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Learning centre shines

SHINE Lawyers has launched a landmark course to open up opportunities for those interested in pursuing a legal career.

The Shine Centre of Learning course will provide participants with guidance from experienced lawyers and skilled educators on strategies for success in becoming a legal support professional.

Shine Lawyers managing partner Stephen Roche, says the course was designed to assist school leavers considering a career in law and clerks seeking advice.

"If you are a school leaver looking for direction about a law career, a legal student wanting a leg up in the industry, a law clerk aspiring to promotion or a job seeker searching for a new career opportunity, then the course has much to offer," says Roche.

Shine is offering selected outstanding participants in the course the chance to gain permanent employment. The six-day courses will be run during January and February next year.

Roche says Shine's legal support course offered an opportunity for those

passionate about obtaining justice for individuals to receive practical and innovative instruction.

"One of the main aims of the Shine Centre of Learning is to empower better advocates for people," he says.

Shine's Queensland legal partner Jodie Willey has worked for the firm since leaving high school in Toowoomba.

Willey started with Shine as a 16-year-old articled clerk and has since ascended to partner with the firm, while trying large scale cases and studying for her law degree along the way.

"There are huge benefits from being able to run your own files and be involved in litigation during the course of your law degree," she says.

"I really developed as a person and had a better understanding for the practical side of the legal process."

The Shine legal support course will be limited to 15 participants per course. The deadline for applications for the first round of offers is October 31, 2008.