



# Solicitors practising in youth court advocacy

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These resources are for solicitors practising in the youth justice system and their employers. They can help you:

- Address the challenges of practising in the youth justice system, including adapting to the needs of vulnerable children and engaging effectively with them.
- Meet your [continuing competence obligations](https://higher-rights.sra.org.uk/solicitors/resources/topic/continuing-competence/) by identifying and addressing any learning and development needs so your knowledge, skills and behaviours are up to date.
- Deliver a competent service as required by our [Code of Conduct](https://higher-rights.sra.org.uk/solicitors/standards-regulations/code-conduct-solicitors/).
- Demonstrate good practice.

We developed these resources with a wide range of stakeholders, including lawyers who practise in the youth justice system and representatives from:

- The Association of Youth Offending Team Managers
- The Ministry of Justice Working Group on Quality of Advocacy
- The Magistrates' Association
- Just for Kids Law
- The Crown Prosecution Service.

You can use these resources alongside our [continuing competence resources](https://higher-rights.sra.org.uk/solicitors/resources/continuing-competence/understanding-continuing-competence/) and our [advocacy resources](https://higher-rights.sra.org.uk/solicitors/resources-archived/advocacy/).

## **Youth court solicitors good practice guide**

[\[https://higher-rights.sra.org.uk/solicitors/resources/continuing-competence/good-practice-guide/\]](https://higher-rights.sra.org.uk/solicitors/resources/continuing-competence/good-practice-guide/)

## **Keep your knowledge and skills up to date in the youth court system**

[\[https://higher-rights.sra.org.uk/solicitors/resources/continuing-competence/knowledge-skills/\]](https://higher-rights.sra.org.uk/solicitors/resources/continuing-competence/knowledge-skills/)

## **Communicating and engaging effectively with children in the youth court system**



[\[https://higher-rights.sra.org.uk/solicitors/resources/continuing-competence/communication-engagement/\]](https://higher-rights.sra.org.uk/solicitors/resources/continuing-competence/communication-engagement/)

### **Working with other organisations in the criminal justice system**

[\[https://higher-rights.sra.org.uk/solicitors/resources/continuing-competence/other-organisations/\]](https://higher-rights.sra.org.uk/solicitors/resources/continuing-competence/other-organisations/)

### **What children should expect at youth court**

[\[https://higher-rights.sra.org.uk/solicitors/resources/continuing-competence/what-children-expect/\]](https://higher-rights.sra.org.uk/solicitors/resources/continuing-competence/what-children-expect/)

## **Videos**

### **Supporting youth court advocates**

Various speakers

### **Why youth courts are different**

Various speakers

### **How youth court solicitors can stay competent**

Various speakers

## **Hints and tips for youth court advocates**

Various speakers