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WHY CHOOSE THE DIPLOMA CENTRE?

- Enhance your skills,
- Broaden your career opportunities,
- Avail of unique courses that are designed by solicitors for solicitors,
- Learn from leading experts and experienced practitioners,
- Combine academic theory with practical application, all delivered online, live and via playback,
- Avail of a range of member discounts,
- Satisfy your full annual CPD requirement,
- Benefit from the CPD bonus conference,
- Gain a credit for a PPC II elective (trainees).

WELCOME



Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the *Diploma Centre Prospectus* for 2021/2022.

Once again, the Diploma Centre is delighted to offer a wide range of academic programmes with our commitment, as always, to enhance the skills and address the training needs of solicitors in Ireland.

Our diverse range of courses include certificates, diplomas, master's programmes, and a Professional Doctorate in Law.

We actively support public legal education through a series of initiatives and engagement with solicitors, trainees, and the public.

The Diploma Centre has always been a forerunner when it comes to online education. Our vast array of courses, as well as being on-site, have always been available to watch live via webcast, so when the pandemic hit, we were ready to meet the challenges that this brought. In fact, in the past academic year, we have seen our student base grow significantly, and we recorded the highest number of Diploma Centre students in our history!

We actively support public legal education through a series of initiatives and engagement with solicitors, trainees, and the public. These include our popular massive open online courses (MOOCs), and we are proud to say that, in 2021, our MOOC in Environmental Law and Climate Change attracted over 4,200 participants from 50 different countries. The Diploma Centre was also delighted to scoop the prestigious 'Excellence in Public Sector Education Support' award in 2021, which celebrated our commitment to providing high-quality courses to the public sector.

We will continue to follow public health advice on COVID-19 and hope to invite you back to our Blackhall campus as soon as it is safe to do so. In the meantime, it is envisaged that our autumn 2021 programme will be delivered online, with more live interactive lectures and workshops.

Finally, we would like to thank our faculty of lecturers and tutors, many of whom are seasoned practitioners, who give so freely of their time, knowledge, and expertise. So much of what we do would not be possible without their input, and we are sincerely grateful.

On behalf of the Law Society, we would like to thank you for your continued support and wish you every success in your future studies.

Handwritten signatures of Deirdre Flynn and Claire O'Mahony in black ink.

Deirdre Flynn and Claire O'Mahony,

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Joint Heads of Diploma Centre (Acting)



RECENT TRENDS



The Diploma Centre recorded its highest annual participant numbers in 2020, attracting 5,200 students



The Diploma Centre won the 'Excellence in Public Sector Education Support' award in Public Sector Magazine's Excellence in Business Awards 2021



Free online course (MOOC) on **Environmental Law and Climate Change** in 2021 attracted the highest number of participants to date – **4,200**



Participants on our courses were based in 50 countries worldwide



During the COVID-19 pandemic, we successfully pivoted and delivered all courses online





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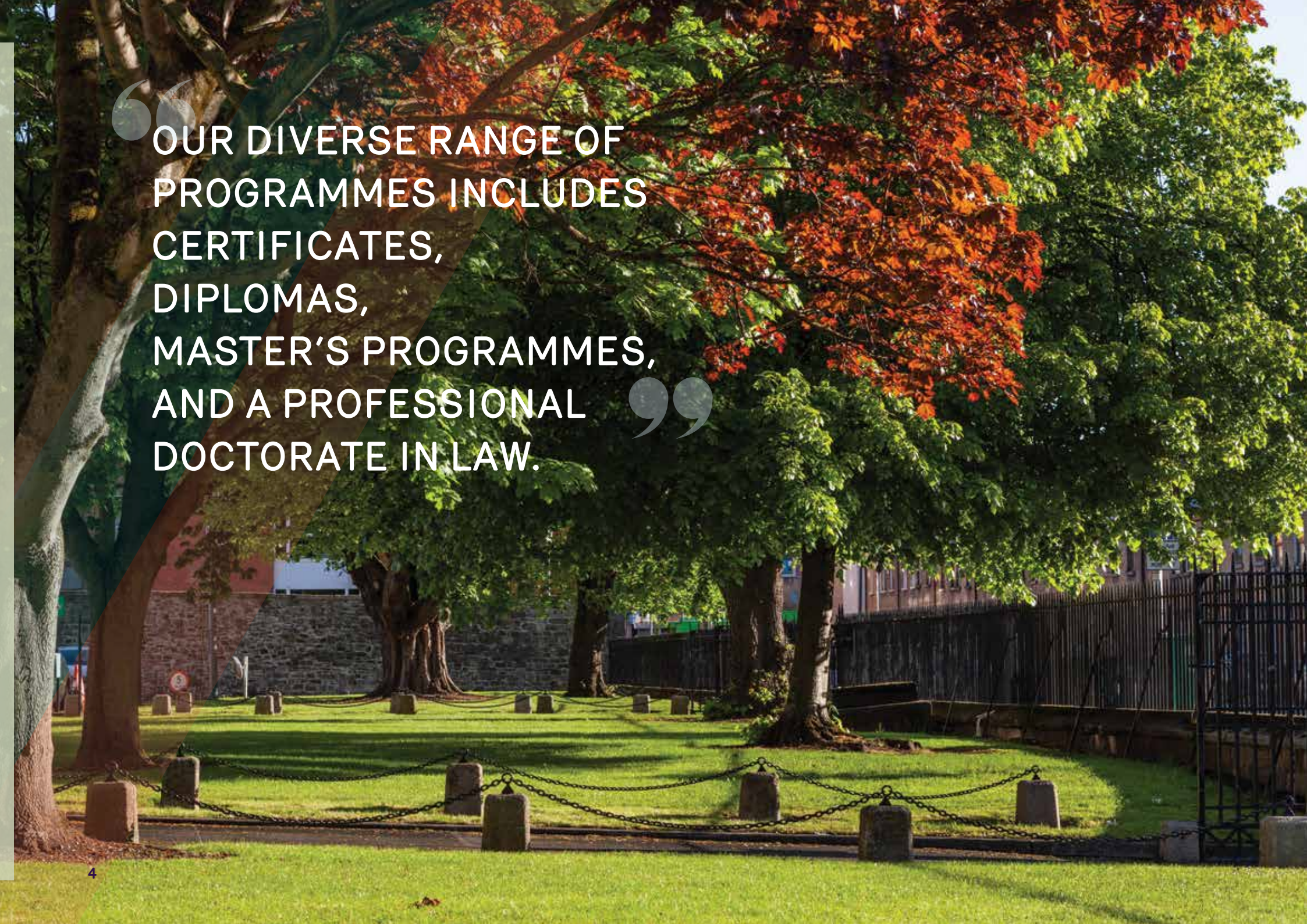
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“OUR DIVERSE RANGE OF PROGRAMMES INCLUDES CERTIFICATES, DIPLOMAS, MASTER’S PROGRAMMES, AND A PROFESSIONAL DOCTORATE IN LAW.”

PROFESSIONAL DOCTORATE IN LAW

THE DIPLOMA CENTRE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE NORTHUMBRIA UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL

The Professional Doctorate in Law is offered in partnership with the Northumbria University Law School and is specifically designed for qualified solicitors. It is a part-time programme structured to facilitate those in full-time employment. The programme is designed to provide a structured and supportive learning experience that will enhance a solicitor's theoretical understanding of their profession and will assist in the development of practice, through critical insight and evaluation, building on academic and research skills acquired via formal subject delivery, and the doctoral research subsequently conducted.

The research may be doctrinal, perhaps in a practice-based area such as criminal justice and evidence, or the law in action in areas such as human rights, or data collection and privacy, or legal education. Those who

complete the Professional Doctorate in Law will have made a significant and original contribution to the creation and interpretation of a body of knowledge and will be at the forefront of practice development.

The programme aims to enable candidates to:

- Acquire a range of research skills and to be able to apply these to the conceptualisation, design and implementation of a project, adjusting design in the light of unforeseen problems,
- Be able to translate ideas into a form understandable by and meaningful to their profession,
- Produce a thesis or portfolio of original quality in the professional area, and
- Disseminate/publish that research and its outcomes to the professional audience.

The taught element of the programme is assessed by the proposal assignment, and the research element is assessed by submission of the final thesis or portfolio, culminating in a *viva voce* examination with two independent examiners.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

The programme is open only to Irish qualified lawyers and is designed for two kinds of candidate – first, those with professional experience and a master's degree within the last five years; and second, those with professional experience but without a master's degree. All candidates will undergo assessment for advanced standing entry onto the programme, which will formally capture their attainment of the required Level 10 of the Irish National Framework of Qualifications. Evidence for this will be provided both by their application and subsequent interview.



Please note that numbers on the programme will be capped. The selection criteria will be based on the date applications are received and the availability of supervisors.



START DATE:

Monday 4 October 2021



DELIVERY METHOD:

Blended learning – 3.5 years duration



FEE:

€6,000



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**Northumbria
University**
NEWCASTLE



Lucy Winskell OBE DL, Pro Vice-Chancellor, Northumbria University, speaking at the Law Society



**START DATE:**

Friday 3 September 2021

**DELIVERY METHOD:**

Live Wednesday evening lectures, 6pm to 9pm; one block weekend each month (Friday and Saturday 9.30am to 4pm); also available to view on demand

**ASSESSMENT:**

All modules are assessed through a mix of continuous assessment (written assignments and online tasks) and a written examination

**FEE:**

€2,300 per year if taken over two years; €4,600 if taken over one year

**COURSE LEADER**

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DIPLOMA IN LAW

The Diploma in Law from the Law Society of Ireland has been created for those seeking a greater knowledge of the law; professionals who would like to gain new skills and, in turn, add value to their current roles; and graduates keen to acquire new expertise or those who are thinking of commencing the solicitor qualification.

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE AND APPROACH TO LEARNING

An intensive postgraduate diploma spread over eight modules, this course is designed for those who require an introduction to the discipline of law in a number of core areas. This course is unique, in that it integrates the academic theory with the practice of law.

Students can choose between a one-year or two-year option of study to best suit their needs. Those students who select the two-year option generally elect to study two modules per semester.

Our innovative blended-learning approach affords ultimate flexibility in terms of accessing our course, and this may appeal to those who are working or based outside Dublin while undertaking the diploma. Lectures may be attended on-site (subject to public health guidelines), 'live' online, or played back on demand.

MODULES

The programme is based on the following module scheme:

SEMESTER 1 (September – January)

Module 1: Constitutional law,
Module 2: Criminal law,
Module 3: Contract law,
Module 4: Tort.

SEMESTER 2 (February – May)

Module 5: Company law,
Module 6: EU law,
Module 7: Property law,

Module 8: Equity or employment law.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

This course is open to non-law graduates from any discipline or suitable non-graduates with a demonstrable level of work experience in the area of law.

FACULTY

Our module tutors are experienced practitioners and are well placed to provide instruction in the various substantive topics of law, with the added benefit of being able to relate to the real-life practice of law when required.



Annette Donovan
Diploma in Law
student

The Diploma in Law has been a truly fantastic experience. Coming from a non-legal background, I found the course to be an excellent primer for the FE1s. The module contents provide a solid foundation for each subject, lecturers are engaging, insightful and extremely approachable, and the education team at the Law Society offers a high level of support to students throughout. I would highly recommend this diploma to anyone seeking an introduction and springboard to the world of law.

DIPLOMA IN FAMILY LAW

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE AND APPROACH TO LEARNING

This course is designed to provide participants with a comprehensive understanding of family law in this jurisdiction and will examine recent cutting-edge developments in core areas of family law and practice. The objective of this diploma is to provide practitioners with an essential overview of the many recent developments in family law and the implications for day-to-day client advice, practice, and procedure.

Recent legislative initiatives to be considered will include the *Children and Family Relationships Act 2015*, the *Domestic Violence Act 2018* (which brings in significant changes to reliefs available to those in an intimate relationship), and the *Assisted Human Reproduction Bill*. The course also focuses on topical family law issues, such as family breakdown, child custody, and the increasingly practical issue of enforcement of orders abroad. Other matters reviewed will include parentage, surrogacy arrangements, and the law relating to guardianship, custody of, and access to children.

MODULES

The programme is based on the following module scheme:

MODULE 1: Course introduction and advising clients

- Advising clients and taking instructions in family law matters,
- An overview of practical issues and concerns,
- Types of relationships; spouses, civil partners, cohabitants.

MODULE 2: Prenuptial agreements, nullity and separation agreements

- Prenuptial agreements and enforceability,
- Void and voidable marriages,
- Terms of a separation agreement.

MODULE 3: Judicial separation, divorce, and recognition of foreign divorce decrees

- Grounds for judicial separation; ancillary relief on judicial separation,
- Grounds for divorce; case law and divorce practice and procedure,
- Recognition of a foreign divorce decree,
- Enforcement mechanisms abroad,
- Alternative dispute resolution in family law.

MODULE 4: Maintenance, ancillary orders, pensions on separation and divorce

- Maintenance provision: an overview of the current framework,

- Ancillary relief on judicial separation and divorce,
- Pensions on separation and divorce,
- Tax implications of marriage breakdown.

MODULE 5: Domestic violence and child law

- Remedies available for domestic violence,
- The *Adoption Act 2010*,
- Child abduction,
- The *Children and Family Relationships Act 2015*.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

This course is suitable for solicitors, trainee solicitors, paralegals, and other suitable professionals who are family practitioners or who wish to expand their knowledge of the family law arena with a view to moving into the area, as well as social workers, mediators, or relevant professionals who work in this area and who wish to gain a more comprehensive knowledge.

We welcome applications from suitably qualified non-members. Please explain your interest and set out any relevant experience in a cover letter and a brief CV. Such applications are subject to a supplemental fee of €300.



START DATE:

Tuesday 28 September 2021



DELIVERY METHOD:

Live online lectures on Tuesdays, 6pm to 9pm, with live online interactive workshops on Saturdays; also available to view on demand



ASSESSMENT:

Three-hour closed-book written examination



FEE:

€2,600



COURSE LEADER

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Diploma in Family Law Course Consultant
Dr Geoffrey Shannon SC, Solicitor

**START DATE:**

Tuesday 5 October 2021

**DELIVERY METHOD:**

Live online lectures on Tuesdays, 6pm to 9pm, and four interactive workshops online; also available to view on demand

**ASSESSMENT:**

Three-hour closed-book written examination

**FEE:**

€2,600

**COURSE LEADER**

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DIPLOMA IN ENVIRONMENTAL AND PLANNING LAW

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE AND APPROACH TO LEARNING

This diploma course aims to provide a comprehensive practical overview of the current legislative framework in the environmental and planning realms. The overall objective is to assist practitioners in determining what planning and environmental legislation applies and what the exposure is for clients arising from this.

This course will examine topical issues, including environmental problems, the interplay with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), planning control, developments in waste law, recent European law and Irish legislation, recent case law, issues of environmental liability in insolvency, enforcement, trans-boundary environmental issues, the impact of environmental law on planning, and the nature of development.

MODULES

The programme is based on the following module scheme:

MODULE 1: Environmental law – the overall structure and recent developments

- Overall structure and recent developments in environmental law,
- The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA),
- Role of the local authority; Irish Water,
- Environmental enforcement.

MODULE 2: The legislative framework and regulation of planning law in Ireland

- Planning law in Ireland,
- Planning applications,
- Environmental impact assessments,
- Impact of environmental law on planning.

MODULE 3: Litigation and interface of environmental law and planning

- Environmental issues in corporate and property transactions,
- Judicial reviews of An Bord Pleanála and the EPA,

- Environmental liability – criminal and civil liability,
- Environmental directive and transposing directive.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

This course is suitable for public sector, private sector, and in-house solicitors working in the areas of conveyancing and planning and environmental law. It would also suit trainee solicitors and students seeking to expand their knowledge of environmental law, barristers who practise in the area of environmental law, civil servants and those working within a local authority in environmental and planning departments, and other suitably qualified professionals, such as environmental agents and town planners, who have an interest in environmental law.

We welcome applications from suitably qualified non-members. Please explain your interest and set out any relevant experience in a cover letter and a brief CV. Such applications are subject to a supplemental fee of €300.



DIPLOMA IN INSOLVENCY LAW AND CORPORATE RESTRUCTURING

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE AND APPROACH TO LEARNING

This diploma course aims to provide a comprehensive practical overview of the current legislative framework in Ireland with respect to insolvency and corporate restructuring, from an analysis of basic concepts of debt restructuring to a consideration of more complex issues, such as financing considerations that may arise during the corporate restructuring process. The course will also delve into the effects of insolvency on companies in Ireland. It will examine in detail the obligations on the directors and the options for the company, from initiating the corporate restructuring, to court procedures, to the enforcement of judgments. The final module of the course will provide a practical knowledge of the practice and procedure of personal insolvency in Ireland, including bankruptcy.

MODULES

The programme is based on the following module scheme:

MODULE 1: Introduction to insolvency and corporate restructuring

- Insolvency law in Ireland,
- Current trends in corporate restructuring,
- Lifecycle of a distressed company,
- Restructuring professionals.

MODULE 2: Restructuring, debt recovery, enforcement and mediation

- Mediation,
- Debt restructuring and rescheduling,
- Financing a restructuring process,
- Equity capital raising,
- Debt recovery in court,
- Enforcement of judgments.

MODULE 3: Liquidation, examinership, and receivership

- Voluntary and compulsory liquidation,
- Powers of the liquidator,
- Receivership,
- Insolvency litigation,
- Examinership,
- Schemes of arrangement.

MODULE 4: Bankruptcy and personal insolvency

- *Personal Insolvency Act 2012*,
- Debt resolution mechanisms,
- Insolvency Service of Ireland,
- Bankruptcy law practice and procedure.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

This course is suitable for solicitors, barristers, and trainee solicitors who are seeking to expand their knowledge in the area or who currently practice in the area of insolvency and debt recovery. It will also appeal to other suitably qualified professionals working in the field who wish to expand their knowledge and practical application of corporate recovery.

We welcome applications from suitably qualified non-members. Please explain your interest and set out any relevant experience in a cover letter and a brief CV. Such applications are subject to a supplemental fee of €300.



START DATE:

Wednesday 6 October 2021



DELIVERY METHOD:

Live online lectures on Wednesdays, 6pm to 9pm, with interactive workshops; also available to view on demand



ASSESSMENT:

Written assignment (40%) and three-hour closed-book exam (60%)



FEE:

€2,600



COURSE LEADER

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**START DATE:**

Saturday 9 October 2021

**DELIVERY METHOD:**

Live online lectures on Wednesdays, 6pm to 9pm, with a number of live online interactive workshops on Saturdays; also available to view on demand

**ASSESSMENT:**

Continuous assessment and three-hour closed-book written examination

**FEE:**

€2,600

**CPD**

Recognised by Engineers Ireland for CPD purposes

**COURSE LEADER**

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DIPLOMA IN CONSTRUCTION LAW

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE AND APPROACH TO LEARNING

This advanced-level diploma course aims to provide a comprehensive overview of the specialised discipline of construction law and practice in Ireland.

This diploma takes a practical approach to the complex issues that arise from the multiparty nature of the construction process. Students will be introduced to the standard forms of construction contracts, with particular focus on the public works and RIAI contracts. There will be specialised introductory streams for lawyers and non-lawyers and specific modules on the tendering process and construction dispute resolution. Other prominent areas of study include the *Construction Contracts Act 2013*, allocation of risk between the employer and the contractor, collateral warranties and bonds, specialists and subcontractors, and the *Building Control (Amendment) Regulations 2014*. Practical training through the use of case studies and workshops will be enhanced by consideration of the overall regulation of construction and the role of regulatory authorities, case law, and recent and future developments.

MODULES

The programme is based on the following module scheme:

MODULE 1: Introduction to construction law

- Specialised stream for lawyers introducing the construction process,
- Specialised introductory stream for non-lawyers introducing the principles of the law of contract,
- An overview of the standard forms of contract,
- Specialists and subcontractors.

MODULE 2: Construction procurement – the tendering process

- An overview of the *Public Procurement Directive*,
- The tendering procedure,
- Remedies available to unsuccessful candidates.

MODULE 3: Construction contracts

- Responsibility for design in construction contracts,
- Lump sum and quantities contracts,
- Supply chain: subcontracting,

- Time and completion,
- Security and overall liability,
- Ordinary certification and payment.

MODULE 4: Construction dispute resolution

- Multiparty construction litigation,
- Conciliation and mediation,
- Dispute resolution through adjudication,
- Arbitration practice and procedure.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

This course is suitable for solicitors or barristers currently working in the area or those who would be interested in practising in this area (including trainees). It would also be of interest to dispute resolution solicitors and barristers looking to broaden their understanding of an area of law that generates a large amount of litigation and claims. Additionally, it would appeal to construction professionals, including engineers, claims surveyors, and expert witnesses.

We welcome applications from suitably qualified non-members. Please explain your interest and set out any relevant experience in a cover letter and a brief CV. Such applications are subject to a supplemental fee of €300.



Chris O'Connor
Legal Counsel,
National Broadband
Ireland

The Diploma in Construction Law provided me with solid foundations in construction contracts, dispute resolution, health and safety and other construction-related laws and regulations following a transfer from a corporate M&A background into a

role with more of an construction focus. The course also provided a useful recap of topics that I had studied prior to qualification as a solicitor. All of the content was online due to the pandemic, but that didn't impact on quality and in many ways made it easier to attend. The lectures were well thought out and tutorials were all engaging and informative. The standard of lecturers and tutors was great also. I would certainly recommend this course to others looking to move into or increase their knowledge in the construction sector.

DIPLOMA IN CRIMINAL LAW AND PRACTICE

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE AND APPROACH TO LEARNING

This diploma offers students in-depth exposure to and practical insight into key practice areas of criminal law in Ireland from both the prosecution and defence perspectives. A core component of the course is the goal of developing the advocacy skills of those attending, through interactive workshop sessions that mirror situations faced in the criminal justice process. The ethical and professional considerations of advising an arrested person in custody, dealing with vulnerable witnesses, and victims' rights in a criminal trial process will be considered in detail. The course also includes an in-depth look at sentencing law and practice.

MODULES

The programme is based on the following module scheme:

MODULE 1: Arrest and detention

- *Criminal Justice (Forensic Evidence and DNA Database System) Act 2014*,
- Advising clients in garda custody.

MODULE 2: Evidence and criminal law updates

- Rules of evidence,
- Beyond *JC* – the impact of the new exclusionary rule,
- Recent legislative and procedural updates,
- The European Arrest Warrant,
- Criminal evidence and the *European Convention on Human Rights*,
- Data protection and criminal trials,
- *Dwyer v Commissioner of An Garda Síochána* (2018),

- The role and function of the Children's Court,
- Sentencing – recent developments and emerging trends.

MODULE 3: The District Court and advocacy skills

- Initial applications in the District Court,
- District Court advocacy skills,
- Running a District Court case – the role of the practitioner,
- Bail applications,
- Aspects of higher courts criminal advocacy,
- Legal aid.

MODULE 4: Dealing with victims and vulnerable witnesses

- *Criminal Justice (Victims of Crime) Act 2017*,
- Prosecutorial challenges – vulnerable victims and witnesses,
- Sexual offences – *Criminal Law (Sexual Offences) Act 2017*,
- *Domestic Violence Act 2018*.

MODULE 5: Judicial review

- Practice and procedure in judicial review applications,
- Identifying a judicial review,
- Advocacy skills.

MODULE 6: The Role of An Garda Síochána in the Criminal Justice System

- Functions and powers of the gardaí,
- Duty to seek out and preserve evidence,
- Initiating proceedings,
- Rules of disclosure,
- Understanding the bail process and bail applications,
- Liaising with An Garda Síochána during the courts process.

MODULE 7: Road traffic offences

- Basic proofs in a drink-driving case,
- Recent case law developments,
- Advocacy skills: running a District Court case and Circuit Court appeal.

MODULE 8: Sentencing law and practice

- General principles,
- Mitigating factors and aggravating factors,
- Relevant legislation and case law,
- Sentencing,
- Sentencing hearing.

MODULE 9: Regulatory crime

- Regulatory crime – practice and procedure,
- Criminal offences and the *Companies Act 2014*,
- The role of the Office of the Director of Corporate Enforcement.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

This course is suitable for solicitors, trainees, and barristers who currently work in the area of criminal law or aspire to do so. It will also appeal to members of An Garda Síochána and employees of statutory agencies and offices that have a criminal justice function and other suitably qualified professionals who have a professional interest in criminal law.

We welcome applications from suitably qualified non-members. Please explain your interest and set out any relevant experience in a cover letter and a brief CV. Such applications are subject to a supplemental fee of €300.



START DATE:

Friday 8 October 2021



DELIVERY METHOD:

Live monthly block release lectures and live workshop sessions over five weekends (Friday and Saturday). All sessions live online and also available to view on demand



ASSESSMENT:

Continuous assessment through online activities (15%), advocacy skills assessment (25%), written assignment (60%)



FEE:

€2,600



COURSE LEADER

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Noeline Blackwell, CEO, Dublin Rape Crisis Centre, speaking at the criminal law panel discussion

**START DATE:**

Tuesday 12 October 2021

**DELIVERY METHOD:**

Live online lectures on Tuesdays, 6pm to 9pm, and interactive workshops; also available to view on demand

**ASSESSMENT:**

Three-hour closed-book written examination (60%); written assignment (40%)

**FEE:**

€2,600

**COURSE LEADER**Deirdre Flynn, Solicitor
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DIPLOMA IN FINANCE LAW

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE AND APPROACH TO LEARNING

This diploma provides participants with a comprehensive and in-depth understanding of the law in relation to the provision of financial services from a national and international perspective. This dynamic area is constantly subject to regulatory and statutory changes at both a European and national level.

The modules in this diploma will consider the current financial services market in Ireland and the regulatory framework in which it operates. Ireland is recognised as a global financial services and technology hub, and the course will examine the use of FinTech and RegTech in the industry. The course also focuses on specific technical and legal aspects, including a review of the underlying principles and characteristics of banking and financial markets, perspectives on corporate finance, and the regulatory issues that relate to domestic and international capital markets.

MODULES

The programme is based on the following module scheme:

MODULE 1: Financial services market

- Legislative provisions,
- The Central Bank and regulation,
- Investment firms,
- FinTech.

MODULE 2: Industry sectors

- Investment funds,
- Insurance,
- Pensions.

MODULE 3: Banking sectors

- Regulation of banking in Ireland,
- Codes of practice,
- Corporate banking.

MODULE 4: Loan financing

- Loan Market Association,
- Equity financing,
- Recovery and restructuring.

MODULE 5: Capital markets and corporate governance

- Bond markets,
- International Swaps and Derivatives Association,
- Irish Stock Exchange,
- Corporate governance,
- Money laundering,
- Insider dealing and market manipulation.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

This course is suitable for solicitors, trainee solicitors, paralegals, and other suitable professionals who wish to expand their knowledge of the financial services industry

with a view to moving into the area. It will also appeal to solicitors and others in the banking industry and other suitable professionals seeking to gain a thorough understanding of the rules governing the regulation of banking and a detailed knowledge of banking documentation. Additionally, the course is of interest to directors, tax consultants, accountants, bankers, fund managers and those who wish to familiarise themselves with the funds industry and compliance issues relating to the financial services industry.

We welcome applications from suitably qualified non-members. Please explain your interest and set out any relevant experience in a cover letter and a brief CV. Such applications are subject to a supplemental fee of €300.



Brendan Twomey (solicitor and chair of the Law Society Curriculum Development Unit) speaking at the 2019 Diploma Centre conferral ceremony

DIPLOMA IN JUDICIAL SKILLS AND DECISION-MAKING

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE AND APPROACH TO LEARNING

This diploma will provide participants with case-management leadership skills and practical training on how to run a case in any forum. It will also prepare participants for adjudicatory, tribunal, and board roles, and will explore the skills needed to preside over various forums.

Practical workshops on arriving at a determination and drafting judgments will be facilitated by means of case studies. An interactive online module on mediation will look at the challenges arising from integrating the mediation process with the legal system, examine key mediation skills, and give students an insight into how the *Mediation Act 2017* affects traditional court-based proceedings.

MODULES

The programme is based on the following module scheme:

MODULE 1: The exercise of judicial skills and decision-making

- Ethical considerations; types of judicial roles/quasi-judicial bodies,
- The application and recruitment process,
- Understanding and managing the trial process,
- Rules of evidence from the decision-maker's perspective.

MODULE 2: Mediation, managing proceedings, and administering justice

- Mediation overview from a judicial perspective,
- The effect of the *Mediation Act 2017*,

- Functions and duties of chairpersons of a board.

MODULE 3: Written judgments and decision-making skills

- Drafting written judgments,
- Proceedings involving litigants-in-person,
- Assessing credibility; assessing expert evidence.

MODULE 4: The social context of law

- Examination of cultural diversity in Ireland,
- Independence and accountability,
- Equality legislation and inclusion,
- Consistency in sentencing,
- Dealing with vulnerable clients or witnesses.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

This course is suitable for solicitors, barristers, and other relevant professionals who wish to develop the skill-set necessary for adjudicatory, tribunal, and board roles, or the skills necessary to preside over various forums. The course is also of appeal to directors or other relevant professionals seeking to gain necessary training with regard to overseeing decision-making processes in a corporate environment.

We welcome applications from suitably qualified non-members. Please explain your interest and set out any relevant experience in a cover letter and a brief CV. Such applications are subject to a supplemental fee of €300.



Brian Robinson
Managing Partner,
Benville Robinson
Solicitors

I undertook the Diploma in Judicial Skills and Decision-Making to better understand the complexities of the decision-making process and to see how decisions are arrived at. The course was very well structured and the content focused on numerous and varied aspects of the process.

The speakers were excellent and of the highest calibre. Workshops were insightful and engaging, providing great practical and beneficial advice. The course was immensely enjoyable, and I got a lot out of the contributions and interactions from speakers and colleagues on the course. I feel that the skills and lessons learned are invaluable to me as a litigator.



START DATE:

Wednesday 13 October 2021



DELIVERY METHOD:

Live online lectures on Wednesdays and Saturdays, with interactive workshops; also available to view on demand



ASSESSMENT:

Final written assignment (60%) and continuous assessment (40%) based on participation and completion of workshop assignments



FEE:

€3,000



COURSE LEADER

Cian Monahan, Solicitor
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Ms Justice Marie Baker of the Supreme Court addressing participants at the January 2020 panel discussion

**START DATE:**

Wednesday 13 October 2021

**DELIVERY METHOD:**

Online lectures released on Wednesdays at 2pm, with online workshops on Saturdays; also available to view on demand

**ASSESSMENT:**

Three-hour closed-book written exam (80%), multiple choice questions (10%) and continuous assessment through online activities (10%)

**FEE:**

€3,000

**COURSE LEADER**

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Philip Lee

The Diploma in Technology and IP Law was very relevant to my role as a media and entertainment lawyer. The course modules were focused and detailed, and the lecturers did an excellent job of delivering the information so that it could be applied in a practical manner, which is of vital importance when advising clients on complicated topics such as those covered by the diploma. Having lectures online was a real benefit, as I could fit the classes into a busy working schedule at times that suited me.

DIPLOMA IN TECHNOLOGY AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE AND APPROACH TO LEARNING

This advanced-level programme will provide a wide-ranging analysis of issues relating to intellectual property rights, advising on data protection strategies and managing transactional issues. Leading experts consider potential liabilities, including IP infringements and defences, domain disputes, e-commerce and consumer regulations, software licensing, and data security breaches.

The course offers an insight into the world of cybercrime and suggests possible corporate risk-management strategies that companies can implement. Separately, applicable torts will be analysed, such as defamation and the rights and duties attaching to social media, blogging, and internet usage. Finally, the course examines the law relating to key technology such as the Cloud, nanotechnology, biomedical technology, biometrics, wearable technology, driverless vehicles, FinTech, and blockchain.

MODULES

The programme is based on the following module scheme:

MODULE 1: Intellectual property

- Trademarks – registration; infringement; non-conventional marks,
- Patents – registration; priority; patent dealings; patentability of software,
- Copyright – digital recordings; databases; software,

- Design law – registered and unregistered designs,
- Trade secrets – confidential information,
- Intellectual property rights management and IP contracts.

MODULE 2: Data protection

- GDPR – Regulation 2016/679,
- Data processing, sharing and access requests,
- International data transfers,
- Data protection and new technologies, such as drones and biometrics,
- Data security and technology,
- Data breaches.

MODULE 3: Technology contracts

- Technology contract clauses,
- Software licensing agreements,
- E-commerce, online contracts, consumer protection,
- Website terms and conditions,
- Outsourcing and cloud computing,
- Gaming law and online betting,
- Practical and legal issues for tech companies.

MODULE 4: Social media

- Managing legal risks,
- Defamation and blogging,
- Hosting, caching, conduits,
- Advertising standards online,
- Criminal and civil liability for online content,
- Social media and employment relationship.

MODULE 5: The law and technology

- Bio-law – medical and legal considerations,
- Nanotechnology, biometrics, drones, wearables,
- Cybersecurity and cybercrime,
- Video-gaming, augmented reality, driverless vehicles,
- Cookies, apps, the Cloud,
- FinTech and blockchain,
- The ‘Internet of Things’.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

This course is suitable for solicitors, barristers, and trainees who wish to augment their knowledge in the area of IP and technology law to better advise their clients. It will also appeal to solicitors, barristers, and trainees both in private practice and in-house roles (for example, in tech, IT and pharma companies). It is of interest to industry professionals with an interest in IT, intellectual property, data protection, cybersecurity, social media, research and development, technology transfer, and innovation. Additionally, professionals with an interest in IP and technology, who aspire to work in the area, may also apply.

We welcome applications from suitably qualified non-members. Please explain your interest and set out any relevant experience in a cover letter and a brief CV. Such applications are subject to a supplemental fee of €300.

DIPLOMA IN EDUCATION LAW

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE AND APPROACH TO LEARNING

Now in its sixth year, this highly regarded advanced-level diploma provides participants with a comprehensive understanding of the complex legal topics that arise when advising on education law matters, including employment law, equality law, conflict resolution, corporate governance, child protection, data protection and litigation. The course is designed to be as accessible as possible, with key sessions taking place during standard school holidays.

MODULES

The programme is based on the following module scheme:

MODULE 1: Employment law in the school context – part 1

- Recruitment of staff; status of workers,
- The contract of employment,
- Grievance and disciplinary procedures,
- Termination of employment,
- The Teaching Council, registration, and ‘fitness to teach’ – part 5 of the *Teaching Council Acts 2001-2015*.

MODULE 2: Employment law in the school context – part 2

- Appointment and promotion procedures,
- Equality in the workplace,
- Managing bullying and harassment,
- The application of TUPE.

MODULE 3: Admissions policies and student conduct

- Admission, enrolment policies,
- Codes of behaviour and school disciplinary

- procedures,
- Peer-to-peer bullying,
- Managing parental complaints.

MODULE 4: School structures and governance

- Legislative framework – the *Education Act 1988* and amending legislation,
- The role of boards of management,
- The role of principals and teachers,
- Financial management,
- The inspectorate.

MODULE 5: Negligence and litigation management

- The duty of care in the school context,
- The standard of care,
- When the duty of care arises and the ‘boundaries’ of the school,
- Sporting activities organised by schools,
- Teacher negligence and contributory negligence of children,
- Degree of supervision and student maturity,
- Liability of the school authority.

MODULE 6: Providing for special educational needs

- Legislative provisions,
- School policies and procedures,
- Roles and functions of boards of management and principals,
- The examination and assessment process,
- Equality law provisions.

MODULE 7: Compliance matters and miscellaneous provisions

- FOI and data protection,
- Child protection obligations,
- The *Protected Disclosures Act 2014*,

- Participating in case conferences – best practice,
- Tusla reporting requirements,
- Health and safety provisions.

MODULE 8: Higher, further, and adult education

- Governance structures at third level,
- Student conduct issues,
- Issues relevant to international students,
- The examination process and managing plagiarism.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

This course is suitable for solicitors, barristers, and trainees who advise or wish to advise on education law matters. It will also appeal to key stakeholders and decision-makers within the education setting, including school principals, assistant principals, inspectors, and teachers at all levels. It will also be of interest to teachers in management organisations, trade unions, and staff associations.

We welcome applications from suitably qualified non-members. Please explain your interest and set out any relevant experience in a cover letter and a brief CV. Such applications are subject to a supplemental fee of €300.



START DATE:

Friday 29 October 2021



DELIVERY METHOD:

Block placement – four Friday and Saturday sessions (to coincide with periods of school leave); also available to view on demand



ASSESSMENT:

Two 2,500-word written assignments



FEE:

€2,600



COURSE LEADER

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Diarmuid Hennessy
Primary School
Principal

Given the increasing and ever-evolving broad-ranging legislative and regulatory requirements in the area of education, the Diploma in Education Law has assisted with providing a clearer rationale and greater appreciation of the important legal context upon which they are based. Engaging lectures, the examination of relevant case law, and the collective scrutiny of related case studies with my fellow course participants has ensured an enjoyable, worthwhile and invaluable learning opportunity that continues to be of great assistance in my daily work.

**START DATE:**

Tuesday 2 November 2021

**DELIVERY METHOD:**

Live online lectures on Tuesdays, 6pm to 9pm, with online workshops on occasional Saturdays

**ASSESSMENT:**

Three-hour closed-book examination

**FEE:**

€2,600

**COURSE LEADER**

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DIPLOMA IN COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE AND APPROACH TO LEARNING

With a renewed level of activity in the property market, this course aims to expose practitioners to the key areas of practice that arise when advising clients in all areas of commercial property transactions. Lecturers will draw on their own experiences of practising in this area, with reference to legislative updates, practice directions, and practical case studies to provide participants with the necessary knowledge to advance in this area. The practical emphasis of the course is reinforced by three workshops, which will provide an opportunity to engage with topics through problem-based scenarios in a small-group setting.

MODULES

The programme is based on the following module scheme:

MODULE 1: Introduction and basic principles

- Contracts and general conditions of sale: what to look for in a commercial property transaction,
- Drafting special conditions.

MODULE 2: Commercial leases

- Key agreement for lease issues,
- Rent review – key terms,
- Key lease occupation issues,
- Drafting and negotiating a lease.

MODULE 3: Development and planning

- Acting for a developer – scheme documentation and booklet of title,
- The *Multi-Unit Developments (MUD) Act 2011* for new builds,
- Build to rent,
- The *Building Control (Amendment) Regulations 2014*,
- Practical planning advice for the commercial property lawyer.

MODULE 4: Property financing and investment

- Company/commercial law aspects of commercial property,
- Investment structures,
- Property lending.

MODULE 5: Taxation

- Stamp duty,
- Taxing commercial leases,
- Tax arising on the purchase and sale of freeholds.

MODULE 6: Dealing with distressed sales

- NAMA transactions,
- Loan portfolio sales,
- Distressed real estate.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

This diploma is open to lawyers only. It is aimed at solicitors with a level of experience in this area. It will also provide a useful refresher course for those who may have recently returned to property practice and for those looking to update their knowledge in this area. The course is also open to trainee solicitors who have successfully completed their PPC I.



Diploma in Commercial Property class 2019 (front, l to r): Deirdre Flynn (acting head, Diploma Centre), Brendan Twomey, solicitor, Judge Bronagh O'Hanlon, Judge Aileen Donnelly, Claire O'Mahony (acting head, Diploma Centre), Richard Hammond SC, solicitor



DIPLOMA CENTRE EVENTS

- 1 Yvonne Nolan, deputy general counsel, World Rugby, speaking at the Certificate in Sports Law panel event 2021
2. Cian Monahan (Diploma Centre) with Solicitors of the Future participants
3. Claire O' Mahony (Diploma Centre) with the 2021 *Public Sector Magazine* 'Excellence in Public Sector Education Support' award in 2021
4. Susan Bourke, LegalRSS, CPD bonus day 2019
5. Liam Dunne and Emma O'Flynn (Diploma Centre)
6. Diploma Centre students 2020
7. Welcoming students in 2020
8. PPC I trainees at the MOOC panel event



**START DATE:**

Thursday 30 September 2021

**DELIVERY METHOD:**

Lectures released online on Thursdays at 6pm, with online interactive workshops; also available to view on demand

**ASSESSMENT:**

2,500-word written assignment (80%), short multiple-choice quiz (10%), and continuous assessment through online activities (10%)

**FEE:**

€1,650

**COURSE LEADER**Claire O'Mahony, Solicitor
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CERTIFICATE IN AVIATION LEASING AND FINANCE

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE AND APPROACH TO LEARNING

This certificate provides coverage of the key aspects of the aviation leasing and finance industry. It aims to deliver an analysis of the core legal and practical issues that parties typically encounter in aircraft leasing and finance transactions. Participants will gain an overview of the key legal, financial, and technical issues, as well as an understanding of the broader regulation, tax, and insurance aspects relevant to aircraft leasing and finance.

MODULES

The programme is based on the following module scheme:

MODULE 1: Aviation industry,
MODULE 2: Aircraft leasing,
MODULE 3: Aviation financing,
MODULE 4: Key technical issues,
MODULE 5: Regulatory environment,
MODULE 6: Taxation and aviation,
MODULE 7: Insurance and aviation,
MODULE 8: Career panel event.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

It is not necessary to have prior experience or knowledge of the aviation industry in order to apply for this certificate. It is an excellent course for those already in the industry who wish to deepen their knowledge of the leasing aspect of aviation or for those who want to enter the industry. This certificate also functions as a preparatory course for those

intending to take the Diploma in Aviation Finance and Leasing but who do not meet the entry requirements.

Those who have successfully completed the Certificate in Aviation Leasing and Finance and wish to progress to the diploma may avail of a discount.

We welcome applications from suitably qualified non-members. Please explain your interest and set out any relevant experience in a cover letter and a brief CV. Such applications are subject to a supplemental fee of €100.



Marie O'Brien, partner, A&L Goodbody,
course consultant

AVIATION COURSES AT THE DIPLOMA CENTRE

Now in their ninth year, the Diploma Centre aviation courses have proven to be popular with lawyers and non-legal aviation professionals worldwide. Students are attracted to study our aviation courses as Ireland is internationally recognised as the global hub for aviation leasing and finance law, with 14 of the top 15 global aircraft lessors enjoying a presence here. More than 60% of the world's fleet of leased aircraft is owned, leased, or managed in Ireland.

We offer two courses:

- Certificate in Aviation Leasing and Finance (Autumn 2021)
- Diploma in Aviation Leasing and Finance (Spring 2022)

The teaching faculty for our aviation courses is comprised of a fantastic array of legal practitioners from top-tier law firms in Ireland, UK and the USA and leading aviation industry specialists.

We offer a career panel event for participants to assist them with entry into the industry.

Our 2019 diploma course was awarded the accolade of Postgraduate Course of the Year – Law at the gradireland awards.



DIPLOMA IN AVIATION LEASING AND FINANCE

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE AND APPROACH TO LEARNING

This advanced-level Diploma in Aviation Leasing and Finance delivers an in-depth analysis of the core legal and practical issues that parties typically encounter in aircraft leasing and finance transactions.

MODULES

The programme is based on the following module scheme:

MODULE 1: Introduction to the aviation industry

- Profile of aviation industry 2021; Ireland as an aviation hub,
- Analysis of main industry players,
- Overview of regulatory framework.

MODULE 2: Purchase and leasing aircraft

- Reasons for investing in aircraft,
- Aircraft operating lease agreements,
- Purchasing aircraft and delivery; aircraft trading (GATS).

MODULE 3: Aviation finance

- Commercial debt financing for aviation,
- PDP financing,
- Export credit agencies structures,
- Typical security taken over aircraft.

MODULE 4: Regulatory environment

- Role of the Irish Aviation Authority,
- ICAO, IATA, EASA,
- The *Cape Town Convention*,
- The International Registry of Mobile Assets.

MODULE 5: Taxation and aviation

- Importance of Irish tax residence,
- Tax opinions, legal opinions, double taxation treaties.

MODULE 6: Insurance and aviation

- Airline aviation insurances and key clauses,
- Lease insurance provisions,
- Lessor considerations; claims management.

MODULE 7: Applied leasing issues

- Redelivery of aircraft,
- Helicopters – leasing, registration,
- Engine leasing; maintenance reserves,
- Aircraft records management.

MODULE 8: Repossession and recovery

- Repossession in practice,
- Relevant default provisions; termination,
- Applications to court, enforcement.

MODULE 9: Fleet planning

- Fleet planning by airlines; strategies.

MODULE 10: Case law and future trends

- Irish and UK aviation case law update; future trends.

MODULE 11: Career Panel event

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

This course is suitable for solicitors, barristers, and trainees who advise aviation clients or who wish to join the aviation sector. It will also appeal to professionals working in the aviation industries who wish to expand their knowledge with a view to

career advancement or moving laterally to another discipline within the industry – such as contract administrators, engineers and professionals in aircraft leasing companies and airlines.

In addition, the diploma is suitable for accountants, finance professionals, and tax consultants advising aviation clients, and insurance professionals specialising in aviation insurance.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

In order to apply you must (a) be a lawyer, (b) have a minimum of two years' full-time experience in the aviation industry, or (c) have successfully completed the Certificate in Aviation Leasing and Finance. We welcome applications for this course from suitably qualified non-members. Please explain your interest and set out any relevant experience in a cover letter and a brief CV. Such applications are subject to a supplemental fee of €300.



Diploma in Aviation Leasing and Finance lecturers, David R Fiore, deputy vice-president, Export-Import Bank of USA, and Jeff Veber, partner, Vedder Price, New York



START DATE:

Thursday 27 January 2022



DELIVERY METHOD:

Lectures live online on Thursdays, 6pm to 9pm, with live online workshops on occasional Saturdays. Also available to view on demand



ASSESSMENT:

Assessment scheduled for June 2022



FEE:

€3,000



COURSE LEADER

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DIPLOMA CENTRE MASSIVE OPEN ONLINE COURSES MOOCS

Since 2014, the Diploma Centre has offered a free MOOC (massive open online course) annually, as part of a public legal education initiative. To date, the Diploma Centre MOOCs have attracted more than 21,000 participants from 85 countries – from Australia to Botswana, Malaysia to Latvia. The courses are designed to showcase the Irish solicitor profession on the world stage, the Diploma Centre’s commitment to online learning, and to transform access to legal education.

FROM 2014 - 2021



21,000
STUDENTS



85
STUDENT COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN

IN 2021 THERE WERE



18,887
VIEWS OF COURSE CONTENT



AVIATION LEASING
AND FINANCE

2014



TECHNOLOGY
LAW

2015



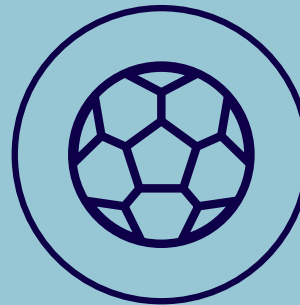
ONLINE
PRIVACY

2016



EMPLOYMENT
LAW

2017



SPORTS
LAW

2018



ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT
AND MEDIA LAW

2019



ENVIRONMENTAL LAW
AND CLIMATE CHANGE

2021



ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND CLIMATE CHANGE

2021

In spring 2021 we delivered our most successful MOOC to date on **Environmental Law and Climate Change – Shaping a Greener Future.**

Over 4,200 people participated from over 50 countries, and we welcomed a host of expert speakers to lead weekly discussions on key topics including the circular economy, ecocide, climate litigation and EU environmental law in Ireland.



Expert speakers featured in the 2021 MOOC

Contributors in 2021 included Dr Mary Robinson, Adjunct Professor of Climate Justice, Trinity College Dublin, and the then Lord Mayor of Dublin Hazel Chu.



2016 Data Protection Panel Discussion (from left) Denis Kelleher, head of privacy, LinkedIn; Jeanne Kelly, partner, LK Shields; Daragh O'Brien, CEO, Castlebridge



Sean Cottrell, founder and CEO, LawInSport, at the 2018 Sports Law MOOC



Dr Mary Robinson, Adjunct Professor of Climate Justice, Trinity College Dublin, Environmental Law and Climate Change MOOC, 2021



CERTIFICATE IN MEDIATOR TRAINING

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE AND APPROACH TO LEARNING

The goal of this certificate is to provide an appreciation of the theoretical foundations and practical strategies and skills of mediation in a variety of contexts.

Upon successful completion, participants will be awarded:

- Certificate in Mediator Training from the Law Society of Ireland, and
- Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CI Arb) Foundation Level Certificate in Commercial Mediation, which entitles them to join CI Arb at associate level.

This course is designed not only to equip participants with the skills to act as a mediator, but also to consider fully how the practice of mediation will be affected by the new statutory framework. It examines the *Mediation Act 2017*, which entered into force in 2018, and its objective to promote mediation as a viable, effective, and efficient alternative to court proceedings, thereby reducing legal costs, speeding up the resolution of disputes, and relieving the stress involved in court proceedings.

MODULES

The programme is based on the following module scheme:

MODULE 1: Conflict and dispute resolution

- Conflict and disputes,
- Conflict analysis,
- Working with conflict,
- Resolving disputes.

MODULE 2: Mediation principles and processes

- Principles of mediation,
- Mediation processes and models,
- The role of the mediator,
- The future of mediation.

MODULE 3: Mediation skills and practice

- Mediation skills and strategies,
- Negotiation in mediation,
- Drafting documentation,
- Lawyers and mediation.

MODULE 4: Mediation law in Ireland

- The development of mediation in the Irish legal system,
- Case law and legislation,
- The *Mediation Act 2017*,
- The impact of law on practice.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

This course is suitable for solicitors, barristers, and trainees interested in the mediation process, and suitably qualified non-legal professionals whose work requires them to engage in alternative dispute resolution mechanisms, whether that is in the workplace setting, family matters, or commercial disputes.

We welcome applications for this course from suitably qualified non-members. Please explain your interest and set out any relevant experience in a cover letter and a brief CV. Such applications are subject to a supplemental fee of €100.

FACULTY

The course is facilitated by experienced mediation practitioners with extensive knowledge and insight of how the mediation process interacts with more traditional forms of dispute resolution. Faculty include Sabine Walsh, solicitor, mediator, co-founder and head of curriculum and design at the Mediator Academy and Aled Davies, mediator, co-founder and CEO of the Mediator Academy, together with other prominent experts, including members of the legal and mediation profession and the judiciary.



START DATE:

Wednesday 29 September 2021



DELIVERY METHOD:

Online lectures with live interactive workshops



ASSESSMENT:

The continuous assessment items include final assessment worth 50%, 30% online assessment, and online forum posts worth 20%



FEE:

€1,650



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This course confers a **Foundation Level Certificate in Commercial Mediation** from the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CI Arb), which entitles graduates to join CI Arb at associate level



**START DATE:**

Wednesday 6 October 2021

**DELIVERY METHOD:**

Online lectures released on Wednesdays at 2pm, with online workshops on Saturdays; also available to view on demand

**ASSESSMENT:**

2,500-word written assignment, including case-study scenarios (70%), multiple-choice questions (20%), and continuous assessment through online activities (10%)

**FEE:**

€1,650

**COURSE LEADER**

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CERTIFICATE IN DATA PROTECTION PRACTICE

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE AND APPROACH TO LEARNING

In this popular certificate course, participants will be brought through the application of the law by experienced data protection practitioners and privacy consultants from private practice, the public sector, and from large multinationals. There is a strong focus on the *General Data Protection Regulation* (Regulation 2016/679) and how to apply it in practice. This course will ensure that participants are equipped to deal with the compliance issues that arise in practice.

MODULES

The programme is based on the following module scheme:

MODULE 1: Introduction to data protection law

- Origins of data protection law,
- Data protection concepts and principles,
- Overview of data protection landscape.

MODULE 2: Data processing and sharing

- Legitimate processing,
- Data retention,
- Data access requests,
- Government data, public sector,
- Data protection v freedom of information,
- Litigation – legal professional privilege/discovery.

MODULE 3: Data processing and personal rights

- Removal, amendments, rectification,
- The right to be forgotten,
- Direct marketing,
- Automated decision-making,
- State surveillance.

MODULE 4: General Data Protection Regulation

- Overview of key changes,
- Impact of changes on processing, consent, outsourcing,
- Compliance and enforcement,
- Requirement to have a data protection officer (DPO),
- Changes referenced in each module throughout the certificate.

MODULE 5: Data governance

- Role of the data protection officer,
- Data breaches,
- Powers of Data Protection Commission,
- Privacy impact assessments.

MODULE 6: International data transfers

- Data transfer risks,
- Transfers outside EEA,
- Effect of Brexit data transfers,
- Supervision, enforcement, offences.

MODULE 7: Data protection compliance

- CCTV,
- Direct marketing,
- Cookies, the Cloud,
- Outsourcing,
- Drones, biometrics, wearable technology.

MODULE 8: Data governance framework

- Best practice models,
- Information asset life-cycle,
- Aligning data protection and data governance,
- Standard frameworks and ISOs,
- Measuring data protection compliance.

MODULE 9: Change management

- Context and rationale,
- Principles of change management,
- Data protection training.

MODULE 10: Data security and technology

- Physical security of data,
- Virtual security of data,
- Technical considerations.

MODULE 11: Ethics in data protection

- Ethical first principles,
- A framework for ethics in information management,
- Practical application.

MODULE 12: Data protection update

- Global view and the EU v US approach,
- Overview of recent data protection issues.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

This course is suitable for solicitors, barristers, and trainees who currently advise or aspire to advise on data protection issues, data protection and compliance officers, those working in the area of data protection who need to update their knowledge on the GDPR, and suitably qualified professionals wishing to move into the area of data protection.

We welcome applications from suitably qualified non-members. Please explain your interest and set out any relevant experience in a cover letter and a brief CV. Such applications are subject to a supplemental fee of €100.

CERTIFICATE IN PROPERTY LAW AND CONVEYANCING (LEGAL EXECUTIVES)

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE AND APPROACH TO LEARNING

The certificate is an innovative programme that will offer legal executives an opportunity to develop their practical skills and conveyancing knowledge. The course will provide participants with a grounding in the property law principles that underpin conveyancing practice.

The course gives a comprehensive review of the legal documentation that is produced during a conveyancing transaction, including the contract for sale, family law declarations, and requisitions on title. Students will gain an understanding of all the steps in a conveyancing transaction, from initial instructions and investigation of title through to completion and registration in the Property Registration Authority.

MODULES

The programme is based on the following module scheme:

MODULE 1: Introduction to property law

- The historical background, evolution, and policy goals of land law,
- Ownership and legal estates,
- Governing legislation and case law.

MODULE 2: Conveyancing transaction overview

- Steps in a conveyancing transaction,
- File management,
- *General Data Protection Regulation*; anti-money-laundering.

MODULE 3: The contract stage

- Why investigate title?
- *Conditions of Sale 2019*,
- *Requisitions on Title 2019*.

MODULE 4: Discrete areas of conveyancing practice

- New developments,
- Dealing with the banks,
- The family home.

MODULE 5: Closing and post-completion

- Closing documentation – acting for the vendor,
- Taxation and stamping,
- Property Registration Authority masterclass for legal executives,
- Scheduling of title documents.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

The course is open to applications from legal executives with a minimum of two years' experience working in property practice. Applicants should explain their interest in the course and set out any relevant experience in a cover letter and a brief CV.



START DATE:

Saturday 9 October 2021



DELIVERY METHOD:

Live online lectures on Thursdays, 6pm to 9pm, and online workshops; also available to view on demand; opening day on Saturday 9 October 2021



ASSESSMENT:

Continuous assessment (30%) and final written assignment (70%)



FEE:

€1,750



COURSE LEADER

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Lydia Mullane
Clúid Housing

The course provided a firm understanding of general conveyancing and covered everything from the historical basis of land law in Ireland right through the steps in a conveyancing transaction, reading title, pre-contract queries and all the way through to taxation and registrations. If you are a legal executive who wants to have a broad and thorough understanding of conveyancing practice in Ireland, then this is the course for you. I cannot recommend it highly enough.



Judge Rosemary Horgan at the 2019 Diploma Centre conferral ceremony

**START DATE:**

Tuesday 9 November 2021

**DELIVERY METHOD:**

Lectures released on Tuesdays, with interactive Saturday workshops; also available to view on demand

**ASSESSMENT:**

2,500-word written assignment

**FEE:**

€1,650

**COURSE LEADER**Claire O'Mahony, Solicitor
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The programme may be of interest to those preparing for the Irish trade mark agent exam, which is offered by the Irish Patents Office.

CERTIFICATE IN TRADE MARK LAW

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE AND APPROACH TO LEARNING

The Certificate in Trade Mark Law provides a practical approach to trade mark law that equips participants with the necessary skills to deal with issues that arise in practice.

The course focuses on the legal principles and practical procedures for registering a trade mark at the Intellectual Property Office of Ireland (IPOI), the European Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO), and the World Intellectual Property Office (WIPO), as well as how to deal with objections and oppositions. In addition, we examine the process of managing a trade mark portfolio and dealing with revocation, invalidity, and recordals.

MODULES

The programme is based on the following module scheme:

MODULE 1: Introduction to trade marks

- Benefits of registration,
- Types of trade marks,
- PGIs, collective, certification, non-conventional,
- Filing systems.

MODULE 2: Community Trade Mark Regulation

- Overview of Regulation 2015/2424.

MODULE 3: Registering trade marks

- Pre-filing considerations and searches,
- Classification of trade marks (Nice, Vienna),
- Application to IPOI,
- Application to EUIPO/WIPO,
- Formality and maintenance procedures.

MODULE 4: Trade mark registrability

- Refusal on absolute/relative grounds,
- Acquired distinctiveness,
- Official objections.

MODULE 5: Publication and oppositions

- Publication and its significance,
- Differences at IPOI, EUIPO, WIPO,
- Oppositions practice and procedure,
- Irish v EUIPO approach to oppositions,
- Appeals and registration.

MODULE 6: Revocation and invalidity

- Trade mark use, including genuine use,
- Revocation, applicable grounds,
- Acquiescence and coexistence,
- Invalidity practice and procedure.

MODULE 7: Infringement of trade marks

- Types of infringement,
- Defences,
- Remedies,
- Passing-off,
- Litigation.

MODULE 8: Registrable transactions

- Assignments and licences,
- Agreements, recording transactions.

MODULE 9: Advanced trade marks

- Comparative advertising,
- Exhaustion of rights/parallel imports,
- Anti-counterfeiting,
- Online infringement/web-blocking orders,
- Plain packaging legislation.

MODULE 10: Design law

- Design law in Ireland/EU,
- Unregistered and registered designs,
- Infringement and remedies.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

This course is suitable for solicitors, barristers, and trainees who are working in the area of intellectual property or aspire to work in the area, or for professionals working in intellectual property firms and those managing intellectual property portfolios in industry. It may also appeal to sole traders and entrepreneurs.

We welcome applications from suitably qualified non-members. Please explain your interest and set out any relevant experience in a cover letter and a brief CV. Such applications are subject to a supplemental fee of €100.

CERTIFICATE IN IMMIGRATION LAW AND PRACTICE

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE AND APPROACH TO LEARNING

This certificate will offer an in-depth analysis of immigration law and its application in Ireland. The central pieces of legislation covered by the course include the *Aliens Acts*, the *Immigration Acts*, the *Refugee Act 1996*, the *Illegal Immigrants (Trafficking) Act 2000*, the *Irish Nationality and Citizenship Acts*, the *International Protection Act 2015*, and the numerous statutory instruments covering immigration and citizenship. The course also scrutinises the manner in which this legislation has been interpreted over the years by the courts, the Garda National Immigration Bureau (GNIB) and the Irish Naturalisation and Immigration Service (INIS), together with the impact of Brexit.

Participants will be guided through the practical aspects of the law by experienced legal practitioners, members of the public sector, and high-ranking representatives of international bodies, non-governmental organisations, and large multinationals.

MODULES

The programme is based on the following module scheme:

MODULE 1: Legal, social and political context

- Theories of migration and overview of the history of migration,
- International migration and social justice issues,
- International legal framework (UN, ECHR, EU, other conventions),
- Legal framework in Ireland (effecting provisions and other laws),

- Social welfare and domestic violence.

MODULE 2: Entering, residing and remaining in the State

- Responsible State institutions and departments,
- Entering: non-visa-required nationals and visa-required nationals; visa application process, including visas for students, workers, family members; EU citizens; family-reunification applications,
- Residing: registering permission; applications to reside; permanent residence,
- Permission to remain: change of status application; humanitarian leave to remain; *de facto* partner application; Irish-born child application; other,
- Citizenship: by birth (including foreign birth); by naturalisation.

MODULE 3: Asylum, subsidiary protection, and forced migration (including victims of trafficking)

- International protection and 'subsidiary protection' in Irish and EU law,
- Credibility assessment in international protection claims,
- Relocation and resettlement; direct provision entitlements; treatment of unaccompanied minors; family reunification,
- The *Dublin Regulation*.

MODULE 4: Corporate immigration

- Employment permits system,
- Immigrant investor schemes,
- Business visas and atypical working scheme.

MODULE 5: Courts and litigation

- Judicial review and injunctions in asylum and immigration matters,
- Procedure, relevant documents, stamp duty, time limits, and practice directions,
- Deportation, removal, and repatriation,
- Trafficking, people smuggling, and immigration fraud,
- The perspective of the Garda National Immigration Bureau.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

The Certificate in Immigration Law and Practice is primarily aimed at lawyers working in the area of immigration. However, it will also appeal to professionals working in non-governmental organisations, international bodies, and statutory bodies with an immigration remit, professionals working in multinational companies or corporate migration, public service employees who work in the area of asylum and immigration, and individuals who have an interest in Irish immigration law.

We welcome applications from suitably qualified non-members. Please explain your interest and set out any relevant experience in a cover letter and a brief CV. Such applications are subject to a supplemental fee of €100.



START DATE:

Thursday 4 November 2021



DELIVERY METHOD:

Live online lectures Thursdays 6pm to 9pm, with live workshops on occasional Saturdays; also available to view on demand



ASSESSMENT:

2,500-word written assignment (worth 80%) and continuous assessment (worth 20% of the overall grade)



FEE:

€1,650



COURSE LEADER

Suzanne Crilly, Solicitor
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Patricia Harvey (Diploma Centre) addressing Certificate in Immigration Law and Practice participants

**START DATE:**

October 2021

**DELIVERY METHOD:**

On-site and online

**ASSESSMENT:**

Completion of a number of elements including:

- Attendance at the initial orientation training,
- Completion of a project proposal,
- Implementation of a public legal education programme,
- Present evaluation report on your programme.

**FEE:**

This is a free course

**COURSE LEADER**

John Lunney

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CERTIFICATE IN PUBLIC LEGAL EDUCATION

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

The Law Society of Ireland actively supports public legal education (PLE) projects through a series of initiatives and engagement with solicitors, trainees and the public. PLE aims to increase awareness of the law by teaching people about our legal system and how law has an impact on society, so they can better exercise their legal rights and responsibilities.

This certificate aims to develop the skills of solicitors to run an effective public legal education programme in their community, based on the pedagogical approach and learner-centred methodologies of Street Law.

The steps involved for interested solicitors are:

1. Begin to develop your idea around a public legal education (PLE) programme,
2. Apply for a place at our PLE Orientation training in October 2021,
3. Implement and evaluate your chosen programme and fulfil the course requirements.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

This course is suitable for solicitors who are interested in running an effective public legal education programme in their community.

To register your interest or for further information, please contact John Lunney at j.lunney@lawsociety.ie.


**Eithne Lynch**

Pro Bono Associate
A&L Goodbody LLP

Our solicitors have been participating in the Law Society Certificate in Public Legal Education for a number of years. It is a fantastic course that has equipped us to design and develop legal education programs of relevance to our social justice partners. For example, this year we had the opportunity to work with An Cósán and the Irish Refugee Council to deliver a programme for women entering the workforce. Together we explored an introduction to the legal system in Ireland with a particular focus on employment law, the equality framework, and the nuts and bolts of setting up a business in Ireland. Would definitely recommend others to get involved.



Arthur Cox participants pictured with Claire O'Mahony and John Lunney of the Law Society, April 2021



SPRING 2022 DIPLOMA CENTRE COURSES

Our spring programme commences from January 2022. To register your interest for these courses and to be contacted once registration opens, please email diplomateam@lawsociety.ie.

- Certificate in Company Secretarial Law and Practice
- Certificate in Enforcement for Public Bodies
- Certificate in Charity Law, Trusteeship and Practice
- Certificate in Commercial Contracts
- Certificate in Data Protection Practice
- Diploma in Employment Law
- Diploma in Mediator Training
- Diploma in Aviation Leasing and Finance
- Diploma in Corporate Law and Governance
- Diploma in Compliance and Risk Management
- Diploma in Insurance Law
- Diploma in Healthcare Law
- LLM Advanced Legal Practice
- LLM Employment Law in Practice



KEEPING YOU INFORMED

Course timetables and content are subject to change, and date and time alterations may occur due to factors beyond our control.

Any proposed onsite sessions in our autumn 2021 and spring 2022 courses may take place online pursuant to COVID-19 public health advice. Students will be notified of any changes by the Diploma Centre as soon as the details have been confirmed.



TERMS AND CONDITIONS

For further information on the application process, discounts, attending our courses, examinations, and assessments, please visit www.lawsociety.ie/diplomacentre.

If there is a diploma, certificate, or other postgraduate course you would like to see introduced, or if you are interested in lecturing or tutoring on a diploma or certificate course, please contact Deirdre Flynn or Claire O'Mahony, joint heads of the Diploma Centre (acting), email: d.flynn@lawsociety.ie, c.omahony@lawsociety.ie.

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