



LAW SCHOOL NEWS

THE FUTURE OF LEGAL PRACTICE SUMMIT



Trainees learn about technology and the law, strategies for Climate Justice, AI, and the challenges facing the profession.



Trainees try out the Courts Services Virtual Reality experience.

A large attendance for a presentation from AI expert Barry Scannell (William Fry).

The Future of Legal Practice Summit forms a core part of the PPC module on the Law as Business – Managing a Legal Practice course, giving trainees insight and exposure on the cutting edge of practice in 2024 and beyond. The Summit which runs over two-days delivers unique

networking opportunities as PPC trainees can connect with their peers while joining thought provoking demonstrations and conversations around digital technologies, legal services and the future of the profession. With over 20 workshops, panel events and presentations, trainees hear

about technology and the law, strategies for Climate Justice, AI, and the challenges facing the profession. We were delighted to welcome expert guests from the legal and technology worlds to our Law School Campus.



Tara Doyle (Matheson), Ronan Hynes (MHP Sellors) & Justin Purcell (Law Society) anticipate the Law Firm of the Future.

An engrossed audience for Mr. Justice John MacMenamin, (Retired Supreme Court Judge) presentation on making a difference in legal practice.

Transforming Legal Service Delivery through Technology – The In-House View. Margaret Maguire (Fexco Group), Kate McKenna (Legal Counsel) Frontline Ventures & Tanya Moeller (ServiceNow).

Mark Garrett and speakers from the High Impact Lawyering: a passion for public law session. Faye Breen (Deputy Director General, Office of the Attorney General), Maria Browne, (Chief State Solicitor), Hannah Carney (Hannah Carney Associates) & June Reardon (Chief Parliamentary Counsel).

A live recording of the Fifth Court Podcast with guests Sonia McEntee and David Peters discussing The Future of Rural Firms and Smaller Practices.

Standing room only in the JOS for The Client Experience – What the Client wants from their Law Firm session moderated by Joanne Cox with Eleanor Daly (Meta) & Adrian Mulryan (Invesco Investment Management).

An expert in house panel discussing technological developments in practice.



LAW SOCIETY IMPRESSES AT BROWN MOSTEN

Congratulations to the Law Society team of Kate Nolan (McCann Fitzgerald), and Emma Rowe (A&L Goodbody) with coach Dr Rachael Hession on placing 2nd (jointly with Netherlands) in the finals of the Brown Mosten International Client Consultation Competition in Lublin, Poland.

Kate and Emma were very impressive in dealing with a number of sensitive International Humanitarian Law scenarios. The Brown Mosten International Client Consultation Competition (ICCC) is an annual competition for the winners of national competitions across the world. It provides an exciting opportunity for law students to learn and practice interviewing and counselling skills.

LAW SOCIETY WINS 2024 ICC INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL MEDIATION COMPETITION

Aoife O’Carroll, Clíodhna McHugh and Eoin Doyle, set off to Paris, under the watchful eye of coach, John Lunney, to represent the Law Society of Ireland in the 19th ICC International Mediation Competition. The team share their experience below.

As the Law Society’s first entry into the week-long ICC Competition, there was certainly a learning curve in getting to grips with the format, with 46 teams competing from across 31 countries. All six rounds of mediation involved a commercial dispute, with a central document containing general information and another with corresponding confidential information. Before each session, we prepared an analysis of potential interests, BATNAs and an overarching strategy.

In the preliminary three rounds, we competed against the *National Law University, Jodhpur*; *Panthéon-Assas University Paris II*; and the *Masaryk University*. These mediations included a commercial landlord’s dispute with their tenant, a fast-food company’s supply chain issue, and an influencer’s contractual obligation of content creation. It was great fun to meet teams from around the world and we were absolutely delighted to make it through to the Quarter Finals.



As our Quarter Final was bright and early the following morning, in the offices of Parisian Cabinet d’avocats, Cohen Amir-Aslani, we had a long night of preparation before we faced off against the *Cardozo School of Law (New York)*. The key themes in this mediation involved the use of AI to assist recruitment, sustainability and time pressure. We then had the pleasure of attending a reception in the personal residence of the Indian Ambassador to France, Mr Jawed Ashraf, to eagerly await the news of the Semi-Finalists!

Despite an initial result mix up, we were thrilled to be through to the Semi-Finals. As a result of the timing, this round was almost a free shot with nothing to lose. Held in the ICC Headquarters, we met a formidable team from the experienced *National University of Singapore*. The dispute, arising from an alleged artistic copyright infringement, was

unlike previous rounds, as there was no pre-existing relationship prior to mediation. Much to our delight, after such an evenly matched session, we were through to the Final!

Held in the *Émile Boutmy* Lecture Hall of Sciences Po University, we faced off against the *Univeristy of Marburg*, with the added bonus in knowing that our families and friends were watching via the YouTube livestream at home. Having had the pleasure of a pre-tournament practice round against our fellow Finalists, this felt like a real full-circle moment and we knew it would be tight! In the Final, we acted as a city’s transport authority, with a dispute arising due to safety concerns regarding our supplier’s trams. Ultimately, we were over the moon to get across the finish line and secure the win to bring the David Platt trophy home to Blackhall Place!



LAW SOCIETY TAKES THE CUP FOR INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW

Congratulations to the team of Calem Martin, Conal O'Gadhra, and Chloe McCabe on winning the Corn Adomnain International Humanitarian Law competition which took place in Dublin City University. The team also took the cultural property prize.

LAW SOCIETY MEDIATORS SCOOP UP AWARDS



Congratulations to the Law Society team of Elaine Dunne (DLA Piper), Natalie Vernon (Hayes) and Daniel Kehoe (Dillon Eustace) on their success in the INADR International Law School Mediation Tournament.

This encourages students to recognize that mediation is about working together to reach a solution, rather than competing at every turn. Mediators are judged on their ability to work together with their co-mediator in addition to their listening skills, their ability to help that advocates and clients see the strengths and weaknesses of their cases, their ability to stay positive and professional, and their ability to help guide the parties to a resolution of the dispute that brought them to mediation.

- the Mediator category
- Daniel and Elaine were awarded the prize for the outstanding Advocate / Client pairing, and
- Natalie was recognised individually for her skills as a Mediator.

To cap a successful week the team also received the Case Ellis Spirit of Mediation award. This award was voted for by all law school teams that participated in the competition and reflected our team's collaborative spirit both in and out of competition during their time in Chicago.

The team are pictured receiving this award with Case Ellis, INADR President Elena Koltsaki and coach John Lunney.

28 law school teams participated in the competition which was hosted by Loyola University in Chicago and included an intensive day of expert training for participants.

In the competition, teams of three students each go through three preliminary rounds serving as mediators, as well as advocates and clients. Mediators work in pairs, with the co-mediators being from different schools.

IRISH TIMES DEBATE WIN

Congratulations to trainee solicitor Clíodhna McHugh (Arthur Cox) of the Solicitors' Apprentice Debating Society on receiving the individual speaker's award at the 64th Irish Times Debate final, Ireland's longest running third-level debating competition. Ciara McLoughlin and Ceara Tonna-Barthet of King's Inns were crowned team winners.

The motion was "This House Believes Referendums are no way to run a country" and Clíodhna spoke in favour. The judging panel for the final was chaired by Chief Justice Donal O'Donnell.



LAW SOCIETY NEGOTIATORS REACH COMPETITION FINAL



Congratulations to the Law Society Team of Omotola Ilori (Arthur Cox) and Sarah Harte (Flynn O Driscoll) coached by Sara Van den Berg on reaching the final of the National Negotiation Competition.

Eight Law Schools participated in the competition which was hosted by the Law Society. Teams of two law students represent a party in negotiations centred on either an international transaction or dispute. The final saw the Law Society team take on the Kings Inns team of Catey Clarkson and Shane Molony. In a competitive and high standard final, the Kings Inns team took home the trophy and qualified to represent Ireland in this summer's international competition.



Success for Media Law Mooters
 Congratulations to the Law Society team of Robert Murphy (Eversheds Sutherland), Deirbhile O'Neill (Matheson), Roisin O'Donoghue (William Fry), Suzanne Flynn (Arthur Cox), Nessa Boland (William Fry) and Simon Curmei (Fieldfisher), coached by Rebecca McKittrick on sailing through the European round of the Monroe E Price Media Law Moot Court Competition. The team continued their successes by placing 10th overall.

Success for Environmental Law Mooters
 Congratulations to the Law Society team of Ben Doyle (Matheson), Andrew Murphy (Arthur Cox), and Alex Griffin (A&L Goodbody), with TP Kennedy (Director of Education) as coach on their win at the Ireland/UK round of the Stetson International Environmental Moot Court Competition. The team took the prize for the best written argument, while Ben Doyle was named as the best speaker. The team progressed to the final rounds at Stetson Law's Gulfport, Florida campus.



Awards for International Law Mooters
 Congratulations to our Law Society team of Killian Farrelly (Matheson), Aoife O'Carroll (Arthur Cox), Aisling Tully (A&L Goodbody), David Leen (McCann FitzGerald) and Robert Dinan (Arthur Cox) with coaches Dr. Thamil Ananthavinayagan and Dr. Freda Grealy on their success in the 2024 Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition. The team represented Ireland in the International finals in Washington DC. Well done to team member Killian Farrelly who won one of the coveted best oralist awards.

The Monroe E Price Media Law Moot Court Competition is an annual competition which focuses on challenging participants to engage in comparative research of legal standards across national and international levels and develop arguments in response to cutting-edge questions in media and IT law. The moot is also a tool for raising the profile of freedom of expression by bringing informed and effective debate and discussion on significant issues of information flows and technology.



Law Society Wins Young European Lawyer Contest
 Congratulations to trainee solicitor M.J. Gillen (Arthur Cox) on winning the Young European Lawyers Contest at the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU), Luxembourg and European Academy of Law (ERA) in Trier, Germany. The contest brings together young and newly-qualified lawyers to spotlight the importance of European law for their future legal practice.

M.J. is pictured far right with team members Daniela Demean (Austria), Laure Verheyen (Belgium) and Montserrat González Martínez (Spain).



LAW SOCIETY ANNOUNCES WATERFORD STUDENT AS WINNER OF NATIONAL GRÁINNE O'NEILL MEMORIAL LEGAL ESSAY COMPETITION
STUDENTS EXAMINE HOW THE LAW CAN HELP ADDRESS CLIMATE CRISIS



about the law, and how it impacts and helps climate issues. The competition allowed me to consider these issues deeper. "I would like to thank my teachers and school, Abbey Community College, Waterford for their encouragement in entering and my parents for their support."

Jack Wu, Jesus and Mary Secondary School, Enniscrone Sligo was awarded second place and Ella Mae Gavigan, Wilson's Hospital School, Westmeath came third. Two merit certificates were awarded to Conal McMahon, Saint Joseph's Secondary School Tulla, Clare and Evie Quigley Loreto College St Stephens, Green Dublin.

The Law Society of Ireland has announced the winners of the National Gráinne O'Neill Memorial Legal Essay Competition at an event held at the Law Society on Tuesday 30 April 2024.

Transition Year student Patrick Galvin, Abbey Community College, Waterford was announced as the overall winner of this year's competition. The event was attended by 30 student finalists, their parents, guardians and teachers.

The competition received almost 140 essays from 48 schools across 16 different counties. Each student submitted a 1,500-word essay examining the topic, "Climate Change Mitigation; the role the law can play in addressing the climate crisis."

President of the Law Society of Ireland Barry MacCarthy, said, "The Law Society is

committed to supporting legal education for the next generation. With this year's essay focused on climate change, the students offered passionate, engaging and reflective essays.

This competition encourages students to consider the law and help them understand how the law can impact issues that are close to their hearts and areas of their daily lives." Patrick's essay was selected as the top entry and won a €1000 prize, and cup for his school. The judges commended Patrick for his essay's superb analysis of the law. The judges said, "it was clear he was passionate about the law and the subject matter making him a deserving winner."

Commenting on his win, Patrick Galvin said, "I am so grateful to have won the top award at the Gráinne O'Neill Memorial Legal Essay Competition. I have learned so much

About the competition
The Gráinne O'Neill Memorial Legal Essay Competition honours the life and legacy of the late Judge Gráinne O'Neill. In 2014, Gráinne became the youngest judge in Ireland when appointed to the District Court. Gráinne died in 2018 following a period of illness but, during her life and especially during her years as a judge, Gráinne worked diligently to apply the law in a fair, rigorous and compassionate manner. The competition was initiated by The Hon Mr Justice Keenan Johnson of the Circuit Court, in collaboration with the Midland Solicitors' Bar Association in 2019. This is the second year the competition has invited entries from transition year students across the country.

"I hope Gráinne would be honoured to know that her legacy is making a positive difference to the next generation of legal learners, encouraging education, and helping them understand better how the law impacts all in society," said Mr MacCarthy.

LAW SOCIETY'S COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

PPC trainee solicitors have been engaging in a heartwarming initiative to foster literacy and create connections with the local students of Stanhope Street Primary School. Every Tuesday a dedicated group of trainee solicitors visit the school and spend time reading with the senior infant students. The initiative underscores the Law Society's commitment to community engagement and its recognition of the importance of educational outreach.

The shared reading sessions are a highlight of the week for both the trainee solicitors and the school students alike. The children eagerly choose their favourite books and the volunteers bring the characters to life. During each reading session, the volunteers engage the children in lively conversations, inviting them to share their thoughts, ask questions, and express their opinions about the stories they have enjoyed together. Through these interactions, the children develop critical thinking skills, expand their vocabulary, and grow in confidence.

For the volunteers themselves, the project is an extremely rewarding experience. Guiding the children through the world of storytelling is a privilege and a joy. We are continually amazed by the depth of insight and creativity that the children bring to our discussions. Their perspectives and interpretations never cease to amaze and amuse us, enriching our shared learning experience.

The shared reading project exemplifies the Law Society's proud tradition of volunteering and giving back to the local community through valued partnerships. By nurturing a love for reading and learning, the Law Society and Stanhope Street Primary School are sowing the seeds for a brighter, more inclusive future for all - one story at a time.



LAW SCHOOL COUNSELLING SERVICES - CELEBRATING 10 YEARS

This year, the Law Society proudly marks 10 years of dedicated investment in the mental health and wellbeing of the Irish legal profession. It all began in 2014 with the establishment of the trainee counselling service. Since then, 2,722 trainees from 385 legal workplaces have benefited from over 15,000 counselling appointments.

A significant milestone is that nearly a third (31%) of trainee solicitors since 2014 have

taken advantage of this valuable service. Fast forward to April 2024, and 50% of the 2023 PPC cohort has engaged with the service, clocking up just under 1,500 appointments (1,472) and counting!

The increasing uptake of counselling speaks volumes about its perceived usefulness. It underscores the service's role as a reliable source of support and professional development for trainee solicitors. Anonymous evaluation surveys

highlight that trainees highly value the Law Society's commitment to their professional wellbeing. They feel that counselling in an educational context boosts their confidence in completing professional duties, supports them in their personal life and aids their transition from Blackhall into the workplace. Additionally, trainees report that they have learned to seek assistance and support more easily, a crucial skill for avoiding serious ethical or technical challenges in the future. Since its inception in 2014, the Service has continually evolved. It now boasts a larger team of psychotherapists, extended hours, and the option of online therapy, adapting to the demands of modern working life. Our team of qualified psychotherapists and counsellors offer a bespoke model of counselling called Time Concentrated Therapy. Each of the team is skilled and highly experienced in working with trainee solicitors, at all stages of training. Our model of counselling is equally helpful when trainees are experiencing challenges or are would like to gain psychological skills and insight that will optimise the training experience and help them to prepare for practice.

To reach a member of our team of Student Counsellors please email: counselling@lawsociety.ie (full-time PPC trainees) or hybridcounselling@lawsociety.ie (Hybrid PPC trainees)



The Law Society hosted the launch of a trio of publications - the 7th edition of Business Law, 8th edition Landlord & Tenant Law and 10th edition of Conveyancing published by the Society in conjunction with Oxford University Press. Editors, authors and members of the associate faculty heard from the President Barry McCarthy and Chair of the Education Committee Richard Hammond S.C. who praised the efforts of all involved and pointed out the immeasurable value of such publications to solicitors and trainees. The texts can be purchased directly from the Society.



Joanne Cox pictured at the launch with Conor Keaveny, Philip Andrews SC, Piaras Power, Barry MacCarthy (President), Paul Egan SC, John Hugh Colleran, Dr Vincent Power, Gavin O'Flaherty, Neil Keenan.

Dr Gabriel Brennan pictured at the launch with John Murphy, Deirdre Fox, Edwin Allen, Nuala Casey, Barry Magee, and David Soden.

TASKMASTER EDUCATION REGIONAL FINAL: A DAY OF FUN AND LEARNING AT THE LAW SOCIETY OF IRELAND



The Law Society recently played host to an event that was not only educational but also incredibly fun – the School Taskmaster Regional Final.

- Stanhope Street Primary School, Manor Street, Dublin 7
- Loreto Senior Primary School, Crumlin Road, Crumlin Dublin 12

School Tasking which originates at the University of Warwick, is an exciting outreach project that enables young people to learn about interesting aspects of the law through fun and interactive tasks set in the style of the Taskmasters TV show. PPC course managers Ruth Tracey and John Lunney have led the first pilot of this fun public legal education initiative outside of the UK.

The Regional Final saw teams from five local schools come together at Blackhall Place on Thursday 21st of March.

- Saint Mary's Primary School, Saint Mary's Place, Upper Dorset Street, Dublin 1
- Saint Gabriel's, Cowper Street, Arbour Hill, Dublin 7
- Saint Paul's Primary School, North Brunswick, Dublin 7

These teams, comprising of enthusiastic students from 4th class, were ready to put their skills to the test in a series of engaging challenges, all designed with a basis of learning the law. Facilitating the day were ten PPC trainees, whose dedication and expertise played a pivotal role in guiding the students through the Taskmasters Education program. Over the course of four weeks, these trainees worked tirelessly in the schools, building rapport with the students, and igniting their passion for the law.

Held with much excitement and anticipation, the regional final showcased the dedication, teamwork, and imagination of participating teams. The tasks set for the final were fun and interactive, each with a foundation in a legal case. Teams embarked on the task of creating a movie based on the case of *Dudley v Stephen's*, delved into the intriguing debate of whether chocolate bar shapes should be trademarked, and tackled

a law-based number puzzle involving a snail in a bottle and freeing Little Alex Horne!

Amidst the competitive spirit, one team emerged victorious – the team from Saint Gabriel's school. Attention is now turned towards the Champion of Champions final, scheduled to be held at Warwick University in June. The Regional Final was a resounding success, showcasing the power of innovative teaching methods in making the law both enjoyable and meaningful to young people. With initiatives like these, the Law Society of Ireland continues to be at the forefront of public legal education initiatives that foster a love for learning and empower the solicitors of tomorrow.

Participating Trainees; Alison Fahey (A&L Goodbody), Loughlin Russell (Matheson), Elizaveta Dundon (William Fry), Emma McGuire (Byrne Wallace), Jordan Egan (Matheson), Maeve Claffey (Arthur Cox), Grace O'Mahoney (Hayes Solicitors), Aoife O'Donnell (DLA Piper), Hazel McAuliffe (McCann FitzGerald) and Susan Sarah Satheesh (Matheson)

LAW SOCIETY CELEBRATES TRAINEE'S COMMITMENT TO LEGAL EDUCATION

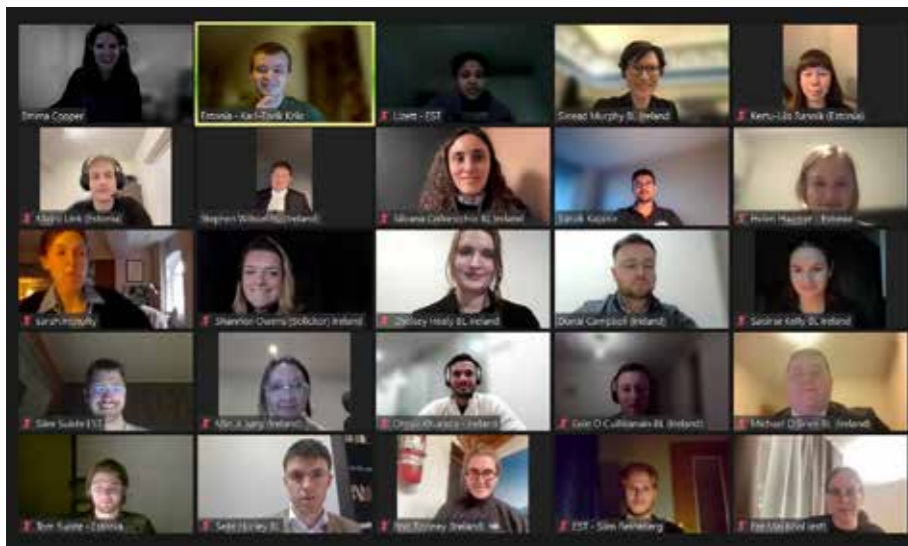
Over 30 trainees attended a celebration ceremony to receive their Street Law certificates, which were presented by The Honourable Mr. Justice Max Barrett. The ceremony marked the completion of this year's programme which saw trainees facilitate Street Law programmes in local schools, prisons and community settings to teach participants about the law. Best lesson plan prize winners were announced on the evening. Congratulations to Clara Golden, Niamh Donnelly, Niamh Kitson and Radka Hodalova.





CONQUERING CARRAUNTOOHIL

The Blackhall Hiking Society headed down to Killarney and conquered Carrauntoohil to stand on top of Ireland at 1,041 Metres / 3,414 feet. This was an incredible effort as they fought through ice on the way up the Devils ladders and then knee deep of snow to reach the summit.



PPC CONNECT GOES INTERNATIONAL

PPC Connect hosted their online international careers networking event in partnership with the Estonian Law Student Union and the Bar Council. The event was an enriching exchange of legal insights from all facets of the legal profession in both Ireland and Estonia, fostering cross-cultural understanding and collaboration. A huge thank you to all the participants and attendees for making it such a vibrant discussion.



AN TAISCE'S #GREENWEEK2024

Trainees gathered in the Loggia under the guidance of PPC trainee Shane Richardson, to learn about container gardening, in particular growing food from seed. Trainees created their own seedling pots out of the centre cardboard from toilet rolls and planted both seeds and bulbs. They learned how to divide and separate supermarket herbs to create new plants and at the end of the day everyone took their work home, so they can see (or eat) the fruits (or veg) of their labour.



PPC CONNECT TABLE QUIZ RAISES MORE THAN €14,000 FOR THE IRISH RED CROSS

Pictured are Ross McMahon (chair, EU and International Affairs Committee), Ali Corruption Bureau Magee (corporate fundraising coordinator, Irish Red Cross), Barry MacCarthy (Law Society president), Emma Cooper (student advisor, Law Society Education Centre), and Cormac Little SC (member of the EU and International Affairs Committee).

GAA WINS

Congratulations to the Law School team who took on TUD Tallaght and became the first team to win back to back titles in the Corn Comhairle Ardoideachais.

Congratulations to the ladies Gaelic Football Team, who won the final of the HEC League Cup after a thrilling contest with Mayo CFE!



DAFFODIL DAY 2024

On Friday 8 March 2024, the PPC Hybrid Class of 2024 hosted a fundraising coffee morning in aid of the Irish Cancer Society. Daffodil Day is the Irish Cancer Society's largest fundraising event of the year. Thousands of volunteers across Ireland host fundraising initiatives and sell Daffodil Day pins to raise funds to support patients and their families across the country. The coffee morning was a fantastic way for trainees to come together and fundraise for this cause. The €693.70 funds raised on the day will go directly to the Irish Cancer Society to support those affected by cancer in Ireland.



CLIMATE LITIGATION: OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES

The Law School hosted an on-site and online panel discussion on Climate Litigation, the Opportunities and Challenges as part of An Taisce's #GreenWeek2024.

PPC trainees Macdara Molloy and Shane Richardson led the discussion with guest panellists Environmental and Planning Lawyer Andrew Jackson, Chair of the Climate Bar Association Cliona Kimber SC, and Environmental Lawyer Fred Logue.

The panel addressed access to justice and rights and obligations under the Aarhus Convention, the challenges of the Planning and Development Bill, Constitutional referenda on rights for nature, the new EU nature restoration law and the role of professional regulatory bodies to name a few.

Pictured Fred Logue (Managing Partner, FP Logue LLP), Shane Richardson (PPC Sustainability Society), Cliona Kimber SC (Chair of Comhshao, the Climate Bar Association), Macdara Molloy (PPC Sustainability Society) and Eoin Heaney (PPC Hybrid Sustainability Society).



SOLICITORS OF THE FUTURE



The Diploma Centre welcomed 40 transition year students from across Ireland over the spring mid-term break to participate in the Solicitors of the Future programme (online). Over the course of a week, students learned about a wide range of legal topics including human rights and criminal law. They also participated in workshops, a mock court and interactive sessions. A number of trainee solicitors also joined as facilitators for a 'Legal Career Paths' discussion on their career to date, followed by a Q&A. A big thank you to Niall Kickham (Arthur Cox), Sarah Harte (Flynn O'Driscoll) and Jane Kirby (A&L Goodbody) for leading this session and sharing their insights and experiences!



CONSTRUCTION SUMMIT

Odette O'Reilly and Gwen McDevitt representing the Law Society at the National Construction Summit.



CONDITIONAL CODING

.... no problem to the pupils from Stanhope Street Primary school on their recent visit to the Law Society for Everyone Can Code classes.

CLIMBING FOR ACCESS TO JUSTICE IN IRELAND



In August 2024, trainee solicitors Matthew Mulrooney (RDJ), Oliver Dunner (Addleshaw Goddard), Fearghal Ryan (Addleshaw Goddard), Sophie Walsh (A&L Goodbody), Dylan Byrne (Matheson), Daniel Donoghue (McCann Fitzgerald), Eoghan Davis (Oiger) and Hamzza Khosa (McKeever Rowan) will climb the highest mountain in Africa – Kilimanjaro. Their goal is to raise funds for and awareness of the Ballymun Community Law Centre, who perform incredible work throughout the community to ensure access to justice is available to all who need it.

The trainees hope to raise €10,000 to equip the Community Law Centre with the necessary resources in order to provide legal services to the community and safeguard their commitment to ensuring access to justice for all.

In 2023 alone, Ballymun Community Law Centre answered 530 legal queries and provided 452 one-to-one consultations with a solicitor. The centre acts in areas of law that fall outside the protections of the Criminal Legal Aid and Civil Legal Aid schemes.

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