



# DIPLOMA CENTRE PROSPECTUS

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AUTUMN 2020 TO SPRING 2021

# WELCOME

Dear Colleagues,  
Welcome to the **Diploma Centre Prospectus for 2020/2021.**

**We are delighted to open this new academic year with a wide range of certificates and diplomas, Master's programmes and a professional doctorate in law. Our commitment, as always, is to enhance the skills and career opportunities of solicitors in Ireland. We strive to do this by providing a diverse range of postgraduate courses that cover core areas for every solicitor's practice, together with more niche innovative topics.**

Supporting the profession has always been a priority for the Diploma Centre. This year, in response to the Covid-19 pandemic, we introduced a suite of initiatives to support solicitors and trainees during a very challenging time.

Our spring 2020 courses were adapted for online delivery, enabling students to continue their professional learning and successfully complete their courses as originally planned.

Two free online courses were launched in April: (1) The Certificate in Technology Law and (2) The Introduction to Arts, Entertainment and Media Law. Both courses granted a total of 22 hours of free CPD to participants, with certificates awarded upon completion. We are delighted that over 3,800 solicitors enrolled for these courses.

As a further support, we will be introducing discounts for our autumn 2020 courses. These are available to solicitors working on reduced-hour contracts or who are currently unemployed and wish to expand their knowledge and enhance their career opportunities.

New courses to serve the profession are always a priority, and this autumn we are pleased to introduce a Certificate in Mediator Training, a Diploma for Personal Insolvency Prac-

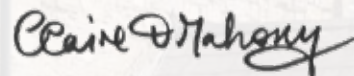
tioners, and a redesigned Diploma in Insolvency Law and Corporate Restructuring.

It is envisaged that our autumn 2020 programme will be delivered online, with live interactive lectures and workshops. All sessions are available on playback and podcast to provide for flexible learning. We will continue to follow public health advice on Covid-19 and hope to invite students and lecturers back to our wonderful campus as soon as it is safe to do so.

Finally, as always, we are indebted to our lecturers and tutors, all of whom are seasoned practitioners and who are so giving of their time. We would like to sincerely thank them for enabling us to deliver such a high-quality learning experience.

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

**Claire O'Mahony**



Solicitor,  
Acting Head of Diploma Centre  
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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,
- Obtain discounts, including a 10% discount for trainees and special Covid-19 discounts (see [www.lawsociety.ie/diplomacentre](http://www.lawsociety.ie/diplomacentre) for details).



## RECENT TRENDS



**Two free online courses (Certificate in Technology Law and Introduction to Arts, Entertainment, Media Law) were launched in April, attracting 3,800 solicitors**

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**Over 250 students studied our aviation courses in 2019/2020**

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**Participants on our courses were based in 35 countries worldwide**

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**During the Covid-19 pandemic, all courses were adapted for online delivery**

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**To support the profession in Covid-19, discounts are offered for solicitors who are unemployed/working reduced hours**







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**START DATE:**

Saturday 26 September 2020

**DELIVERY METHOD:**

Distance learning

**ASSESSMENT:**

Dissertation of between 15,000 and 17,000 words

**FEE:**

€3,400

**START DATE:**

Saturday 14 November 2020

**DELIVERY METHOD:**

Distance learning

**ASSESSMENT:**

Dissertation of between 15,000 and 17,000 words

**FEE:**

€3,400

## LLM ADVANCED LEGAL PRACTICE

**STRUCTURE**

Our LLM Advanced Legal Practice, offered in association with the Northumbria Law School, is specifically designed for those who are qualified solicitors. Uniquely, the LLM provides participants with the opportunity of using a solicitor qualification as a building block to achieve further recognised academic qualifications. In summary, the award requires 180 credits, and a solicitor qualification already provides 120 points towards this. A research-based dissertation then makes up the remaining 60 points required.

Building upon the solicitor qualification, the

programme provides the ideal opportunity for professional development in a specialised area of law. Candidates undertake in-depth study of an agreed legal topic under individual tutor supervision. The programme starts with an induction day, followed by one-to-one research supervision. Supervisors are drawn from a panel of subject-matter experts, comprising both internal Law Society staff and senior external practitioners/academics. The programme lasts for up to two years, with early exit points – a timescale designed to allow students the flexibility to complete the LLM in keeping with their work commitments.

**WHO SHOULD ATTEND?**

Applicants must either be:

- Qualified as a solicitor in this jurisdiction, or
- Enrolled on the PPC at the same time as they enrol to the LLM Advanced Legal Practice.

Any student enrolled on the PPC at the same time as the LLM must satisfactorily complete the PPC before they can be awarded the LLM.

## LLM EMPLOYMENT LAW IN PRACTICE

Our LLM Employment Law in Practice is offered in association with the Northumbria Law School and is specifically designed for those who have completed our Diploma in Employment Law. Uniquely the LLM provides participants with the opportunity of using the Diploma in Employment Law as a building block to achieve a further recognised academic qualification. In summary, the award requires 180 credits, and the Diploma in Employment Law already provides 120 points towards this. A research-based dissertation then makes up the remaining 60 points required.

Building upon the Diploma in Employment Law, the programme provides the ideal opportunity for professional development in a specialised area of employment law. Candidates undertake in-depth study of an agreed legal topic under individual tutor su-

pervision. The programme is taught primarily through distance learning, with supervisors predominantly based in the Law Society. The programme lasts for one year, a time-scale designed to allow students flexibility to complete the LLM in keeping with their work commitments.

**WHO SHOULD ATTEND?**

Those who have completed the Diploma Centre's Diploma in Employment Law are eligible to apply for the LLM Employment Law in Practice.

### WHY COMPLETE A MASTER'S PROGRAMME?



*Apart from the personal satisfaction of gaining a Master's, our LLM programmes provide career benefits through focus on skills that are directly relevant to the needs of a modern work setting, including:*

- The development of existing expertise and knowledge,
- The opportunity to gain expertise in a new area,
- Enhancement of skills in research and legal analysis, and
- Enhanced understanding of the wider context in which the law is developed and is implemented.



# PROFESSIONAL DOCTORATE IN LAW

The Professional Doctorate in Law is offered in partnership with the Northumbria 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 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;
- 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 that will formally capture their attainment of the required Level 9 of the Irish National Framework of Qualification. Evidence for this will be provided both by their application and subsequent interview.



## START DATE:

Friday 13 November 2020



## DELIVERY METHOD:

Blended learning – 3.5 years duration



## FEE:

€5,000

## THE DIPLOMA CENTRE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE NORTHUMBRIA LAW SCHOOL



*The Law Society of Ireland's Diploma Centre offers our two innovative Master's and our professional doctorate in association with*

*the Northumbria Law School, Northumbria University.*

*A multi-award-winning faculty, the School of Law at Northumbria counts the Queen's Anniversary prize among its many honours and the university is currently one of the highest ranked institutions for graduates in professional employment in the UK.*

## FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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Northumbria University, Newcastle

**START DATE:**

Friday 4 September 2020

**DELIVERY METHOD:**

Live Wednesday evening lectures, 6pm to 8.30pm; one block weekend each month (Friday and Saturday 9.30am-4.00pm). 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

*"I started the Diploma in Law in 2017 and had a truly great experience. I found the diploma to be a solid springboard for the FE1s, which I have now successfully completed. I'm working in a law firm now and will heartily recommend the diploma at the Law Society to all I encounter."*

SEÁN SMITH,  
DIPLOMA IN LAW GRADUATE

## DIPLOMA IN LAW



2019 Diploma in Law graduate Seán Smith and  
Ms. Justice Aileen Donnelly

**PROGRAMME OBJECTIVES**

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. 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. 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.

**MODULES**

The programme is based on the following module scheme and covers key themes as listed below:

**SEMESTER 1 (SEPTEMBER – JANUARY)**

**Module 1:** Constitutional law,

**Module 2:** Criminal law,

**Module 3:** Contract law,

**Module 4:** Tort.

**SEMESTER 2 (FEBRUARY – MAY)**

**Module 1:** Company law,

**Module 2:** EU law,

**Module 3:** Property law,

**Module 4:** 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**

The teaching faculty for this diploma comprises a fantastic array of renowned legal practitioners.

**CONTACT**

**Course Leader:** Patricia Harvey, Barrister  
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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 European and national level. Brexit has the potential to have a significant impact on this sector.

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

- Bond markets,
- International Swaps and Derivatives Association,
- Irish Stock Exchange.

### Module 6: Corporate governance

- 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.

## CONTACT

**Course Leader:** Suzanne Crilly, Solicitor  
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## START DATE:

Tuesday 6 October 2020



## DELIVERY METHOD:

Live online lectures on Tuesdays, 6pm to 8.30pm, and online interactive workshops. Also available to view on-demand



## FEE:

€2,600

*“The Diploma in Finance Law enabled me to broaden my knowledge in areas of finance law that were less familiar to me, while at the same time building on the practical experience I had gained in investment funds law. The lecturers provided practical examples of the types of matters that can arise, and the tutorials allowed for further in-depth discussions, based on practical scenarios. The course materials were comprehensive, and being able to view lectures and access notes online was a real benefit. I would recommend this course to anyone wishing to move into the area of finance law for the first time, or someone seeking to build on existing experience.”*

MAIRÉAD MCGUINNESS  
(CENTRAL BANK OF IRELAND)

**START DATE:**

Friday 9 October 2020

**DELIVERY METHOD:**

Live monthly block release lectures and 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%) and written assignment (60%)

**FEE:**

€2,600

# 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 of the Children 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*.

**Discrete areas of practice****Module 5: Judicial review**

- Procedure in judicial review applications,
- Identifying a judicial review,
- Advocacy skills.

**Module 6: 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 7: Sentencing law and practice**

- General principles,
- Mitigating factors and aggravating factors,
- Relevant legislation and case law,
- Sentencing – custodial, suspended sen-

- tence, fines, community service, probation and poor box, binding over,
- Sentencing hearing.

**Module 8: Regulatory crime**

- Regulatory crime – practice and procedure,
- Criminal offences, 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 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.

**CONTACT**

**Course Leader:** Patricia Harvey, Barrister  
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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,
- Change,
- 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 claims and litigation. Additionally, it would appeal to construction

professionals, including engineers, claims surveyors, and expert witnesses.

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.

## CONTACT

**Course Leader:** Liam Dunne, Solicitor  
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## START DATE:

Saturday 10 October 2020



## DELIVERY METHOD:

Live online lectures Wednesdays, 6pm to 8.30pm, 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:

The course is recognised by Engineers Ireland for CPD purposes.



Diploma in Construction Law 2019 prize winner  
Derek Duffy with the Ms. Justice Aileen Donnelly

**START DATE:**

Wednesday 14 October 2020

**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



# 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 and role-play sessions. A module on mediation will discuss how the *Mediation Act 2017* affects traditional court-based proceedings, with a particular focus on mediation in the commercial context and in family law. The diploma also features a distinct module on awareness and sensitivity training and dealing with vulnerable witnesses and clients.

**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.

**FACULTY**

Lecturers are drawn from members of the judiciary in Ireland both past and present, leading barristers and solicitors, and members of independent public bodies. Past speakers have included:

- Ms. Justice Marie Baker, Supreme Court, Ireland,
- Mr. Justice Michael Peart, retired Court of Appeal Judge, Ireland,
- Mr. Justice John A. Edwards, Court of Appeal, Ireland,
- Mr. Justice Donald Binchy, Court of Appeal, Ireland,
- Judge Petria McDonnell, Circuit Court, Ireland
- Tina Bond, Deputy District Judge on the North East Circuit England and Wales,
- Judge Colin Daly, President of the District Court, Ireland,
- Judge John O'Connor, Circuit Court, Ireland,
- Judge Patrick McMahon, retired District Court Judge, Ireland,
- Geraldine Clarke, Gleeson McGrath Baldwin Solicitors and former President of the Law Society of Ireland,
- Dr Jennifer Carroll MacNeill TD.

**CONTACT**

**Course Leader:** Cian Monahan, Solicitor

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# DIPLOMA IN CORPORATE LAW AND GOVERNANCE

## PROGRAMME STRUCTURE AND APPROACH TO LEARNING

The Diploma in Corporate Law and Governance aims to provide students with a comprehensive and in-depth understanding of the law in relation to this interesting and changing sector, which has seen numerous changes since the introduction of the *Companies Act 2014*.

The diploma focuses on typical events during the lifetime of a corporate entity that solicitors advise on, as well as practical aspects of corporate governance. We have introduced an innovative boardroom simulation module, which will take place over a two-week period. Students will gain an interactive insight into boardroom meetings and effective board behaviour.

## MODULES

The Diploma in Corporate Law and Governance programme is based on the following module scheme:

### Module 1: Introduction to corporate law and governance in Ireland

- Overview of the *Companies Act 2014*,
- Company life-cycle,
- Funding a start-up,
- Advising shareholders.

### Module 2: Corporate governance

- Share capital and company status management,
- Corporate governance of regulated entities,
- Transactions involving directors,
- Office of the Director of Corporate Enforcement.

### Module 3: Boardroom simulation

- Practitioner's perspective of corporate governance,
- Advising directors,
- Boardroom simulation workshop.

### Module 4: Corporate transactions

- Tax issues,
- Financing a transaction,
- Sectoral regulation,
- Share options.

### Module 5: Mergers and acquisitions

- Share purchase agreements,
- Asset purchase agreements,
- Acting for the investor.

### Module 6: Public limited companies and securities markets

- The securities market,
- Types of public offers,
- Market regulation,
- Takeovers regulation by the Irish Takeover Panel.

### Module 7: Insolvency and corporate restructuring

- Insolvency and restructuring,
- Advising during receivership process,
- Winding-up process,
- Formal and informal restructuring.

## WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

This course is suitable for solicitors, barristers, and trainees, who work in the area of corporate law and governance. It will also appeal to company directors seeking to broaden their understanding of corporate law and their duties and responsibilities. Applications

from legal secretaries and those involved in improving their knowledge of company law and documentation and other suitable professionals with an interest in the area are also accepted.

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.

## CONTACT

**Course Leader:** Suzanne Crilly, Solicitor  
[E.S.Crilly@LawSociety.ie](mailto:E.S.Crilly@LawSociety.ie)



## START DATE:

Tuesday 6 October 2020



## DELIVERY METHOD:

Online live lectures on Tuesdays, 6.15pm to 8.45pm, and occasional interactive Saturday workshops. Available to view on-demand



## ASSESSMENT:

Continuous assessment (20%) and final written examination (80%) in April 2021



## FEE:

€2,600

**START DATE:**

Thursday 15 October 2020

**DELIVERY METHOD:**

Live online lectures on Thursdays, 6pm to 8pm, with online interactive workshops on Saturdays. Also available to view on-demand

**ASSESSMENT:**

Continuous assessment (20%) and three-hour closed-book written examination in April 2021 (80%)

**FEE:**

€2,600

## DIPLOMA IN REGULATION LAW AND PRACTICE

### PROGRAMME STRUCTURE AND APPROACH TO LEARNING

The Diploma in Regulation Law and Practice provides participants with an overview of the rationale for regulation and the various types of frameworks, and will introduce participants to key theories and concepts guiding regulation. It will demonstrate the cross-sectoral impact of regulation, as well as introduce a number of the main regulatory sectors, including financial, health, energy, telecoms and the professions. Additionally, some of the key aspects in providing legal advice to a regulatory body will be examined, as will the mechanism for enforcing regulation both in the courts and at quasi-judicial level, including professional conduct committees, High Court challenges and judicial review actions.

### MODULES

The diploma programme is based on the following module scheme:

#### Module 1: Introduction to regulation law

- Rationale for regulation and context,
- Regulation in the context of economics, corporate governance, risk management, competition,
- Types of regulation and sectors,
- Function of regulation,
- Private vs public regulation,
- Compliance vs complaints regulation.

#### Module 2: Industry regulation

- Financial services regulation,
- Competition and Consumer Protection Commission,
- Energy; environmental; healthcare,
- Role of the Ombudsman.

#### Module 3: Regulation of the professions

- Overview of the professions,
- Teachers, solicitors, doctors, healthcare workers, architects (statutory bodies),
- Accountants, engineers (membership bodies),
- Professional codes of conduct and ethics,
- Professional disciplinary and fitness to practice hearings,
- Fair procedures, role of experts,
- Evidential rules at oral hearing.

#### Module 4: Advising on regulation issues

- Data protection, confidentiality, FOI,
- Delegation of authority, statutory interpretation, transparency,
- Advising on use of power,
- Whistleblowers.

#### Module 5: Enforcing regulation

- Audits and investigations,
- Overview of phases in regulatory cycle,
- Role of mediation,
- Grievance, pre-inquiry phase, settlement negotiations, hearings and decision,
- Prosecutions, appeals/review.

#### Module 6: Challenges to decisions of regulatory bodies, litigation

- Challenges to processes and procedures,
- Emergency applications, injunctions,
- Judicial review/appeals,
- Misfeasance in public office.

#### Module 7: Oral hearings, inquiries

- Independence and accountability; ethics,
- Dealing with vulnerable individuals,
- Investigations,
- Sanction, prior disciplinary history,
- Suspensions,

- The role of the legal assessor.

### WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

This course is suitable for solicitors, barristers, and trainees who advise clients on regulatory matters. It will also appeal to suitably qualified professionals such as legal assessors, members of complaints and disciplinary committees, regulatory compliance professionals, and those who aspire to work in the area of regulation.

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.

### CONTACT

**Course Leader:** Liam Dunne, Solicitor

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# DIPLOMA IN EDUCATION LAW



Diploma in Education Law prize winner  
Kathryn Nerney with Michael Carrigan

## PROGRAMME STRUCTURE AND APPROACH TO LEARNING

Now in its fifth 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,
- The inspectorate.

### Module 5: Negligence and litigation management

- The duty of care in the school context,
- The standard of care,
- Sporting activities organised by schools,
- Contributory negligence of children,
- Liability of the school authority.

### Module 6: Providing for special educational needs

- Legislative provisions,

- School policies and procedures,
- 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*,
- 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.

## 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 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.

## CONTACT

**Course Leader:** Liam Dunne, Solicitor  
E.L.Dunne@LawSociety.ie



## START DATE:

Friday 30 October 2020



## DELIVERY METHOD:

Block placement – four Friday and Saturday sessions with lectures online (to coincide with periods of school leave). Also available to view on-demand



## ASSESSMENT:

Two 2,500-word written assignments



## FEE:

€2,600

*“The Diploma in Education Law was a practical course relevant to my role as a primary school teacher. The course modules dealt with the wide range of legal issues that arise from the day-to-day interactions of the partners in education. It has equipped me with a thorough and broad understanding of the legal pitfalls, with a particular focus on the most litigious areas for management. Lectures were always very insightful and practical.”*

KATHRYN NERNEY  
(PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHER)



**START DATE:**

Wednesday 21 October 2020

**DELIVERY METHOD:**

Live online lectures Wednesdays, 6pm to 8.30pm, and four interactive workshops. Also available to view on-demand

**ASSESSMENT:**

Three-hour closed-book written examination (90%) in April 2021 and continuous assessment through online activities (10%)

**FEE:**

€2,600

*“Transitioning from athlete to coach to international administrator, I felt there was a gap in my skill set. The Diploma in Sports Law was a great fit. The case studies used real world examples that were presented by industry leaders that brought the subject to life. The knowledge I gained has been invaluable. I would highly recommend this course to all working in the sports industry.”*

LÚCÁS Ó'CEALLACHÁIN  
(HIGH PERFORMANCE DIRECTOR  
AT WRESTLING CANADA LUTTE)

## DIPLOMA IN SPORTS LAW

**PROGRAMME STRUCTURE AND APPROACH TO LEARNING**

This diploma will provide participants with an insight into the dynamic area of sports law, both domestically and internationally. The course begins with a look at the regulation and governance of the sporting sector and examines setting up a club.

The course focuses on topical areas such as child protection, data protection, player protection, contracts and IP rights. This diploma also provides a detailed examination of the commercialisation of sport, including sponsorship agreements, broadcasting, ticketing and merchandising. Key issues such as corruption in sport, violence and gambling will be examined, followed by an in-depth look at the WADA anti-doping code, disciplinary procedures and sports arbitration.

**MODULES**

The programme is based on the following

module scheme:

**Module 1: Governance and regulation**

- Sporting bodies,
- Organisational structure; setting up a club,
- Rules and regulations,
- EU law and sport.

**Module 2: Commercialisation of sport**

- Sponsorship agreements,
- Ambush marketing, merchandising,
- Broadcasting and ticketing.

**Module 3: Membership**

- Player and management liability,
- Protection of players,
- Club policies and procedures,
- Child protection/data protection.

**Module 4: Player rights**

- IP and media rights,
- Image and player rights,
- Player contracts and rights protection.

**Module 5: Key issues in sport**

- Corruption and violence in sport,
- Concussion; second impact syndrome,
- Gambling and manipulation of sports,

**Module 6: Anti-doping**

- Application of the WADA code,
- Testing and exemptions,
- Sanctions.

**Module 7: Disciplinary procedures**

- Disciplinary codes and procedures,
- Dispute resolution bodies, arbitration,
- Suspensions and appeals.

**WHO SHOULD ATTEND?**

This course is suitable for solicitors, barristers, and trainees working in sports law, or aspiring to do so. It will also appeal to professionals working in national/international sports governing bodies and those working in sports administration or coaching who wish to broaden depth of their sports law knowledge. In addition, athletes or, indeed, individuals who volunteer/are committee members of a sports club would also benefit from this diploma.

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.

**CONTACT**

**Course Leader:** Riona Leahy, Solicitor  
E R.Leahy@LawSociety.ie



L-R Professor Jack Anderson (Director of Sports Law, University of Melbourne), Clíodhna Guy, (Head of Legal, Irish Horseracing Board), Páraic Duffy (former Director General, GAA), Claire O'Mahony (Solicitor, Law Society of Ireland)

# DIPLOMA IN TRUST AND ESTATE PLANNING

## PROGRAMME STRUCTURE AND APPROACH TO LEARNING

The Diploma in Trust and Estate Planning is offered jointly by the Law Society of Ireland and the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (STEP). The course has been designed by practitioners with specialist exposure to give a practical insight into key estate planning and legal- and tax-based concerns for private clients in the area of trust and estates. The focus of the diploma course is to enable successful candidates to advise clients on all aspects of the creation of wills, the operation of trusts, associated tax implications, and overall estate planning for clients. Practical in its approach, this course provides participants with real-life situations that practitioners face, and it gives real solutions to problems encountered.

## MODULES

The Diploma in Trust and Estate Planning programme is based on the following module scheme:

### Module 1: Course introduction

- Lifetime and estate planning,
- Basic legal principles,
- Basic tax principles.

### Module 2: Introduction to taxation issues

- Application of tax principles,
- CGT, income tax, stamp duty, CAT,
- Double taxation agreements.

### Module 3: Lifetime and estate planning

- Lifetime gifting and passing of value on death,
- Legal issues and tax implications of wealth planning structures,
- Financial planning.

### Module 4: Trust drafting

- Requirements of a valid trust,
- Classification of trusts,
- Drafting an effective trust deed.

### Module 5: Administration of trusts

- Office of trustee and trustee powers,
- Breach of trust,
- Tax issues in trusts.

### Module 6: Will drafting

- Testamentary capacity,
- Solicitors' duty of care,
- Assisted decision-making.

### Module 7: Administration of estates

- Applying for the grant,
- Litigation,
- Distribution of assets.

## WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

The course is intended primarily for persons who have practical experience in the areas of wills, trusts, estate planning, probate, and the administration of estates within Ireland. In order to participate on the course, you must have relevant work experience of at least one year in the areas covered on the course and one or more of the following qualifications: solicitor, barrister, or another professional qualification deemed eligible by the Law Society and STEP.

Note: In order to apply for the course, applicants must apply for affiliate membership through STEP before being accepted on to the course. Once approved as an affiliate member of STEP, applicants can then enrol on to the diploma course through the Law Society with proof of affiliate membership of

STEP and on completion of a Diploma Centre application form. All course participants will automatically become student members of STEP Worldwide, and this is included in your course fee. Successful completion of the course provides a structured route to full membership of STEP and the use of the internationally recognised "registered trust and estate practitioner" designation.

Please see STEP Ireland's website ([www.step.ie](http://www.step.ie)) for full details of membership criteria.

We welcome applications for this course from suitably qualified non-members. Such applications are subject to a supplemental fee of €300.

## CONTACT

**Course Leader:** Riona Leahy, Solicitor  
[E.R.Leahy@LawSociety.ie](mailto:E.R.Leahy@LawSociety.ie)



### START DATE:

Saturday 12 September 2020



### DELIVERY METHOD:

Online Saturday lectures and workshops (both interactive), 10am to either 1.30 or 3.30pm, and available to view on-demand



### ASSESSMENT:

Written assignment (20%) and two closed-book exams in May 2021 (40% each)



### FEE:

€3,200



**START DATE:**

Thursday 24 September 2020

**DELIVERY METHOD:**

Thursdays 6pm to 8.30pm, with interactive workshops on Saturdays. All sessions 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



## CERTIFICATE IN AVIATION LEASING AND FINANCE

**PROGRAMME STRUCTURE AND APPROACH TO LEARNING**

The Certificate in Aviation Leasing and Finance 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 others who are suitably qualified. 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.

**CONTACT**

**Course Leader:** Claire O'Mahony, Solicitor  
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## AVIATION COURSES AT THE DIPLOMA CENTRE

Now in their eighth 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 2020)

- Diploma in Aviation Leasing and Finance (Spring 2021)

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.

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





# DIPLOMA IN AVIATION LEASING AND FINANCE



Diploma in Aviation Leasing and Finance prize winner  
Aengus Farrell with Marie O'Brien, A&L Goodbody

## 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,
- Expert 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 (1) be a lawyer, or (2) have a minimum of two years' full-time experience in the aviation industry, or (3) 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.

### CONTACT

**Course Leader:** Claire O'Mahony, Solicitor  
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### START DATE:

Thursday 28 January 2021



### DELIVERY METHOD:

Blended learning: Thursdays 6pm to 8.30pm, with interactive workshops on Saturdays. All sessions available to view on-demand



### ASSESSMENT:

Three-hour closed book written exam: July 2021



### FEE:

€3,000

*"The programme and syllabus is comprehensive and well designed. I studied many topics which I was already quite familiar with from my day-to-day work, and this gave me the opportunity to really drill down into these areas and develop my expertise. Equally, we covered topics I was a lot less familiar with, and getting the opportunity to study these areas and understand the fundamentals of them has really broadened my knowledge base."*

AENGUS FARRELL (ASSOCIATE, MATHESON),  
DIPLOMA IN AVIATION LEASING  
AND FINANCE GRADUATE 2019

**START DATE:**

Wednesday 7 October 2020

**DELIVERY METHOD:**

Online lectures Wednesdays, 6pm to 8pm, with interactive workshops. Also available to view on demand

**ASSESSMENT:**

Three-hour closed book written exam

**FEE:**

€2,600

## DIPLOMA IN INSOLVENCY LAW AND CORPORATE RESTRUCTURING (NEW)

### 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: Liquidation, examinership and receivership

- Voluntary and compulsory liquidation,
- Powers of the liquidator,
- Receivership,
- Insolvency litigation,

- Examinership,
- Schemes of Arrangement.

#### Module 3: Restructuring, debt recovery, enforcement and mediation

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

#### 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.

### CONTACT

**Course Leader:** Cian Monahan, Solicitor  
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# DIPLOMA FOR PERSONAL INSOLVENCY PRACTITIONERS (NEW)

## PROGRAMME STRUCTURE AND APPROACH TO LEARNING

The course will provide in-depth and practical knowledge of personal insolvency in Ireland. Students will acquire a detailed knowledge of the *Personal Insolvency Act 2012* and the practice and procedures that have evolved since the introduction of the legislation. They will develop a rounded understanding of the role of the Personal Insolvency Practitioner that will allow them to deal with all aspects of the insolvency process, to include assessing financial and legal documentation, communicating and negotiating with creditors and banking institutions, correctly advising clients in relation to their situation, dealing with distressed and vulnerable clients, engaging with parties in the insolvency process (to include the Courts Service of Ireland and the Insolvency Service of Ireland) and implementing appropriate financial arrangements for clients.

## MODULES

The programme is based on the following module scheme:

**Module 1: Introduction to personal insolvency law,**

**Module 2: Financial assessments,**

**Module 3: Negotiation and mediation,**

**Module 4: Bankruptcy law,**

**Module 5: Alternatives to bankruptcy,**

**Module 6: Drafting and management of arrangements,**

**Module 7: The role of the Insolvency Service of Ireland and the Courts.**

## WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

This course is suitable for the following: solic-

itors, barristers and trainees who are seeking to expand their knowledge in the area or who practice in the area of insolvency and debt recovery. It will also appeal to qualified accountants or qualified financial advisors, 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.

## CONTACT

**Course Leader:** Cian Monahan, Solicitor

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**This course will provide participants with a demonstrable knowledge of the law and procedures of insolvency law. All those who wish to register as a Personal Insolvency Practitioner in Ireland with the Insolvency Service of Ireland must be able to show that they have completed a course of study in the area.**



### START DATE:

Thursday 5 November 2020



### DELIVERY METHOD:

Online lectures on Thursdays, 6pm to 8pm, with interactive workshops. Also available to view on demand



### ASSESSMENT:

Exam and continual assessment



### FEE:

€2,600



**START DATE:**

Wednesday 14 October 2020

**DELIVERY METHOD:**

Live introductory lecture; thereafter, lectures released on Wednesdays 6pm to 9pm, with live workshops on Saturdays. Sessions also available to view on-demand

**ASSESSMENT:**

Continuous assessment through on-line activities (10%), multiple-choice quiz (10%), and three-hour closed-book written examination (80%)

**FEE:**

€3,000

## DIPLOMA IN TECHNOLOGY AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW

### PROGRAMME STRUCTURE AND APPROACH TO LEARNING

The Diploma in Technology and Intellectual Property Law's 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,
- Patents,
- Copyright,
- Design law,
- Trade secrets,
- Intellectual property rights management and IP contracts.

#### Module 2: Data protection

- GDPR – Regulation 2016/679,
- Data processing, 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.

#### Module 4: Social media

- Managing legal risks,
- Defamation and blogging,
- Hosting, caching, conduits,
- Advertising standards online,
- Online content – criminal/civil liability,
- Social media and employment relationship.

#### Module 5: The law and technology

- Bio-law – medical and legal considerations,
- Nanotechnology, biometrics, wearables,
- Cybersecurity and cybercrime,
- Video gaming, augmented reality,
- Cookies, apps, the cloud,
- FinTech and block chain,
- 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.

### CONTACT

**Course Leader:** Riona Leahy, Solicitor

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**L-R (Top row) Mark Woodcock (Fieldfisher) speaking at the 2019 Diploma Centre conferral ceremony, Cian Monahan (Diploma Centre) and Ms. Justice Marie Baker, Supreme Court of Ireland, L-R (Bottom row) Mr. Justice Donald Binchy, Court of Appeal of Ireland, Patricia Harvey (Diploma Centre), Áine Bhreathnach (Shalom Binchy & Co. Solicitors) and Noeline Blackwell (CEO, RCC – The Dublin Rape Crisis Centre) , Lorraine Rooney (MUFG) at the 2019 CPD Bonus Day**

**START DATE:**

Saturday 17 October 2020

**DELIVERY METHOD:**

Online live Saturday lectures, with occasional supplementary lectures released online. All sessions available to view on-demand

**ASSESSMENT:**

2,500-word written assignment

**FEE:**

€1,650

*"I found this unique course to be both user-friendly and highly informative. The wealth of experience of the course lecturers is second to none and the presentation of the course by the Law Society made it very accessible. I highly recommend the Certificate in Agribusiness and Food Law."*

ANNE-MARIE COLEMAN-LOGAN,  
CERTIFICATE IN AGRIBUSINESS  
AND FOOD LAW GRADUATE.

## CERTIFICATE IN AGRIBUSINESS AND FOOD LAW

### PROGRAMME STRUCTURE AND APPROACH TO LEARNING

The agri-food sector is Ireland's largest indigenous industry, employing 7.7% of the working population. Providing legal services to this fast-moving and dynamic sector requires not only a comprehensive understanding of the law but also of the business environment that applies. This certificate will provide you with the legal knowledge required to advise agri-food clients, together with a practical understanding of the business environments in which such clients operate. You will be provided with an insight into the legislative and regulatory structures that apply to the sector, together with an analysis of recent case law. The syllabus is designed to give in-depth coverage of the 'farm-to-fork'-related legal issues that apply in this vibrant part of our economy.

### MODULES

The programme is based on the following module scheme:

#### Module 1: The overall framework

- Evolution of farming and food law,
- Government agencies and bodies,
- EU and international policy,
- The Common Agricultural Policy,
- Food Harvest 2020 and Food Wise 2025.

#### Module 2: The regulatory framework

- Dry stock (beef, sheep and goats),
- Tillage (crops and horticulture),
- Poultry and fish,
- Rural development,
- Environmental regulation.

#### Module 3: Food regulation

- Traceability,
- Factory (animal processing),
- Packaging (retail),
- Food Safety Authority of Ireland,
- Food labelling and food technology.

#### Module 4: Organic food and farming

- Relevant regulations and SIs,
- Rules on organic production and labelling,
- Rules on organic aquaculture animal production,
- Importing of products from outside the EU,
- Farmers' markets and direct farm sales.

#### Module 5: Enforcement and audit

- Department of Agriculture notices,
- Appeals to the Agriculture Appeals Office,
- Prosecutions by statutory bodies,
- Farm level and processors,
- Retailers and exporters.

#### Module 6: Farming and the law (part 1)

- Commercial contract issues,
- Solar and wind farms,
- Collaborative farming models,
- Boundary and livestock disputes,
- Rights of way and trespass.

#### Module 7: Farming and the law (part 2)

- Health and safety,
- Legal separation/divorce,
- Succession planning and will drafting,
- Agri-tax.

### WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

This course will appeal to solicitors, barris-

ters, trainees and seasoned professionals who are looking for a comprehensive and up-to-date guide to the practical issues that arise when advising clients from the agribusiness and food sector. It will also appeal to farmers wishing to get a more in-depth knowledge of the legal and regulatory framework that applies, as well as those working with relevant lobbying and representative organisations or in relevant government departments and state bodies. It will also be of interest to those advising on the export of Irish produce, advisors to the processing sector, and advisors and liaison officers to the cooperative sector.

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.

### CONTACT

**Course Leader:** Riona Leahy, Solicitor  
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# CERTIFICATE IN CONVEYANCING

## PROGRAMME STRUCTURE AND APPROACH TO LEARNING

2019 saw the introduction of the new pre-contract investigation of title (PCIT) system, which improved the conveyancing process by ensuring any questions relating to the property's title are raised and resolved before the contracts are signed. The new system is a fundamental change to the legal practice and procedures involved in buying and selling property. This certificate provides attendees with a comprehensive overview and understanding of the issues currently relevant to conveyancing practitioners.

This course is delivered via an innovative 'flipped classroom' approach that offers participants ultimate flexibility in how they approach their learning. This format sees lectures released in an online tranche, with participants provided with a window of a number of weeks to view the recorded content and complete online learning activities in a self-paced manner. The online releases are bookended by interactive workshops.

Designed with a practical focus, the course will review conveyancing best practice and consider the impact of recent practice updates and legislative changes. Students will be provided with precedents and learn through problem-based scenarios in a small group format.

## MODULES

The programme is based on the following module scheme:

### PART A

#### Module 1: Key conveyancing fundamentals

- Pre-contract investigation of title,
- The contract for sale,
- Requisitions on title,
- Drafting.

#### Module 2: Development

- New houses and the combined contract for sale and building agreement,
- Schemes of development,
- *The Building Control (Amendment) Regulations 2014*,
- *The Multi-Unit Development Act 2011*; dealing with managed properties.

#### Module 3: Land Registry updates

- Conversion of possessory title; applications based on adverse possession,
- Applications for registration – insolvency,
- Complex first registrations.

### PART B

#### Module 1: Ethical issues

- Undertakings,
- Conflicts,
- File management.

#### Module 2: Landlord and tenant

- Agreement for lease,
- Rent review,
- Key lease issues.

#### Module 3: Taxation issues for conveyancers

- Local Property Tax update, household charge, and Non-Principal Private Residence (NPPR),
- VAT and CGT issues for conveyancers.

## WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

This course is reserved for solicitors and post-PPC1 trainees. It will appeal to seasoned professionals who are looking for a comprehensive and up-to-date guide to the practical issues that they are currently facing. It will also appeal to newly qualified solicitors and trainees, as it will provide a strong grounding in conveyancing practice and the law regarding residential and commercial property – areas that remain the bedrock of many practices.

## CONTACT

**Course Leader:** Suzanne Crilly, Solicitor  
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Participants will receive a copy of the Law Society Conveyancing and Landlord and Tenant Law manuals on registration.



## START DATE:

Tuesday 13 October 2020



## DELIVERY METHOD:

Online lectures with two interactive workshops. Also available to view on-demand



## ASSESSMENT:

2,500-word written assignment (80%) and continuous assessment through online activities (20%)



## FEE:

€1,650

*"The course provided a solid basis in general conveyancing and leasing issues from pre-contract enquiries through to registrations with the Property Registration Authority. The materials are an invaluable resource and offer practical guidance on everyday conveyancing matters. The course is an excellent opportunity for those seeking to expand, refresh, or update their knowledge of conveyancing and leasing practice."*

NIAMH NÍ LÚING (MATHESON),  
CERTIFICATE IN CONVEYANCING GRADUATE

**START DATE:**

Thursday 5 November 2020

**DELIVERY METHOD:**

Live online lectures on Thursdays, 6pm to 8.30pm, 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

## CERTIFICATE IN IMMIGRATION LAW AND PRACTICE

### PROGRAMME STRUCTURE AND APPROACH TO LEARNING

This certificate will offer an analysis of immigration law and its application in Ireland. The legislation covered by the course includes 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 by 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

- 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,

- Entering: visa-/ non-visa-required nationals; visa application process for students, workers, family members; EU citizens,
- Residing: registering permission; applications to reside; permanent residence,
- Permission to remain: change of status application; humanitarian leave to remain,
- Citizenship: by birth/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, fraud,
- 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 others who are suitably qualified. 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.

### CONTACT

**Course Leader:** Patricia Harvey, Barrister  
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# CERTIFICATE IN TRADEMARK LAW

## PROGRAMME STRUCTURE AND APPROACH TO LEARNING

The Certificate in Trademark Law provides a practical approach to trademark 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 trademark at the Irish Patents Office, 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 trademark portfolio and dealing with revocation, invalidity, and recordals.

## MODULES

The programme is based on the following module scheme:

### Module 1: Introduction to trademarks

- Benefits of registration,
- Types of trademarks,
- PGIs, collective, certification,
- Filing systems.

### Module 2: Community Trademark Regulation

- Overview of Regulation 2015/2424.

### Module 3: Registering trademarks

- Pre-filing considerations, searches and parameters,
- Classification of trademarks (Nice, Vienna),
- Application to Irish Patents Office,
- Application to EUIPO/WIPO,
- Formality and maintenance procedures.

### Module 4: Trademark registrability

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

### Module 5: Publication and oppositions

- Publication and its significance,
- Observations – IPO, EUIPO, WIPO,
- Oppositions practice and procedure,
- Irish v EUIPO approach to oppositions,
- Appeals and registration.

### Module 6: Revocation and invalidity

- Trademark use, genuine use,
- Revocation, applicable grounds,
- Acquiescence and coexistence,
- Invalidity practice and procedure.

### Module 7: Infringement of trademarks

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

### Module 8: Registrable transactions

- Assignments and licences,
- Agreements, recording transactions.

### Module 9: Advanced trademarks

- 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.

## CONTACT

**Course Leader:** Claire O'Mahony, Solicitor  
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The programme may be of interest to those preparing for the Irish trademark agent exam, which is offered by the Irish Patents Office.



## START DATE:

Tuesday 10 November 2020



## DELIVERY METHOD:

Lectures released on Thursdays, with interactive Saturday workshops. Available to view on-demand



## ASSESSMENT:

2,500-word written assignment



## FEE:

€1,650



**Carol Plunkett** (William Fry and Chair of Law Society Education Committee), a lecturer on the Certificate in Trademark Law



**START DATE:**

Friday 30 October 2020

**DELIVERY METHOD:**

Online sessions with lectures and interactive workshops. Also available to view on-demand

**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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## CERTIFICATE IN MEDIATOR TRAINING (NEW)

**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 a

- (1) Certificate in Mediator Training from the Law Society of Ireland and a
- (2) Chartered Institute of Arbitrators Foundation (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,
- Mediation skills and strategies.

**Module 3: 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, and Aled Davies of the Mediator Academy, together with other experts, including members of the legal and mediation profession and judiciary.

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.

**CONTACT**

**Course Leader:** Nicholas Kelly,  
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## **SPRING 2021 DIPLOMA CENTRE COURSES**

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Our spring programme commences from January 2021.  
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- Certificate in Company Secretarial Law and Practice
- Certificate in Commercial Contracts
- Certificate in Charity Law and Trusteeship
- Certificate in Data Protection Practice
- Certificate in Strategic Leadership for the In-House Lawyer
- Diploma in Commercial Property
- Diploma in Aviation Leasing and Finance Law
- Diploma in Employment Law
- Diploma in Commercial Litigation
- Diploma in Healthcare Law
- Diploma in Mediator Training





## CONFERRAL CEREMONIES

Each year, we celebrate the commitment made by those who undertake our diploma courses with our Diploma Centre conferral ceremonies. Congratulations to all our conferees on their achievement and a big thank-you to our lecturers and distinguished guests – as always, we are indebted to our lecturers and tutors for sharing their time and expertise throughout the year.





1. Diploma in Insurance Law: Kennedys Prize winner Natalie Coen with Andrew McGahey (Kennedys)

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2. Diploma in Judicial Skills and Decision-Making: Joyce Good Hammond and Richard Hammond (Vice Chair of Law Society Education Committee)

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3. Diploma in Finance Law, class of 2019

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4. Diploma in Insurance Law, class of 2019

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5. LLM Advanced Legal Practice: Helen Salmon with Judge John O'Connor

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6. Diploma in Sports Law: Diploma Centre prize winner Tomás Nolan with John Treacy (CEO Sport Ireland, former Olympian)

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7. Diploma in Mediator Training: Prize winner Lincoln Nelson with Ms. Justice Bronagh O'Hanlon

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8. Certificate in Company Secretarial Law and Practice prize winners with prize awarders (L-R): John Burns (ICSA: The Chartered Governance Institute), Eilish Rock (Jon Rock Prize), Lucinda Shaw (prize winner), Aisling McCarthy (prize winner), Alison McDonnell (prize winner), Andrea DeCoursey (prize winner), Jennifer Rock (Jon Rock Prize)

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9. Diploma in Law, class of 2019

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#### **TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

For further information on the application process, discounts, attending our courses, examinations, and assessments, please visit [www.lawsociety.ie/diplomacentre](http://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 Claire O'Mahony, Acting Head of Diploma Centre; email: [C.OMahony@LawSociety.ie](mailto:C.OMahony@LawSociety.ie).

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