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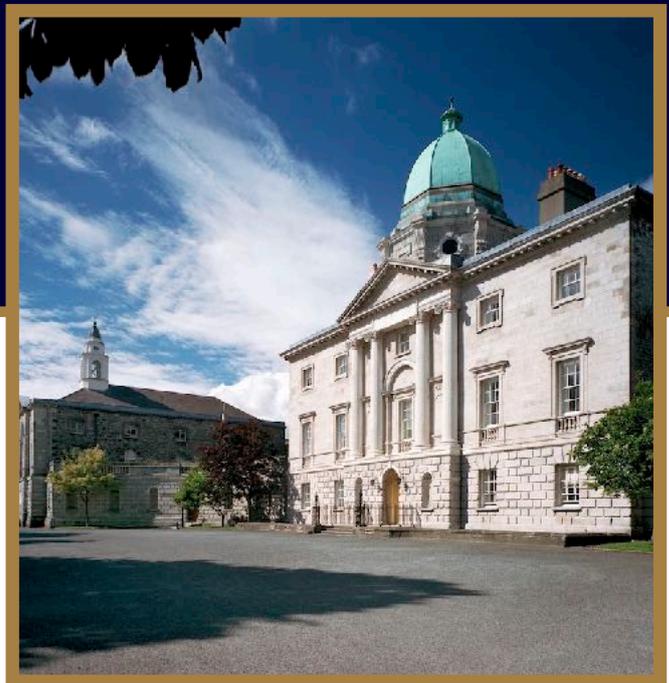
Today

The Law Society of Ireland's Law School embarked on its 1:1 iPad Programme in 2013 and is proud to be an Apple Distinguished School since 2016. Our trainee solicitors undertake a two-year full-time professional training programme known as the Professional Practice Course (PPC) on campus as well as supervised in-office training. As the 1:1 iPad Programme has developed it has become evident that it has a far wider reach than just trainee solicitors. As trainee solicitors go into office and commence practice they take with them a high degree of digital literacy skills which they can integrate into their practice and share with those in their offices. In addition as more and more associate faculty and qualified practitioners engage with the technology and training in the Law Society of Ireland's Law School they too become familiar with its merits in practice.



Vision

The Law Society of Ireland is the educational, representative and regulatory body of the solicitors' profession in Ireland. We are 'proud of tradition and prepared for the future'. Our vision with the 1:1 iPad Programme is for a fundamental change that considers how the affordances of technology can assist trainee solicitors in their professional education and development. We want our 1:1 iPad Programme to transform the way we teach and the way our trainee solicitors learn through improved collaboration in our lecture halls, enhanced teaching experiences in our tutorial rooms and an online community of learners who support each other in their collective and individual learning. We hope to inspire a new generation of trainee solicitors with skills required by solicitors practicing in the 21st century including communication, collaboration, critical thinking, creativity and digital skills.



About The Law Society

- Located in Dublin Ireland, encompassing both national and international cohorts of students
- Exclusive jurisdiction for the training and accreditation of those wishing to qualify as solicitors in Ireland
- Certificate, Diploma, PhD, Masters, Continuous Professional Development courses
- Yearly MOOCs averaging 4000+ students from around the world
- Summer Courses introducing secondary school students to understand the work of a solicitor

Apple Products and Services

- iPad, iPhone, Apple Pencil, AirPods, Smart Keyboard
- MacBook, iMac, MacMini
- Apple Watch
- Apple TV
- Everyone Can Code
- iMovie, Clips, Pages, Numbers, Keynote, FaceTime, Books, iWork, Mail with Exchange

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Learning, Exploring, Integration and Innovating

Integration of Apple tools and equipping all trainees with an iPad into the Law School has allowed trainees to access all Law School learning resources with a single device that all have access to allowing them to stay connected at all times.

Trainee solicitors are comfortable browsing resources, accessing email and shared timetable calendars, and creating documents on their iPads. With remote learning throughout most of 2020 and 2021, trainee solicitors always have a device in which to view video resources and participate in remote tutorials. The iPad can access all resources the Law School provide, including Office 365 for email and collaboration, Moodle as our VLE, Zoom for remote tutorials and collaboration and Panopto for reviewing live and pre-recorded lectures.

We have also used iPads with our Everyone Can Code classes with a local primary school. The children are given access to Tynker in which to learn coding with Apple's Everyone Can Code programme. The children also used Apple TV and Airplay to present their finished Tynker code to the rest of the class.

The use of Apple tools in the Law School has allowed us to adapt to the changing nature of education pre and post covid and has provided a consistent platform for trainee solicitors whether they are learning in person or remotely. iPads and Apple tools should provide our trainees the confidence to work with and integrate digital tools into their professional careers going forward.

Success

iPad allows us to be adaptable in our teaching and learning. December 2019 saw the introduction of a brand new course in the Law School called the PPC Hybrid. The preliminary aim in developing the PPC Hybrid was to devise a programme to advance the Society's priority of improving the diversity of our pool of trainee solicitors and,

Apple Tools keep our courses alive!

The Covid pandemic arrived at the gates of our Law School in March 2020. Within **36 hours** our staff and **500+ associate faculty members** were setup to work and teach remotely through our investment in Apple products since our 1:1 Apple Programme started in 2013. Our cohort of returning trainee solicitors due back on campus were able to continue their learning remotely using their iPads.

Monday 6 April 2020 was a historic day in the continuing development and modernisation of solicitor training in Ireland, as the Law Society's Law School welcomed 450 trainee solicitors from around the country to the inaugural online Professional Practice Course 2. Director of Education T P Kennedy explained "Arising from the current crisis, PPC2 will be delivered through optimised teaching and learning online. These are uncertain times, and we are fully committed to providing excellent professional training to our future solicitors and now, more than ever, to protecting their personal health and wellbeing." Our use of technology did more than simply mimic standard lecture delivery. We developed a programme that promoted engagement by enabling trainee solicitors to have an active rather than a passive viewing experience.



ultimately, the solicitors' profession in general. Given its blended learning design, the iPad has been instrumental to the success of the course. The PPC Hybrid is structured to allow trainees to remain in work while attending both segments of the Professional Practice Course ('PPC I' and 'PPC II').

PPC Hybrid combines best practice in online with occasional onsite small group sessions. The iPad is instrumental to the online learning and indeed the small group onsite interactions. All course materials are delivered seamlessly to trainee solicitors via iPad and our VLE. Materials are released incrementally every two weeks, with trainee solicitors also being provided with monthly study plans via the iPad to assist their learning. Students access their suite of recorded lectures on the iPad in advance of the 'live' weekend sessions. Those 'live' sessions are either online or occasionally onsite. When accessing the small group sessions online, again trainee solicitors do-so via their Zoom app on their iPad. When those sessions are onsite, trainees bring their iPad to the tutorial room and use the iPad as a key learning tool with all course materials accessed via the device. In between course weekends iPads also facilitate asynchronous communication via peer-to-peer discussion forums and synchronous communications via online catch-up session with subject matter experts.

What's Next

The Law Society of Ireland's Law School hope to continue the equitable access to learning across our courses using Apple Technology and to continue to foster a community of learners in both legal and digital skills. We hope to resume our exciting Everyone Can Code programme with the children from our local primary school once public health restrictions are lifted in Ireland. A new Educational paradigm' across all educational institutions is emerging as a result of the Covid pandemic. Learning landscapes has changed in ways that will foster teaching new skills to students, wherever they may be - the modern classroom of 2020 can be anywhere and everywhere and should be designed to maximise the effectiveness of all catalysts of learning such as engagement, collaboration, feedback and personalisation. iPad will allow us to be at the forefront of this change.