985

CLE/21/6	Minute book. CLOSED until 2026	1986-1995
CLE/21/7	Minute book. CLOSED until 2028	1995-1997

CLE/22: Duplicate Finance Committee Minute Book, 1945-1950

Extent and form: 1 volume

Scope and content: this series comprises one volume of duplicate minutes. There is no indication as to why or for whom the copy was made.

Access: open

CLE/23: Finance (later Finance and Administration) Committee Agenda, Minutes and Papers, 1968-1996

Extent and form: 5 boxes

Scope and content: this series comprises loose agenda, minutes and papers, some annotated, of FAC proceedings. The records are more detailed and often contain more information than the minute books at CLE/21. As with loose Council minutes, it is probable that the series comprises the Inns of Court School of Law's copies of minutes and papers following its establishment in 1967; it appears from the numbering system that the series was not maintained prior to 1968.

Arrangement: the papers were originally filed in chronological order in ring binders numbered 1-18; each group of papers has now been placed in folders in the same order.

Access: open 30 years after last date on file. **Closed items are designated in red.**

Item list:

Reference	Title	Dates
CLE/23/1	Agenda, minutes and papers. Includes list of agenda	1968-1969
CLE/23/2	Agenda, minutes and papers. Includes list of agenda	1970-1972
CLE/23/3	Agenda, minutes and papers	1973-1979
CLE/23/4	Agenda, minutes and papers	1980-1984
CLE/23/5	Agenda, minutes and papers	1985
CLE/23/6	Agenda, minutes and papers	1986
CLE/23/7	Agenda, minutes and papers	Feb - Mar 1987
CLE/23/8	Agenda, minutes and papers	June - Nov 1987
CLE/23/9	Agenda, minutes and papers	Jan - Oct 1988
CLE/23/10	Agenda, minutes and papers	Nov 1988
CLE/23/11	Agenda, minutes and papers	Jan - May 1989

Reference	Title	Dates
CLE/23/12	Agenda, minutes and papers	June - Oct 1989
CLE/23/13	Agenda, minutes and papers	Nov - Dec 1989
CLE/23/14	Agenda, minutes and papers	Jan - Feb 1990
CLE/23/15	Agenda, minutes and papers	May - July 1990
CLE/23/16	Agenda, minutes and papers	Sept - Nov 1990
CLE/23/17	Agenda, minutes and papers	Jan - May 1991
CLE/23/18	Agenda, minutes and papers	July - Oct 1991
CLE/23/19	Agenda, minutes and papers	Nov 1991
CLE/23/20	Agenda, minutes and papers	Jan - May 1992
CLE/23/21	Agenda, minutes and papers	July 1992
CLE/23/22	Agenda, minutes and papers	Nov 1992 - Mar 1993
CLE/23/23	Agenda, minutes and papers	May - July 1993
CLE/23/24	Agenda, minutes and papers	Sept - Nov 1993
CLE/23/25	Agenda, minutes and papers. CLOSED until 2025	Jan - Mar 1994
CLE/23/26	Agenda, minutes and papers. CLOSED until 2025	May - July 1994
CLE/23/27	Agenda, minutes and papers. CLOSED until 2025	Oct - Nov 1994
CLE/23/28	Agenda, minutes and papers. CLOSED until 2026	Jan - Mar 1995
CLE/23/29	Agenda, minutes and papers. CLOSED until 2026	May 1995
CLE/23/30	Agenda, minutes and papers. CLOSED until 2026	July 1995
CLE/23/31	Agenda, minutes and papers. CLOSED until 2026	Oct - Nov 1995
CLE/23/32	Agenda, minutes and papers. CLOSED until 2027	Jan 1996
CLE/23/33	Agenda, minutes and papers. CLOSED until 2027	Mar - May 1996

CLE/24: Finance Committee Correspondence and Papers, 1942-1971

Extent and form: 1 box

Scope and content: the files listed below, originally in a box marked "Finance Committee papers", comprise a collection of documents covering procedure and policy changes, and are probably papers surviving a weeding exercise.

Arrangement: the original file order and titles have been retained.

Access: open

Item list:

Reference	Title	Dates
CLE/24/1	Payment of Accounts [procedure]	1942
CLE/24/2	Finance and Administration [Rules of] procedure	1948-1966
CLE/24/3	[Statements of] Holdings	1961-1963
CLE/24/4	Changes in investments	1966-1968
CLE/24/5	Fees for Bar students	1968
CLE/24/6	Financial matters [reports on CLE financial position]	1969-1971
CLE/24/7	Senate meetings [on] future finances [Senate Future Finance Working Party]	1977
CLE/24/8	Insurance certificates and related correspondence	1958-1962
CLE/24/9	Contents inventory and valuation for insurance	1969
CLE/24/10	Review of costs and fees	1970

CLE/25: New Inn and Common Fund Abstracts of Accounts, 1905-1940

Extent and form: 1 folder

Scope and content: the series contains abstracts of CLE accounts for the New Inn Fund (1905-1909) and for both New Inn and the Common Fund accounts from 1914-1940. Both accounts were administered by the Finance Committee.

Access: open

CLE/26: New Inn Fund Ledgers, 1915-1965

Extent and form: 2 volumes

Scope and content: the volumes are numbered 1-2 and have integral indexes. After 1965 separate account books for the New Inn Fund ceased to be kept but were included in the general accounting records of the CLE (see, eg, CLE/35).

Access: open

Item list:

Reference	Title	Dates
CLE/26/1	New Inn Fund Ledger No 1	1915-1935
CLE/26/2	New Inn Fund Ledger No 2	1936-1965

CLE/27: New Inn Cash Book, 1916-1952

Extent and form: 1 volume

Scope and content: the volume is marked No 1 on the cover, indicating that a second volume once existed, probably for the period 1953-1965.

Access: open

CLE/28: Common Fund Ledgers, 1915-1961

Extent and form: 7 volumes

Scope and content: the first five volumes are numbered 1-5; all volumes have integral indexes. Entries include salaries, contributions from the Inns of Court and administrative expenses.

Access: open

Item list:

Reference	Title	Dates
CLE/28/1	Common Fund ledger No 1	1915-1921
CLE/28/2	Common Fund ledger No 2	1921-1929
CLE/28/3	Common Fund ledger No 3	1929-1938
CLE/28/4	Common Fund ledger No 4	1938-1948
CLE/28/5	Common Fund ledger No 5	1948-1954
CLE/28/6	Common Fund ledger	1955-1960
CLE/28/7	Common Fund ledger	1961-1968

CLE/29: Common Fund Cash Books, 1924-1950

Extent and form: 4 volumes

Arrangement: the volumes are numbered 2-5.

Access: open

Item list:

Reference	Title	Dates
	[Cash book no 1 <u>wanting</u>]	
CLE/29/1	Common Fund cash book No 2	1924-1931
CLE/29/2	Common Fund cash book No 3	1932-1940
CLE/29/3	Common Fund cash book No 4	1940-1948
CLE/29/4	Common Fund cash book No 5	1948-1950

CLE/30: Petty Cash Book, 1927-1942

Extent and form: 1 volume

Access: open

Scope and content: the volume is numbered 2 on the spine. It also contains loose cuttings and correspondence concerning claims for war damage. Volume 1 and quite possibly one or two later volumes are wanting.

CLE/31: Audit Book, 1945-1964

Extent and form: 1 volume

Access: open

Scope and content: this series consists of one volume marked "Accounts book" on the cover. It is in fact a book of audited accounts.

CLE/32: Submissions for Payment Book, 1948-1959

Extent and form: 1 volume

Access: open

Scope and content: the volume contains submissions for payment for the New Inn and Common Fund accounts

CLE/33: House Committee Minute Book, 1949-1951

Extent and form: 1 volume

Access: open

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Administrative history: in 1947 the CLE moved from Old Square to new premises at No 7 Stone Buildings. In 1948 Council agreed to appoint a Committee to supervise and make recommendations to the Finance Committee with regard to all matters concerning the furnishing, equipment and decoration of the premises. The Committee made its final report at a joint meeting with the Finance Committee in 1951.

CLE/34: Income and Expenditure Books, 1950-1980

Extent and form: 2 volumes

Access: item 1 open

Scope and content: the books cover general accounts. There is a gap in the series for the period 1958-1969.

Item list:

Reference	Title	Dates
CLE/34/1	Income and expenditure book	1950-1957
CLE/34/2	Income and expenditure book	1970-1980

CLE/35: Income and Expenditure Books, Itemised Accounts, 1969-1984

Extent and form: 2 volumes

Access: open

Item list:

Reference	Title	Dates
CLE/35/1	Income and expenditure book	1969-1983
CLE/35/2	Income and expenditure book	1969-1984

CLE/36: Account Book, Special Accounts, 1969-1980

Extent and form: 1 volume

Access: open

Scope and content: the account book contains details of the following:

- Barstow Scholarship account 1970-1977
- New Inn current account 1970-1980
- Staff Benevolent Fund account 1969-1980

CLE/37: Payroll Books, 1970-1984

Extent and form: 2 volumes

Access: open

Item list:

Reference	Title	Dates
CLE/37/1	Pay roll (accounts/administration)	1970-1984
CLE/37/2	Pay Roll (clerical)	1970-1981

CLE/38: Audited Annual Accounts, 1971-1995

Extent and form: 1 box

Access: open 30 years after last date on file. **Closed items are designated in red.**

Scope and content: the box contains unsigned copies of audited accounts for the years 1971-1995.

CLE/39: Historical Files, Teaching and Examinations, 1906-1967

Extent and form: 1 box

Access: open

Scope and content: weeding exercises were carried out by the CLE at various times, and this series and the next four series (CLE/40-43) appear to be collections of individual documents or files removed from their original context due to their probable administrative reference and/or historical value. The files listed below were originally in a box marked "Archive material 1: misc. teaching/exams etc 1914-17, 1930s and 1950s etc". The box contained the following files, apparently created as an historical archive, each containing one copy of a relevant rule or regulation.

Arrangement: the original file order and titles have been retained.

Item list:

Reference	Title	Dates
CLE/39/1	Admission qualifications: reports on examinations in secondary schools and subsequent correspondence on recognition by the Council of certificates. [subsequent files numbered i-xii]:-	1914-1917
CLE/39/2	i) Statement of the CLE's views on legal education 1933	1933
CLE/39/3	ii) Report on the teaching of advocacy	1934
CLE/39/4	iii) Document concerning proposed changes in the syllabus	1926; 1934-1935
CLE/39/5	iv) History of the rules for changes in the curriculum	1936
CLE/39/6	v) Memorandum on compulsory reading in Chambers	1931-1937
CLE/39/7	vi) Memorandum on tutorials	1950
CLE/39/8	vii) Colonial students' law tutorials	1951
CLE/39/9	viii) Further memorandum of Gilbert Paull concerning his certificate of pupillage	1951
CLE/39/10	ix) Papers on the inclusion of Roman-Dutch Law and Hindu and Mohammedan Law	1906-1907; 1936
CLE/39/11	x) Introduction of Public International Law into syllabus	1947-1948
CLE/39/12	xi) Appointment and payment of reader, examiners etc	1907-1930
CLE/39/13	xii) Report on the remuneration of teaching staff	1951

Reference	Title	Dates
	[subsequent files numbered i-iv]	
CLE/39/14	i) Composition of the Council	1939; 1946
CLE/39/15	ii) BOS – history	1915-1956
CLE/39/16	iii) CR [Consolidated Regulations] - proposed amendments 1936, CR 2A amendment 1950	1936; 1950
CLE/39/17	iv) CR 2A – wording [subsequent files numbered i-xi]	1950
CLE/39/18	i) Standard of exams and marking	1932
CLE/39/19	ii) Changes in Part II Examination	1936
CLE/39/20	iii) Examination marking rules	1937-1938
CLE/39/21	iv) Overseas examinations	1949
CLE/39/22	v) Standard of Bar Examinations	1950
CLE/39/23	vi) Cheating in Bar Examinations	1951
CLE/39/24	vii) Examination rules for candidates	n.d.
CLE/39/25	viii) Changes in the Bar Examinations	1964
CLE/39/26	ix) Bar Examinations results	1965/6
CLE/39/27	x) Part II: detailed result form	1966
CLE/39/28	xi) CR 23 stops	1967

CLE/40: Historical Files, CLE History and Students, 1937-1984

Extent and form: 1 box

Access: Access: open other than CLE/40/1 and CLE/40/4 which are closed for 75 years as the files contain personal data. **Closed items are designated in red.**

Scope and content: the files listed below were originally in a box marked: "miscellaneous documents from student files pre 1980" and a folder marked "historical file 1949-1984"; as both items contained much of the same material they were amalgamated into one series. The papers mostly comprise regulations, exam papers, lecture timetables and lists of scholarships and awards. Original file titles have been retained.

Item list:

Reference	Title	Dates
CLE/40/1	"Historical file": contains lists of the documents in CLE/40/2 and some documents in CLE/40/4, plus papers relating to review and disposal of student files. CLOSED until 2062	1986

Reference	Title	Dates
CLE/40/2	"Reports, papers etc": historical papers, chronologically arranged	1949-1984
CLE/40/3	"General information": historical summary of legal education in England and Wales and the development of the CLE, with some papers relating to regulations on admissions and qualifications	n.d.
CLE/40/4	[Untitled] miscellaneous press cuttings, lecture time-tables, regulations and sample documents relating to applications for exemptions. CLOSED until 2044	1937-1968

CLE/41: Historical Files, Miscellaneous Reports and Papers, 1951-1989

Extent and form: 4 folders

Access: open

Scope and content: the series originally comprised one box titled "miscellaneous reports and papers". It appears to be a collection of reports and memoranda of historical interest.

Item list:

Reference	Title	Dates
CLE/41/1	CLE Report on the General Certificate of Education	1951
CLE/41/2	Copy of the Report of the Legal Examinations Committee to the Treasurers of the Four Inns (Heald Report)	1963
CLE/41/3	Memoranda and reports on teaching and examinations	1963-1970
CLE/41/4	Memorandum and Articles of Association, with associated papers	1971
CLE/41/5	Memoranda and reports	1971-1989

CLE/42: Historical Files, Memoranda and Reports on Legal Education and Training, annotated, 1968-1984

Extent and form: 2 folders

Scope and content: this series comprises a collection of memoranda and reports, some annotated, on legal education and training.

Arrangement: chronological

Access: open

Item list:

Reference	Title	Dates
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CLE/42/1	Memoranda and reports	1968-1980
CLE/42/2	Memoranda and reports	1981-1984

CLE/43: Historical Files, Miscellaneous Correspondence, 1966-1986

Extent and form: 9 folders

Scope and content: this series appears to be another archival collection of selected papers. It originally comprised one unmarked box containing alphabetically arranged files; the original file titles have been retained.

Access: open

Item list:

Reference	Title	Dates
CLE/43/1	Announcements	1970-1976
CLE/43/2	Law Society	1975-1984
CLE/43/3	Statistics	1966-1970
CLE/43/4	EEC	1974
CLE/43/5	Free Representation Unit	n.d.
CLE/43/6	Mature students	1971-1975
CLE/43/7	Summary justice	n.d.
CLE/43/8	Practical exercises	1970-1984
CLE/43/9	Pupillage register	1974-1986

CLE/44: Chairman's Correspondence, 1967-1973

Extent and form: 2 boxes

Scope and content: this series contains the surviving correspondence and papers of Sir George Coldstream, the first full-time Chairman of the CLE (1970-1973). The records were originally in 3 boxes marked "Sir George Coldstream 1-3" and "Coldstream papers, financial planning 1970-1; closure of College of Law; Sir George Coldstream's files on".

Arrangement: the original order and file titles have been retained.

Access: open other than CLE/44/11, which contains personal data. **Closed items are designated in red.**

Item list:

Reference	Title	Dates
CLE/44/1	Committee on Restoration of Pupillages	1972-1973

Reference	Title	Dates
CLE/44/2	Legal Education Sub-committee	1969
CLE/44/3	CLE and Gibsons: memoranda on possible re-opening of Gibsons	1970
CLE/44/4	Statistics of students	1970
CLE/44/5	CLE expenditure	1970
CLE/44/6	Draft memorandum and articles for proposed incorporation of CLE	n.d.
CLE/44/7	Practical exercises; court attendances; syllabuses for new style learning; timetables etc	1970-1972
CLE/44/8	Legal Education Sub-committee: the new Final	1967
CLE/44/9	Overseas barristers for admission to Inns	1972
CLE/44/10	General correspondence on Northern Ireland	1970
CLE/44/11	The East Pakistani students. CLOSED until 2045	1970
CLE/44/12	Papers for meetings with student associations etc	1970
CLE/44/13	Incorporation Sub-committee	1969
CLE/44/14	Amendments to Consolidated Regulations	1972
CLE/44/15	Academic planning: estimated numbers of students; closing of College of Law	1970
CLE/44/16	Finance and Administration Committee; Senate Committee of Finances of CLE	1970
CLE/44/17 (Parts 1-2)	New fee structure and the Inn-assisted fee scheme	1969-1971

CLE/45: Dean of Faculty's (Later Dean Of ICSL) Correspondence, alphabetically arranged, 1960's-1991

Extent and form: 2 boxes

Administrative history: a Director of Legal Studies was appointed by Council in 1925; it was replaced by the post of Dean of Faculty (later renamed Dean of the Inns of Court School of Law) in 1968.

Scope and content: this series and the next three series comprise various sets of correspondence of two Deans, Charles Morrison (1968-1984) and Mary Phillips (1984- date).

Arrangement: the papers in this series are roughly alphabetically arranged; the original file order and titles have been retained.

Access: open other than CLE/45/10 and 45/15 which contain personal data and are CLOSED for

75 years. **Closed items are designated in red.**

Related material: earlier Directors' correspondence will probably be found in the historical papers at CLE/39-43.

Item list:

Reference	Title	Dates
CLE/45/1	Appeals procedure	1980
CLE/45/2	Computers: Society for Computers and Law	1979-1980
CLE/45/3	Constitution.	1987-1991
CLE/45/4	CNAA	1968-1985
CLE/45/5	New Scheme, CPE	1974-1976
CLE/45/6	Foreign and Commonwealth Office	1973-1974
CLE/45/7	F & CO quota	1973
CLE/45/8	Honorary [Barristers]	1973
CLE/45/9	Honorary calls to the Bar/exemptions from examinations	1972-1973
CLE/45/10	Lloyd versus Bolton Council. CLOSED until 2063 – personal data	1984-1988
CLE/45/11	Lord Chancellor's Department	1970-1973
CLE/45/12	[no title: note on overseas students]	1988-1992
CLE/45/13	Recognition	1975-1977
CLE/45/14	British Rail	1975
CLE/45/15	Spoken English. CLOSED until 2059 – personal data	1973-1984
CLE/45/16	Miscellaneous papers	1960s-1970s
CLE/45/17	Sit-in	1968
CLE/45/18	Mature students	1973-1978
CLE/45/19	Renton [Committee]	1970-1975
CLE/45/20	Bar Students Reform Committee etc	1968
CLE/45/21	Cessation of Part I teaching A	1970s
CLE/45/22	Cessation of Part I teaching B	1970s
CLE/45/23	Cessation of Part I teaching C	1970s
CLE/45/24	Cessation of Part I teaching D	1970s
CLE/45/25	Cessation of Part I teaching E	1970s

CLE/46: Dean's General Correspondence and Papers, chronologically arranged, 1980-1982

Extent and form: 4 folders

Scope and content: this series contains the papers of Dean Charles Morrison and originally consisted of two files, with documents numbered in reverse order 1-92. A hand-written key to contents is at the beginning of the first file. The papers include information on qualifications, appeals procedures, grants and fees.

Access: open

Item list:

Reference	Title	Dates
CLE/46/1	Key to papers nos 1-92, and papers nos 1-20	1980
CLE/46/2	Papers nos 21-50	1980-1981
CLE/46/3	Papers nos 51-70	1981
CLE/46/4	Papers nos 71-92	1981-1982

CLE/47: Dean's Overseas Correspondence, alphabetically arranged, 1959-1994

Extent and form: 2 boxes

Arrangement: the series originally consisted of five bundles of files, marked as follows (the original order has been retained):

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Item list:

Reference	Title	Dates
CLE/47/1	Bermuda	1980-1989
CLE/47/2	Channel Islands. CLOSED until 2025	1980-1994
CLE/47/3	Cyprus	1976-1985
CLE/47/4	Ghana	1969-1981
CLE/47/5	Hong Kong	1994
CLE/47/6	India	1969-1981
CLE/47/7	Northern Ireland	1969-1970
CLE/47/8	Isle of Man	1983-1989
CLE/47/9	Malaysia	1968-1988
CLE/47/10	Mauritius	1975-1988
CLE/47/11	Nigeria	1969-1980

Reference	Title	Dates
CLE/47/12	Nigeria - legal problems	1959-1960
CLE/47/13	Pakistan	1969-1992
CLE/47/14	Rhodesia	1970-1972
CLE/47/15	Singapore	1976-1987
CLE/47/16	Sri Lanka	1979
CLE/47/17	Sudan	1973
CLE/47/18	Thailand	1988
CLE/47/19	Turks & Caicos	1990-1991
CLE/47/20	Uganda	1969
CLE/47/21	West Indies	1973-1985
CLE/47/22	West Indies: Cayman Islands	1982-1986
CLE/47/23	Overseas responses to new scheme of training	1970
CLE/47/24	Overseas responses to new scheme of training - High Commissions	1970-1971

CLE/48: Dean's Correspondence with University Law Schools, alphabetically arranged, 1972-1995

Extent and form: 2 boxes

Arrangement: the series originally consisted of two bundles marked "Correspondence with University law schools B-C and E-Y", in alphabetical order as follows:

Access: open 30 years after last date on file. **Closed items are designated in red.**

Item list:

Reference	Title	Dates
CLE/48/1	City of Birmingham Polytechnic	1974-1983
CLE/48/2	Birmingham University	1973-1988
CLE/48/3	Bristol Polytechnic	1971-1977
CLE/48/4	Bristol University. CLOSED until 2026	1971-1995
CLE/48/5	Brunel University	1977
CLE/48/6	University College at Buckingham	1974-1984
CLE/48/7	Cardiff University College	1974
CLE/48/8	City University	1973-1986

Reference	Title	Dates
CLE/48/9	City and East London College	1976
CLE/48/10	City of London Polytechnic	1974-1979
CLE/48/11	Durham University	1972-1977
CLE/48/12	Ealing Polytechnic	1974-1986
CLE/48/13	University of Essex	1976
CLE/48/14	University of Exeter	1973-1974
CLE/48/15	Hull University	1972-1977
CLE/48/16	University of Kent at Canterbury	1983-1985
CLE/48/17	Kingston Polytechnic	1975
CLE/48/18	Leeds Polytechnic	1971-1991
CLE/48/19	Leeds University	1975-1989
CLE/48/20	University of London	1980-1983
CLE/48/21	Manchester Polytechnic	1973-1977
CLE/48/22	Manchester University	1982
CLE/48/23	University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne	1983-1988
CLE/48/24	North London Polytechnic	1974
CLE/48/25	Nottingham University	1986
CLE/48/26	Open University	1975-1979
CLE/48/27	Oxford University	1973-1993
CLE/48/28	Polytechnic of Central London	1973-1991
CLE/48/29	Southampton University	1975-1983
CLE/48/30	Trent Polytechnic	1974-1975
CLE/48/31	York University	1975

CLE/49: Miscellaneous Financial and Administrative Records, 1975-1996

Extent and form: 1 box

Scope and content: the files listed below were originally in three boxes marked "administration and finance; modern papers unsorted". They comprise papers and correspondence on various changes in financial and administrative procedures. Some are Finance and Administration Committee papers; other papers are signed by the Chairman or the Dean. The original order and file titles have been retained.

Access: open 30 years after last date on file. **Closed items are designated in red.**

Item list:

Reference	Title	Dates
CLE/49/1	Fees	1975-1980
CLE/49/2	Working Party report etc	1985
CLE/49/3	Taylor Report	1991
CLE/49/4	Coopers & Lybrand Deloitte Stud	1991
CLE/49/5	Coopers & Lybrand Business Plan for IC SL	1991
CLE/49/6	FAC document on financial policy	1991
CLE/49/7	Studentships: financial arrangements with the Inns and other individuals	1988-1992
CLE/49/8	Studentships Committee/Inns: statistics/planning etc	1987-1993
CLE/49/9	CLE studentships - the proposal	1988
CLE/49/10	Studentships - publicity	1987
CLE/49/11	[no title: loose papers on administration of teaching]	1989-1991
CLE/49/12	Constitution and membership - BOS, CLE and FAC. CLOSED until 2026	1990-1995
CLE/49/13	[no title: paper on law in Sierra Leone]	1987
CLE/49/14	Green Paper [on the work and organisation of the legal profession] responses	1989
CLE/49/15	Lord Chancellor's talk to students, 25/4/89	1989
CLE/49/16	Chairman's letter [on the Green Paper], 10/2/89	1989
CLE/49/17	Restructuring	1978-1988
CLE/49/18	Validation. CLOSED until 2026	1995
CLE/49/19	VAT	1973-1989
CLE/49/20	Investment policy	1981-1987
CLE/49/21	Auditors	1982-1987
CLE/49/22	Tax matters	1985
CLE/49/23	Examination fee payments pre-1988	1979-1987
CLE/49/24	Bar Education Finance Working Group	1989-1990
CLE/49/25	FAC work	1986-1990
CLE/49/26	Fees – overdue. CLOSED until 2026	1994-1995

CLE/50: Special Committee on Legal Education/Legal Education Sub-Committee Records, 1962-1970

Extent and form: 11 folders

Administrative history: in 1958 the CLE appointed a Special Committee to discuss proposed changes in legal education. The Committee was to consist of the Chairman of the BOS, the Director and four CLE members. Its function was purely advisory. Following the production of its final report in 1964 the committee was replaced by the Legal Education Sub-committee. Areas considered by the committees included the Post Final Practical Training Course, changes to Part I and Part II of the Bar Examinations and the Common Professional Examination.

Access: open

Item list:

Reference	Title	Dates
CLE/50/1	Memorandum on the terms of reference and development of the Special Committee on Legal Education	1962-1963
CLE/50/2	Special Committee general papers	1964
CLE/50/3	Report of the Special Committee on changes needed in Part I and Part II of the Bar Examinations	1964
CLE/50/4	Papers relating to the formation of the Legal Education Sub-committee	1965
CLE/50/5	Report of the Sub-committee on Part I of the Bar Examination	1965
CLE/50/6	Papers on the introduction of French law into Part I of the Bar Examinations	1965
CLE/50/7	Legal Education Sub-committee agenda, minutes and papers	1966
CLE/50/8	Agenda, minutes and papers	1967
CLE/50/9	Agenda, minutes and papers	1968
CLE/50/10	Agenda, minutes and papers	1969
CLE/50/11	Agenda, minutes and papers	1970

CLE/51: Records relating to the Post Final Practical Training Course (PFPTC), 1950-1966

Extent and form: 6 folders

Administrative history: the first PFPTC was started by the CLE in 1951. It was the first attempt to teach practical legal skills and techniques other than by the traditional method of

apprenticeship.

Arrangement: this series and the following series were formerly in a carton marked "PFPTC 1950-66 and later and exam changes (Pt I) 1966". Order is roughly chronological; original file titles have been retained.

Access: open

Item list:

Reference	Title	Dates
CLE/51/1	Tutorial classes as an alternative to Reading in Chambers	1950
CLE/51/2	Report on PFPTC pilot scheme	1965
CLE/51/3	Overseas students and the PFPTC	1965-1966
CLE/51/4	Letters from overseas	1965-1966
CLE/51/5	Commonwealth countries: documents relating to changes in Part I and the PFPTC	1966-1967
CLE/51/6	PFPTC general	1969-1973

CLE/52: Records relating to Changes in Part I of the Bar Examinations, 1963-1966

Extent and form: 1 box

Arrangement: this series formerly comprised three boxes marked "proposed changes in Part I: correspondence and draft/final documents". They were closed for 30 years from last date on file in a carton with the papers now at CLE/51, marked "PFPTC 1950-66 and later and exam changes (Pt I) 1966". Order is roughly chronological; original file titles have been retained.

Access: open

Item list:

Reference	Title	Dates
CLE/52/1	Meetings papers of the Board of Studies and the Legal Education Sub-committee to discuss changes	1963
CLE/52/2	Meetings papers of BOS and the Legal Education Sub-committee to discuss changes	1964
CLE/52/3	BOS background papers	1963
CLE/52/4	Correspondence with [Legal Education] committee members	1965-1966
CLE/52/5	Correspondence	1966
CLE/52/6	Nigeria	1965-1966

Reference	Title	Dates
CLE/52/7	Replies from overseas	1966
CLE/52/8	Summary of replies from UK Faculties of Law on proposals for changes in Part I	1966
CLE/52/9	Lord Justice Diplock's letter to UK universities	1966
CLE/52/10	Letter to the Treasurers of the Four Inns on the changes in Part I	1966
CLE/52/11	Memoranda to Commonwealth countries and covering letter to UK universities	1966
CLE/52/12	Memoranda on proposals for Part I exams	1966
CLE/52/13	Lord Diplock's letter to the Law Faculties of UK universities	1966
CLE/52/14	Changes in Part I: note on transitional arrangements	1966
CLE/52/15	Draft circular to Commonwealth countries	1966
CLE/52/16	Proposed changes in Part I: Appendix I	1966
CLE/52/17	Proposed changes in Part I: Appendix II	1966
CLE/52/18	Report of the Legal Education Sub-committee on Part I of the Bar Examinations	1966

CLE/53: Examination Papers, 1970-1991

Extent and form: 1 box; 2 folders

Access: open

Item list:

Reference	Title	Dates
CLE/53/1	Michaelmas Exam 1970 and 1972 Part I & Part II (Old Syllabus); specimen questions for Part I and Part II 1971	1970-1972
CLE/53/2	Trinity 1971; Trinity 1972 - Michaelmas 1979 Part I	1971-1979
CLE/53/3	Michaelmas 1972-Trinity 1991: Part II General Paper I (Trinity 1972-Michaelmas 1979); Bar Examination General Paper (Trinity 1980-Trinity 1991)	1972-1991

CLE/54: Students' Welfare Committee Records, 1967-1980

Extent and form: 4 folders

Access: open other than CLE/54/1, which contains personal data.

Administrative history: student welfare was at first the responsibility of a Student Welfare

Committee of the Senate. In 1968 the CLE took over this task. In 1978 responsibility for student welfare was again passed to the Senate of the Inns of Court and Bar.

Scope and content: this series comprises Committee agenda, minutes, monthly reports of the Students' Welfare Officer and correspondence, chronologically arranged.

Item list:

Reference	Dates	Description
CLE/54/1	1967-1969	Committee agenda, minutes and papers. CLOSED until 2044
CLE/54/2	1970-1972	Committee agenda, minutes and papers
CLE/54/3	1973-1978	Committee agenda, minutes and papers
CLE/54/4	1972-1980	Welfare Officer's correspondence and papers

CLE/55: Student Appeals Files (sample cases only), 1969-1984

Extent and form: 1 box

Access: closed for 75 years after last date on file (contains personal data).

Scope and content: the files in this series relate to student appeals against failure, and other complaints, and include correspondence, examination results, petitions, judgements and further appeals. The bulk of these records have been destroyed for data protection purposes; five sample cases have been retained to show procedures involved in the appeal process.

Reference	Description	Dates
CLE/55/1	Individual student appeals file. CLOSED until 2059	1969-1984
CLE/55/2	Individual student appeals file. CLOSED until 2055	1969-1980
CLE/55/3	Individual student appeals file. CLOSED until 2057	1977-1982
CLE/55/4	Individual student appeals file. CLOSED until 2048	1967-1972
CLE/55/5	Individual student appeals file. CLOSED until 2055	1975-1980

CLE/56: Report to the Inns of Court and the Council of The Law Society on the Education of the two Branches of the Legal Profession and Easier Transfer Between Them (Diplock Report), 1965

Extent and form: 1 folder

Access: open

Administrative history: in 1964 the Four Inns authorised a Special Committee on Proposals for Joint Education of both Branches of the Profession to be set up consisting equally of members the Inns of Court Executive Council and the CLE to discuss with the Law Society how far and in

what way easier transfer between the two branches of the profession might be facilitated. The Chairman was Mr Justice Diplock. The series includes the report and background papers.

Item list:

Reference	Description	Dates
CLE/56	Diplock Report	1965

CLE/57: Papers relating to the Report of the Lord Chancellor's Committee on Legal Education (Ormrod Committee), 1966-1975

Extent and form: 1 box

Access: open

Administrative history: the above Committee, chaired by the Hon Mr Justice Ormrod, was set up in 1967 to investigate the state of legal education and to make recommendations on changes. It made its report in 1971; its recommendations related to the education and training of both barristers and solicitors.

Scope and content: the series originally comprised one box marked "Ormrod Report 1971: related papers; proposed and actual changes" and a folder marked "a) Diplock Report in Ormrod Style Part II; b) responses to Ormrod Report". Papers include submissions, background papers, discussion papers, correspondence and notes on meetings. Original file titles have been retained. There is a key to the contents of the first 9 files at CLE/57/1; these files also have a list of contents at the front.

Item list:

Reference	Title	Dates
CLE/57/1	[no title: key to contents of files 2-9]	n.d.
CLE/57/2	Statistics relating to Ormrod	1964-1975
CLE/57/3	Papers relating to Part II	1969-1976
CLE/57/4	Ormrod style Part II	1978
CLE/57/5	Ormrod style Part II	1978
CLE/57/6	Correspondence relating to Ormrod	1969
CLE/57/7	Meetings	1969-1975
CLE/57/8	Ormrod - miscellaneous	n.d.
CLE/57/9	[no title: loose background papers - list of contents at CLE/57/1]	n.d.
CLE/57/10	Diplock Report [papers of the Committee to consider the introduction of an Ormrod style Part II, chaired by Mr Justice Diplock; includes associated papers]	1972

Reference	Title	Dates
CLE/57/11	Responses to Ormrod (chronological)	1971-1972

CLE/58: Advisory Committee on Legal Education Papers, 1972-1989

Extent and form: 2 boxes

Access: open

Administrative history: as a result of the Ormrod Committee's report an Advisory Committee on Legal Education was set up in 1972 under the chairmanship of Lord Cross to discuss the Ormrod recommendations. Its terms of reference were to advise both the two branches of the legal profession and the universities and polytechnics engaged in teaching law on all matters affecting legal education and training. In 1976 chairmanship of the Committee passed to Lord Justice Lawton; it later passed to the Rt. Hon Lord Justice Woolf. The Committee was reconstituted in 1987 as the Lord Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Legal Education.

Scope and content: the papers below comprise the CLE's copies of Committee papers. They have been retained because they are often annotated and contain a considerable amount of CLE correspondence with the Committee. The original order has been retained.

Item list:

Reference	Description	Dates
CLE/58/1	Cross Committee: minutes and papers	1972-1976
CLE/58/2	Cross Committee: reports 1-4	1972-1976
CLE/58/3	Cross Committee: background papers (chronologically arranged)	c.1972-1976
CLE/58/4	Lawton Committee: minutes and papers	1976-1983
CLE/58/5	Lawton Committee: reports 5-8	1977-1980
CLE/58/6	Lawton Committee: background papers (chronologically arranged)	c.1976-1983
CLE/58/7	Agenda, minutes and papers	1984
CLE/58/8	Agenda, minutes and papers	1985
CLE/58/9	Agenda, minutes and papers	1986
CLE/58/10	Agenda, minutes and papers	1987
CLE/58/11	Agenda, minutes and papers	1988
CLE/58/12	Agenda, minutes and papers	1989
CLE/58/13	Agenda, minutes and papers	1980

CLE/59: Common Professional Examination Board Records, 1973-1981

Extent and form: 1 box, 1 volume

Access: open

Administrative history: two recommendations of the Ormrod Report were that the Academic Stage of education and training for the legal profession should be transferred from the professional schools to the universities and polytechnics and that there should be no need for prospective lawyers to decide which branch of the profession they wanted to follow until a late stage in their education. It was proposed that a Common Professional Examination (CPE) be instituted to deal with the latter problem for those students who had not obtained a law degree. The course was to be taught by the Law Society through the College of Law, whilst the Bar was to cease teaching Part I of the Bar Examinations and transfer teaching to the polytechnics and the City University. Discussions continued under the Cross Committee (see CLE/58), which proposed the creation of a CPE Board to supervise the establishment of the CPE. The first CPE was held in May 1978.

Scope and content: the papers in this series originally comprised a folder marked "CPE papers" filed with CLE/58 and a bundle marked "CPE Board". The original order and file titles have been retained.

Item list:

Reference	Title	Dates
CLE/59/1	CPE papers [background papers, including meetings between the CLE and the Education Committee of the Law Society]	1973-1980
CLE/59/2	CPE Board - Index [to contents of the following files]	n.d.
CLE/59/3	CPE: discussion with Law Society	1977
CLE/59/4	Referral to the Senate of the work of the CPE Board	1976
CLE/59/5	Printed papers relating to CPE - A	n.d.
CLE/59/6	Printed papers relating to CPE - B	n.d.
CLE/59/7	Redrafted regulations - C	1977
CLE/59/8	Exemptions Sub-committee - D	1978
CLE/59/9	CPE Board 1 [agenda, minutes and papers]	1976
CLE/59/10	CPE Board 2 [agenda, minutes and papers]	1976
CLE/59/11	CPE Board 3 [agenda, minutes and papers]	1977
CLE/59/12	CPE Board 4 [agenda, minutes and papers]	1977
CLE/59/13	CPE Board 5 [agenda, minutes and papers]	1978
CLE/59/14	CPE Board 6 [agenda, minutes and papers]	1978
CLE/59/15	CPE Board 7 [agenda, minutes and papers]	1978

Reference	Title	Dates
CLE/59/16	CPE Board 8 [agenda, minutes and papers]	1978
CLE/59/17	CPE Board 9 [agenda, minutes and papers]	1979
CLE/59/18	CPE Board 10 [agenda, minutes and papers]	1980
CLE/59/19	CPE Board 11 [agenda, minutes and papers]	1980
CLE/59/20	CPE Board 12 [agenda, minutes and papers]	1980
CLE/59/21	CPE Board 13 [agenda, minutes and papers]	1981
CLE/59/22	CPE Board minute book	1976-1981

CLE/60: Incorporation Sub-Committee Records, 1970

Extent and form: 1 folder

Access: open

Administrative history: this Committee was set up in 1970 to consider a draft Memorandum and Articles of Association drawn up for the CLE.

Scope and content: the file contains the drafts and the agenda for the meeting to discuss the above.

CLE/61: Submissions and Papers relating to the Royal Commission on Legal Services (Benson Commission), 1976-1980

Extent and form: 1 box, 4 folders

Access: open

Administrative history: the Royal Commission on Legal Services, chaired by Sir Henry Benson, was established in 1976. Its investigations included a further scrutiny of legal education.

Scope and content: the papers below comprise the CLE's correspondence and papers relating to submissions, and a set of submissions from the Inns of Court and Bar.

Item list:

Reference	Title	Dates
CLE/61/1	Correspondence relating to meetings and evidence given	1976-1977
CLE/61/2	Correspondence relating to meetings and evidence given	1977-1980
CLE/61/3	Memorandum by the Chairman of the Bar on evidence given	1977
CLE/61/4	Royal Commission questionnaire and related correspondence	1976-1978

CLE/62: Practical Exercises Sub-Committee (Potter Committee) Records, 1985-1988

Extent and form: 2 boxes

Access: open

Administrative history: in 1985 the Practical Exercises Sub-committee of the Board of Studies was set up to oversee practical exercises for overseas students. It was chaired by Mr Mark Potter Q.C. (later Mr Justice Potter). In 1988 it was subsumed into the Curriculum Development Group (see CLE/63).

Item list:

Reference	Title	Dates
CLE/62/1	Agenda, minutes and papers	Oct 1985 - Apr 1986
CLE/62/2	Agenda, minutes and papers	May 1986
CLE/62/3	Agenda, minutes and papers	June 1986
CLE/62/4	Agenda, minutes and papers	Oct - Dec 1986
CLE/62/5	Agenda, minutes and papers	May 1987
CLE/62/6	Agenda, minutes and papers	June 1987
CLE/62/7	Agenda, minutes and papers	July - Nov 1987
CLE/62/8	Agenda, minutes and papers	Apr - June 1988
CLE/62/9	Practical Exercises papers nos I-IV	c.1984-1985

CLE/63: Curriculum Development Working Party Records, 1987-1990

Extent and form: 4 folders

Access: open

Administrative history: the Working Party, also called the Curriculum Development Group, was established to oversee the introduction of the new Bar Vocational Course (BVC).

Item list:

Reference	Title	Dates
CLE/63/1	File of newspaper articles and other printed material on the BVC	1987-1990
CLE/63/2	Papers relating to the development of the BVC, nos 1-30, with chronological list of contents of papers 1-64	1987

CLE/63/3	Papers relating to the development of the BVC, nos 31-46	1987
CLE/63/4	Papers relating to the development of the BVC, nos 47-64	1988

CLE/64: Bar Vocational Course (BVC) Papers, 1989-1996

Extent and form: 5 folders

Access: open 30 years after last date on file. **Closed items are designated in red.**

Item list:

Reference	Title	Extent and format	Dates
CLE/64/1	Course Directors' reports on the BVC. CLOSED until 2025	1 folder	1990-1994
CLE/64/2	Papers relating to reviews of the BVC	1 folder	1990-1993
CLE/64/3/1-02	Vocational Course Review Group: 1st Report. . CLOSED until 2025	2 folders	1994
CLE/64/4	Application for validation for the BVC from the IC SL and City University. CLOSED until 2027	1 folder	1995-1996

CLE/65: Bar Examination Staff Working Party Records, 1991-1992

Extent and form: 4 folders

Access: open

Administrative history: in 1991 a committee chaired by Robert Wright Q.C. was set up to consider a revised Bar Examination for overseas students. Its report was approved by the Curriculum Development Group and a Staff Working Group of the CLE was established to implement its recommendations. By mid-1993 its work programme had been completed and its recommendations accepted by the BOS; its final meeting was held in October 1993.

Item list:

Reference	Title	Dates
CLE/65/1	1st - 6th meetings: papers	Nov - Dec 1991
CLE/65/2	7th - 11th meetings: papers	Jan - June 1992
CLE/65/3	17th - 20th meetings: papers	June - July 1992
CLE/65/4	21st - 33rd meetings: papers	Oct - Nov 1992

CLE/66: Papers of the Future Education and Training for The Bar Working Party

(Phillips Working Party), 1992-1994

Extent and form: 1 box

Access: open 30 years after last date on file. **Closed items are designated in red.**

Administrative history: the working party was set up to report to the Bar Council and the Council of the Inns on the future of education and training for the Bar. It was chaired by the Hon Mr Justice Phillips.

Item list:

Reference	Title	Dates
CLE/66/1	Agenda, minutes and papers	Nov - Dec 1992
CLE/66/2	Agenda, minutes and papers	Jan 1993
CLE/66/3	Agenda, minutes and papers	Feb - Mar 1993
CLE/66/4	Agenda, minutes and papers	May - June 1993
CLE/66/5	Agenda, minutes and papers	July - Dec 1993
CLE/66/6	Agenda, minutes and papers. CLOSED until 2025	Mar - May 1994

CLE/67: Papers Relating to Racial Discrimination Complaints, 1989-1996

Extent and form: 1 box

Scope and content: this series comprises a box of files relating to racial discrimination complaints made by Bar students.

Access: closed until 2072 (contains personal data)

Item list:

Reference	Title	Dates
CLE/67/1	Racial discrimination complaints	1989-1996

CLE/68: Racial Discrimination Awareness Group Records, 1992-1995

Extent and form: 1 folder

Scope and content: the folder contains agenda, minutes and papers of the Group.

Access: open 30 years after last date on file. **Closed items are designated in red.**

Administrative history: the Discrimination Awareness Group was established in 1992. Its terms of reference were to work with all involved at the CLE to ensure that there was no inappropriate discrimination against students or staff members in any area of the CLE's activities. Group membership was open to all CLE staff members.

Item list:

Reference	Title	Dates
CLE/68/1	Agenda, minutes and papers. CLOSED until 2027	1992-1996

CLE/69: Papers Relating to the CLE Response to the Committee of Inquiry into Equal Opportunities on The Bar Vocational Course (Barrow Inquiry), 1992-1993

Extent and form: 3 folders

Access: closed until 50 years after last date on file in accordance with access rules for other Barrow Inquiry papers [check]. **Closed items are designated in red.**

Administrative history: in 1994 a Committee of Inquiry into Equal Opportunities on the Bar Vocational Course was set up, under the chairmanship of Dame Jocelyn Barrow, to conduct an investigation into the policies and practices of the CLE and the IC SL, particularly in relation to ethnic minorities. It was funded by the CLE but conducted its inquiries independently. It produced two reports, copies of which are available in most law libraries.

Scope and content: the papers listed below consist of CLE submissions and responses.

Related material: some papers of the Barrow Inquiry, transferred to the Records of Legal Education Archives (now part of the IALS Archives) by Mrs Ruth Deech, Principal of St Anne's College, Oxford, and a member of the Committee of Inquiry, will be found at BARR 1-16.

Item list:

Reference	Title	Dates
CLE/69/1	CLE papers concerning race relations and ethnic monitoring. CLOSED until 2044	1992-1993
CLE/69/2	CLE response to the Interim Report of the Inquiry. CLOSED until 2044	1993
CLE/69/3	ICSL submission and related papers. CLOSED until 2044	1993

CLE/70: Papers Relating to Restructuring of the CLE, 1992-1996

Extent and form: 2 boxes

Access: open 30 years after last date on file. **Closed items are designated in red.**

Administrative history: during the 1990s the CLE underwent a number of constitutional changes, culminating in its total restructuring. In 1997 it transferred its responsibilities and assets to the IC SL. Its supervisory educational function was passed to a new body, the Inns of Court and Bar Educational Trust, whilst its regulatory function was passed to the General Council of the Bar. It ceased to operate in 1997.

Scope and content: the papers below, originally in two cartons marked "CLE Constitution and membership" and "Council meetings, Chairman's' Group, FAC meetings, BOS meetings", relate to the restructuring of the CLE over the period 1992-1997 and the transfer of its functions to

other bodies. The original file titles and numbers have been retained.

Item list:

Reference	Title	Dates
CLE/70/1	Constitution 1000	1992-1993
CLE/70/2	Constitution 1000. CLOSED until 2026	1993-1995
CLE/70/3	Constitution 1000. CLOSED until 2027	1996
CLE/70/4	[no title: papers relating to Constitution, charity status] . CLOSED until 2026	1995
CLE/70/5	[no title: papers relating to Constitution, charity status] . CLOSED until 2026	1995
CLE/70/6	1050 Transfer of regulatory functions. CLOSED until 2027	1995-1996
CLE/70/7	1050-1060 Council general. CLOSED until 2028	1992-1997
CLE/70/8	1080 Council meetings. CLOSED until 2027	1994-1996
CLE/70/9	1100 FAC meetings. CLOSED until 2025	1994
CLE/70/10	1090 Chairman's Group. CLOSED until 2027	1996
CLE/70/11	1110 [no title: BOS papers] . CLOSED until 2027	1993-1996

CLE/71 Miscellaneous papers relating to procedures found among appeals papers, n.d.

Extent and form: 1 folder

Access: open

Archival history: the following two items were found among appeals papers from the 1960s and extracted due to their obvious historical value.

Item list:

Reference	Title	Dates
CLE/71/1	"CLE Examination System". A summary of the pre- and post-1969 examinations procedures	n.d.
CLE/71/2	"Legal Education": an article on the profession of barrister and the role of the CLE by R A Temple CBE, QC	n.d.