

# DIPLOMA CENTRE

## Diploma in Family Law



### MODULE 1: Course Introduction &

### MODULE 2- Prenuptial Agreements, Nullity and Separation Agreements

SESSION 1	TIME	DELIVERY
Tuesday 28 September 2021	6:00pm – 8:30pm	Onsite & Online

1 Introduction to Family Law – Taking instructions in a Family Matter

2 Current Issues in Family Law

2.5 hrs. Gen. CPD\*

SESSION 2	TIME	DELIVERY
Tuesday 05 October 2021	6:00pm – 8:30pm	Onsite & Online

1 The Future of Family Law: Prenuptial agreements and enforceability and issues coming before the District, Circuit and High Courts

2 Marriage Laws: Constitutional Position of Marriage; Void and Voidable Marriages; Recognition of Foreign Marriages.

2.5 hrs. Gen. CPD

SESSION 3	TIME	DELIVERY
Tuesday 12 October 2021	6:00pm – 8:30pm	Onsite & Online

1 Administrative proceedings, including mediation and collaborative law.

2 Marriage Counselling

2.5 hrs. Gen. CPD

### Mid-Term Break

SESSION 4	TIME	DELIVERY
Tuesday 19 October 2021	6:00pm – 8:30pm	Onsite & Online

1 Separation Agreements, including terms, making them a rule of court, legal implications of same on subsequent proceedings

2 The Role of the County Registrar

2.5 hrs. Gen. CPD

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### MODULE 3: Judicial Separation, Divorce and recognition of Foreign Divorce Decrees

#### SESSION 5

#### TIME

#### DELIVERY

Tuesday 02 November 2021

6:00pm – 9:00pm

Onsite & Online

1 Grounds for Judicial Separation and Ancillary Relief on Judicial Separation – 1.5 hours

2 Grounds for Divorce – 30 mins

3 Divorce Practice and Procedure – 1 hour

**3 hrs. Gen. CPD**

#### SESSION 7

#### TIME

#### DELIVERY

Tuesday 09 November 2021

6:00pm – 9:00pm

Onsite & Online

1 Preliminary Reliefs & Ancillary orders on Divorce

2 Recognition of Foreign Divorce and Brussels II: Alternatives for divorce abroad, habitual residence

3 Maintenance: An overview of the current framework under the Family Law ( Maintenance of Spouses and Children) Act 1976 and pursuant to the Children and Family Relationships Act 2015

**3 hrs. Gen. CPD**

#### SESSION 6

#### TIME

#### DELIVERY

Tuesday 16 November 2021

10am – 1:00pm

Onsite only

1 Rights of Cohabitants; Cohabitation Case Law, Statutory and Practice Development in 2019, and; Unmarried Families and LGBT Parenting.

**2.5 hrs Gen. CPD**

#### SESSION 8

#### TIME

#### DELIVERY

Saturday 20 November 2021

6:00pm – 8:30pm

Onsite & Online

1 Workshop 1: **Onsite attendance required as workshop will not be webcast**

**2 hrs. Gen. CPD & 1 hr M&PD**

#### SESSION 9

#### TIME

#### DELIVERY

Tuesday 23 November 2021

6:00pm – 8:30pm

Onsite & Online

1 Enforcement of orders abroad

2 Post-foreign divorce reliefs under the Family Law Act 1995

**2.5 hrs. Gen. CPD**

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SESSION 10	TIME	DELIVERY
Saturday 04 December 2021	10am – 1:00pm	Onsite only

1 **Workshop 2: Onsite attendance required as workshop will not be webcast**

2 hrs Gen. CPD & 1 hr M&PD

### MODULE 4: Pensions on Separation and Divorce; Tax Implications of Marriage Breakdown

SESSION 11	TIME	DELIVERY
Tuesday 11 January 2022	6:00pm – 8:30pm	Onsite & Online

1 Pension Adjustment Provisions Family Law Act 1995

2 Pensions & Divorce/Judicial Separation: how they are valued

2.5 hrs. Gen. CPD

SESSION 12	TIME	DELIVERY
Tuesday 18 January 2022	6:00pm – 9:00pm	Onsite & Online

1 Tax implications of Marriage Breakdown: Taxation & Divorce; Taxation & Judicial Separation – 1.5 hours?

2 Children & Family Relationships Act 2015 - 1.5 hours

2.5 hrs. Gen. CPD

SESSION 13	TIME	DELIVERY
Tuesday 25 January 2022	6:00pm – 9:00pm	Onsite & Online

1 Probate Practice and Family Law

2 Children in Care

2.5 hrs. Gen. CPD

SESSION 14	TIME	DELIVERY
Saturday 29 January 2022	10am – 1:00pm	Onsite only

1 **Workshop 3: Onsite attendance required as workshop will not be webcast**

2 hrs Gen. CPD & 1 hr M&PD

SESSION 15	TIME	DELIVERY
Tuesday 01 February 2022	6:00pm – 8:30pm	Onsite & Online

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- 1 Domestic Violence  
**Joan O'Mahony, Law Society of Ireland, Family & Child Law Committee**
- 2 Child Abduction  
**Grainne Lee BL**
- 3 The Role of the Expert Witness in Family Law Cases  
**Lorcan Price BL**

**2.5 hrs. Gen. CPD**

<b>SESSION 16</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>DELIVERY</b>
<b>Tuesday 08 February 2022</b>	<b>6:00pm – 9:00pm</b>	<b>Onsite &amp; Online</b>

- 1 Legal Representation of Children
- 2 Adoption : The Adoption Act 2010 and the Children and Family Relationships Act 2015
- 3 Pending developments

**3 hrs. Gen. CPD**

<b>SESSION 17</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>DELIVERY</b>
<b>Saturday 12 February 2022</b>	<b>10am – 1:00pm</b>	<b>Onsite only</b>

- 1 **Workshop 4: Exam prep workshop**  
**Onsite attendance required as workshop will not be webcast**

**2 hrs Gen. CPD & 1 hr M&PD**

**EXAM DATE: April 2022**

**Please note that topics & dates may be subject to change. Draft timetable as of Oct 2019.**

\* Gen = General, M&PD = Management and Professional Development, Reg = Regulatory and eLearning = eLearning CPD credits. **CPD Note:** The number of hours of CPD that you may claim in relation to your diploma/certificate course will depend on the way in which you access each of the individual sessions. For further information please visit the course homepage on our website: [www.lawsociety.ie/diplomacentre](http://www.lawsociety.ie/diplomacentre)