Read the text below and think of the word that best fits each space. Use only one word in each space.

BARRISTERS AT WORK

Life as a barrister is prestigious but it can also be extremely stressful. Julia de Burca is a barrister in London. The first difficulty Julia had was to _____ as a barrister at all. Only 500 or so law students manage to pass the Bar Vocational Course in England and Wales every year. In an average year approximately 1,500 students begin the course, so many do not make it.

The Bar Vocational Course is described as a bridge between the academic study of law and having to actually _____ law in the real world. Julia passed the course three years ago.

In a typical day Julia leaves her flat at 7.30am and arrives at _____, the special name for a barrister's office, at 8.30 am. Julia shares a building with 14 other barristers. However, they are not partners. Barristers are allowed to share office accommodation but they are not allowed to form _____. Every barrister is self-_____.

If she is _____ for a client that day, Julia travels directly to _____. Speaking on behalf of a client in court is called _____ a case. As a barrister, Julia has the right of _____ in court at every level. She is a confident _____, which means that she is skilled at speaking in court. Julia is very successful in court, as she loves public speaking. She is also required to do a lot of research and a lot of _____, which means writing legal documents. On days when Julia is not in court, she spends her time preparing cases and writing opinions. She usually leaves work at around 7.30 pm, taking any work that is not finished with her. Julia often works long hours over the weekend.

Julia is a specialist in insolvency, so she advises clients who _____ money but for some reason they cannot pay. All of Julia's clients are companies. When a company has _____ problems, Julia will advise the company if it can legally continue trading. She sometimes has to defend clients in court when legal _____ have been issued against them. If her client loses the case and the judge awards _____ to the _____, i.e., the person who starts the claim, then Julia will advise her client on what to do next.



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