

## Diploma in Law Faculty

### PATRICIA HARVEY BL, PROGRAMME LEADER



Patricia is the Programme leader for the Diploma in Law. Patricia holds a under graduate degree in law and a LLM in International law. She is a qualified barrister having practiced in the areas of Criminal Law and White Collar Crime. Patricia has significant experience in education, having lectured over a wide variety of courses from Certificate level to Masters level. She also has significant experience in course design and delivering courses via blended learning.

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### JOHN LUNNEY, SOLICITOR, LAW SOCIETY OF IRELAND



A dual qualified solicitor and teacher, John works in the Education Department of the Law Society of Ireland. John was responsible for managing the Diploma in Law in recent years and also lectures on the Introduction to Legal Studies and Company Law modules. John has a particular interest in Public Legal Education initiatives that work with young people to develop their awareness and understanding of the law. He is the coordinator of the Street Law Clinic at the Law Society of Ireland and has also designed and managed the Law Society's Transition Year schools programme "Solicitors of the Future". John's other areas of interest include using online learning to promote student engagement. He has recently completed an MSc in applied E Learning where his research concerned student perceptions of added interactivity in online video.

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### CLAIRE CUMMINS BL



Claire is a full time barrister and was called to the Irish Bar in 2012. Claire obtained an LLM (Commercial Law) from University College Dublin in 2009, specialising in Corporate Manslaughter. She is a Criminal Law lecturer in Griffith College Dublin and a tutor of Company Law in University College Dublin. Claire also tutors on the Law Society of Ireland PPCII course. Her areas of practice are commercial/chancery, tort and personal injuries law, insolvency and general common law. Claire was elected to the Construction Bar Association of Ireland in 2014. Claire also holds a BA Hons. (in History and Economics) from UCD.

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### CLAIRE HOGAN BL



Claire holds the degrees of Law and French from Trinity College Dublin and LL.M. from the University of Cambridge. She was elected a Scholar of Trinity College and also was awarded a Government of Ireland Scholarship for completion of her Ph.D, which was in the area of constitutional law, specifically freedom of religion. Claire is a practising barrister, having been called to the bar as a Brooke Scholar of the Honorable Society of King's Inns. She also lectures in Civil Procedure in the King's Inns.

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### DAMIEN COFFEY, SOLICITOR, SHEEHAN & PARTNERS



Having graduated from Business and Legal studies in UCD in 2010 Damien joined Sheehan & Partners in 2011 and qualified as a solicitor in early 2016. Whilst completing his traineeship Damien worked in the Trial section and worked on trials in the Circuit, Special and Central Criminal Court. He has worked as an advocate in the District Court section since qualification whilst also working on trials in the superior courts. Damien has a particular interest in the concepts of alternative legal teaching and solicitor's involvement in the community. Damien also teaches classes in Wheatfield Prison in conjunction with the Solas Programme.

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### AOIFE BEIRNE BL



Aoife is a practicing barrister with a general civil practice. She graduated with a First Class Honours LL.B from Trinity College in 2008 and is a former Scholar. She was awarded an LL.M in Commercial Law from the University of Cambridge in 2009, where she was the recipient the W.M. Tapp Studentship in Law from Gonville and Caius College. She completed her Ph.D at Trinity College in 2016, which was funded by the Irish Research Council and Arthur Cox. She has previously lectured at Trinity College Dublin and Independent Colleges.

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### SHAUNA GILLAN BL



Shauna was called to the Bar of England and Wales in 2006 and the Bar of Ireland in 2017. She is a specialist in refugee, immigration and human rights law, with wide-ranging international work experience. She is also a member of the International Protection Appeals Tribunal, Ireland. Shauna is a legal consultant and trainer, and lectures at many third level institutions in Ireland and the UK.

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### DAMIEN CONROY, PARTNER, AUGUSTUS CULLEN LAW



Damien qualified as a solicitor in January 2010 having trained with a well-known Dublin City Centre firm. He joined Augustus Cullen Law in 2012 where he works in the general litigation department dealing with a wide range of claims including personal injury, professional and medical negligence, Garda compensation claims, financial mis-selling, defamation, commercial disputes and employment law. Damien is heavily involved in the growing area of professional negligence and deals with a wide range of claims against professionals such as solicitors, accountants, brokers, architects and surveyors.

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### ANNA BRODERICK, GENERAL COUNSEL & COMPANY SECRETARY, MATER UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL



Prior to working at Mater University Hospital, Anna was a partner at Eversheds-Sutherland. She has substantial experience of advisory and contentious HR and data protection issues. She also provides tailored employment law training to clients both in Ireland and the UK. Anna regularly lectures for the Law Society and frequently speaks at employment and data protection conferences.

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**JOHN DARBY, CONSULTANT, FLYNN  
O'DRISCOLL**



John advises both domestic and international companies in all aspects of corporate and commercial law across the full lifecycle of businesses and in diverse sectors including retail, media, hospitality, healthcare, financial services and entertainment. He frequently speaks at seminars and other forums on a wide range of corporate and commercial topics, including business acquisition and disposal, shareholders' arrangements, corporate governance and directors' duties.

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**NORA O'MAHONY, SOLICITOR**



Nora has a wide range of legal and academic experience, most recently taking up position of Assistant Lecturer in Law at LIT Limerick. Nora is director of a company limited by guarantee with charitable status and involved in the research, development, set up and on-going management of community childcare initiatives. Nora is a Member of the Oversight Committee of the Board of Directors of Rathmore & District Credit Union Limited. Nora's qualifications include a B.A. Degree in European Studies, LL.M Masters in European Law and Diploma in Property Tax.

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**DR. GABRIEL BRENNAN, SOLICITOR, LAW SOCIETY  
OF IRELAND**



Dr. Gabriel Brennan has been involved in the provision of legal education for over twenty years. Gabriel qualified as a solicitor in 1996 and practiced with Abercorn Solicitors before joining the Law Society's Law School as a Course Manager with responsibility for the design and delivery of numerous property and skills related courses. She educates undergraduates, trainee solicitors and qualified solicitors. She is author of *Ground Rents: A Practitioner's Guide* published by Thomson Round Hall and *The Impact of eConveyancing on Title Registration; A Risk Assessment* published by Springer International.

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### JOE THOMAS, PARTNER, O'REILLY THOMAS SOLICITORS



Joe's particular area of expertise lies in Property and Mediation. Joe has extensive experience of acting for developers, commercial and private clients in the area of conveyancing. Joe lectures and tutors for the Law Society on the subjects of Conveyancing, Landlord & Tenant and Mediation. He is also vice chair of the Conveyancing Committee of the Law Society. Joe regularly acts as an expert witness in conveyancing matters. Joe has written and been published on both conveyancing and mediation.

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### PADRAIC COURTNEY, SOLICITOR, LAW SOCIETY OF IRELAND



Padraic qualified as a solicitor in 1994. He joined the Law Society's Education Department in 1996. He is a qualified Trust and Estate Practitioner with the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners. He is also an editor and co-author of the Society's Wills, Probate & Estates Practice Manual.



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### CIARÁN DOHERTY BL



Ciarán was called to the Bar in 2013 and has a general practice with a specialisation in employment and administrative law. He is a graduate of Trinity College Dublin and the Honorable Society of King's Inns. Ciarán has lectured in a number of institutions and previously worked in the Houses of the Oireachtas.

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### JULIE GALBRAITH, PARTNER, EVERSHEDES SUTHERLAND



Julie is an partner at Eversheds specialising in employment law and advising both indigenous and international clients. She regularly advises on employment and service contracts, severance agreements and HR policies/procedures. Her experience also covers advising employers, receivers and liquidators on employment issues arising from business acquisitions, insolvency and restructurings.

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### CORMAC LITTLE, PARTNER, WILLIAM FRY



Cormac is a Partner and head of William Fry's Competition & Regulation Department, specialising in EU and Irish competition, merger control and public procurement rules. He advises on the compatibility of business arrangements with EU and Irish competition laws and has represented clients in antitrust investigations by both the European Commission and the Irish Competition and Consumer Protection Commission or CCPC (formerly the Competition Authority) and in proceedings before the European and Irish courts.

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### ANITA FINUCANE BL



Anita was called to the Bar in 2014. She practices in the areas of common law, chancery and non-jury matters and construction law. She lectures in tort law.