



*Law Society of Ireland*

*Professional Practice Course I 2010/Cúrsa Cleachtas Ghairmiúil I 2010*  
*Legal Practice Irish - Cúrsa Cleachtadh Dlí as Gaeilge*

**ATTENDANCE POLICY RE PPC LPI COURSE**

**Full attendance at ALL ELEMENTS of the PPCI LPI Course, is a requirement i.e.**

- A. **A total of 4.5 hours trainee/tutor contact time:** 1xone-hour Introductory Session; 1x30-minute Workshop & 2x60-minute Discussion Sessions and 1xone- hour Consolidation Session

**AND also**

- B. **Engagement with on-line tasks i.e.** Our standard Moodle<sup>1</sup> resource has been augmented to accommodate a bi-lingual language interface where core PPC topics have been adapted and will be released on-line each week. Students will be required to interact with a suite of materials in each of these areas: Scenario (Text & Podcast), Glossary, Quiz, Questionnaire, Discussion Question and Background Information (which has direct links to area specific resources e.g. [www.irishstatutebook.ie](http://www.irishstatutebook.ie) etc.). The advantage is that trainees can engage remotely via <http://ppclaw.lawsociety.ie> with this aspect of the course, at a time which best suits the trainee's weekly schedule (log-on details will be supplied by the IT Section on arrival at the Law School).

**The Legal Practitioners (Irish Language) Act 2008 (The 2008 Act)** is a manifestation of our Government's policy on bilingualism, abolishing the First Irish/Second Irish examinations (the old regime). This Elementary Legal Practice Irish (LPI) Course has therefore been created for those trainee solicitors taking the Professional Practice Course, ***who have not passed both the First & Second Irish Exams under the old regime, prior to the commencement of the 2008 Act***<sup>2</sup>.

***Expected Learning Outcomes*** - in compliance with the 2008 Act at PPCI level

On completion of the course participants should be in a position to comply with legislative requirements by being capable of:

- Meeting & greeting clients *as Gaeilge* (in Irish)
- Identifying Gaelic terminology for various legal procedures and
- Having a capacity to refer that client to a solicitor who executes his/her legal practice skills through the Irish language

The LPI course attendance requirement outlined above is therefore stipulated by Government. The Law Society consequently must be in a position to prove compliance with that requirement.

Absenteeism is therefore not an option, resulting in very strict monitoring of all elements of the course! You will be expected to turn up some 10 minutes prior to your scheduled class time to sign in as requested by the Course Assistant, Alison Gallagher.

**Those who do not attend any element - must repeat it during PPCI 2011!  
Law Society Regulation applies a repeat fee of €105 per session missed.**

*Maura Butler, Course Manager July 2010*

<sup>1</sup> Moodle is a [free software e-learning](#) platform (also known as a Course Management System (CMS), or Learning Management Systems (LMS), or Virtual Learning Environment (VLE)). Moodle is designed to help educators create online courses with opportunities for rich interaction. Its open source license and modular design means that people can develop additional functionality. Development is undertaken by a globally diffused network of commercial and non-commercial users, streamlined by the Moodle company based in [Perth, Western Australia](#).

<sup>2</sup> Insertion by the 2008 Act at s.40 (2A) of the Solicitors Act 1954. Act signed by President July 2008.