

DIPLOMA CENTRE

Certificate in Immigration Law and Practice



MODULE 1: LEGAL, SOCIAL AND POLITICAL CONTEXT

SESSION 1	TIME	DELIVERY
Thursday 4 November 2021	6:00pm – 8:30pm	Online only
<p>1 Course Introduction: A general review of the overall context of the course; the background to the offering and the course aims, objectives and learning outcomes. <i>Patricia Harvey BL Course Leader</i></p> <p>2 International legal framework: Outline of international legal context of immigration and sources of law. <i>Patricia Brazil BL, Bar of Ireland and lecturer in law at TCD</i></p> <p>3 Legal framework in Ireland: Overview of relevant Irish and EU legislation to include reference only to EU Law and Directive 2004/38EC but not to include family reunification under that instrument) And also Whistle-stop tour terminology/jargon. <i>Catherine Cosgrave, Managing Solicitor, Immigrant Council of Ireland</i></p>		

2.5 hrs. Gen. CPD

SESSION 2	TIME	DELIVERY
Thursday 11 November 2021	6:00pm – 8:30pm	Online only
<p>1 Immigration and migration case law in Ireland: Critical historical and current cases in Irish Immigration with a mind to identifying current topics of debate and deciphering where Irish Immigration law will be going in the future. <i>John Stanley BL</i></p> <p>2 Interaction with other areas of practice - Social welfare, family law to include domestic violence, employment law and criminal law: This topic will provide guidance on the ability to apply for social welfare, administrative schemes available to victims of domestic violence and application of employment law to migrants in Ireland. <i>Sinead Lucey, Managing Solicitor, FLAC</i></p>		

2.5 hrs. Gen. CPD

MODULE 2: ENTERING, RESIDING AND REMAINING IN THE STATE

SESSION 3	TIME	DELIVERY
Thursday 18 November 2021	6:00pm – 8:30pm	Online only
<p>1 Residing and Permission to remain: Who can reside in Ireland who needs to register, basis of application for permission to remain and how to apply for permission to remain to include EU treaty rights of residence. <i>Aileen Gittens, Solicitor, McGrath McGrane</i></p> <p>2 Entering: The visa process and family re-unification applications (to include family re-unification under EU Directive 2004/38EC). <i>Anthony Hanrahan BL</i></p>		

SESSION 3	TIME	DELIVERY
Tuesday 23 November 2021	6:00pm – 7:30pm	Online Only
<p>3 Preclearance applications: a move by the Dept. of Justice to move towards utilising pre-clearance applications for immigration permission in Ireland. <i>Róisín Fitzpatrick, Partner, Deloitte</i></p>		

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SESSION 4	TIME	DELIVERY
Thursday 25 November 2021	6:00pm – 8:30pm	Online only

- 1 Responsible state institutions and departments:** overview of state departments and institutions that are relevant to Immigration to include INIS, DBEI, GNIB, DFA and which unit of those departments deal with which type of applications

Sarah MacDonald, Solicitor, CSSO

- 2 Citizenship:** Entitlement to citizenship and how to apply to include foreign birth registration.
Julie O'Donnell, Solicitor, Conor O Briain Solicitors

2.5 hrs. Gen. CPD

MODULE 3: ASYLUM, SUBSIDIARY PROTECTION, AND FORCED MIGRATION

SESSION 5	TIME	DELIVERY
Thursday 2 December 2021	6:00pm – 8:30pm	Online only

- 1 International Protection under Irish Law:** Overview of International Protection Act 2015, 'Refugee Status' and 'Subsidiary Protection' in Irish and EU law, including persecution, nexus and serious harm; Credibility assessment in international protection claims; State Protection and Internal Protection Alternative; Appeals and time limits.

Hilkka Becker, Chairperson at International Protection Appeals Tribunal

- 2 Topic 2 – Role of UNHCR and the Common European Asylum System:** to include relocation and resettlement and in addition to current debates in Refugee Law, new areas of development and the EU asylum acquis.

Maria Hennessy, Assistant Protection Officer, UNHCR

2.5 hrs. Gen. CPD

SESSION 6	TIME	DELIVERY
Thursday 7 January 2022	6:00pm – 8:30pm	Online only

- 1 Admission to the State and the asylum application process:** Presenting at the border or under relocation programmes and preparing an asylum application.

Stephen Kirwan Solicitor KOD Lyons

- 2 The Dublin Regulation:** criteria and mechanisms for determining the EU Member State responsible for examining an application for international protection.

Albert Llussa i Torra, Solicitor, Daly Lynch Crowe and Morris

2.5 hrs Gen. CPD

SESSION 7	TIME	DELIVERY
Thursday 13 January 2022	6:00pm – 8:30pm	Online only

- 1 EU treaty rights overview**
This topic will have to take into account the different aspects of EU Treaty Rights matters already covered so will be working on an assumed knowledge and will address complexities of the application of Directive 2004/38EC this will be a two lecture topic.

Karen Berkeley, Solicitor, Berkeley Solicitors

- 2 EU treaty rights overview**
This will be an overview of topics so far and an opportunity to ask questions in advance of workshops on Saturday.

Karen Berkeley, Solicitor, Berkeley Solicitors

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SESSION 8	TIME	DELIVERY
Saturday 15 January 2022	10:00am – 3:00pm	Online only
Workshop 1: Taking instructions from a client for a family reunification application. Putting together an application for asylum. The perspective of the International Protections Appeal Tribunal. <i>Aoife McMahon and Maria Hennessey</i> <i>John Stanley BL</i> <i>Stephen Kirwan Solicitor KOD Lyons</i> 5 hrs Gen. CPD 2 hrs. M&PD CPD		

MODULE 4: CORPORATE IMMIGRATION

SESSION 9	TIME	DELIVERY
Thursday 20 January 2022	6:00pm – 9:00pm	Online only
1 Employment permits system: Overview of Employment permits legislation and application types and reviews and pitfalls. <i>Angel Bello Cortes, Senior Manager, Fragomen</i> 2 Immigrant Investor Schemes: Administrative schemes available for immigrant investors. <i>Gerard McGrath, Solicitor, McGrath McGrane</i> 3 Business visas and atypical working scheme: Rules governing entry to the state for commercial purposes and the specialist working schemes operated by the INIS. <i>Gerard McGrath, Solicitor, McGrath McGrane</i>		

3 hrs. Gen. CPD

SESSION 10	TIME	DELIVERY
Saturday 29 January 2022	10:00am – 3:00pm	Online only
Workshop 2: Corporate immigration: Employment Permits, Immigrant Investor schemes and related visa and family reunification applications. Current debates in immigration law including discussion on how external factors can affect Irish immigration law and practice (e.g. Brexit). <i>Gerard McGrath, Solicitor, McGrath McGrane</i> <i>Emmet Whelan, Partner Byrne Wallace</i> <i>Julie O'Donnell, Solicitor, Conor O Briain Solicitors</i> 5 hrs Gen. CPD 2 hrs. M&PD CPD		

MODULE 5: COURTS AND LITIGATION

SESSION 11	TIME	DELIVERY
Thursday 3 February 2022	6:00pm – 8:30pm	Online only
1 Judicial review: time limits, practise directions and specific requirements of judicial review applications in the asylum list. <i>Aoife McMahon BL</i> 2 Proposal to deport/ remove, deportation, removal and repatriation and applications under Section 3 Immigration Act 1999: what happens when a deportation order issues. <i>Karen Berkeley, Solicitor, Berkeley Solicitors</i>		

2.5 hrs. Gen. CPD

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SESSION 12	TIME	DELIVERY
Saturday 5 February 2022	10:00am – 3:00pm	Online only
1 Rights and Protection of victims of Human Trafficking: Related applications and rights to include awareness of how trafficking takes place, applications and tools available to victims of trafficking. <i>Mary Henderson, Immigrant Council of Ireland</i>		
2 International Protection applicants and the Reception Conditions Regulations: Vulnerability assessments, accommodation and special needs. <i>Katie Mannion, Irish Refugee Council Independent Law Centre</i>		
3 The perspective of the Garda National Immigration Bureau to include immigration fraud, Criminal and other sanctions: Overview of the issues faced by An Garda Síochána and their powers in relation to migrants- powers of immigration officers. <i>Kenneth Ruane, Head of Civil Legal, An Garda Síochána</i>		
Workshop 3: Final questions and answers panel session with experts Mary Henderson, Katie Mannion David Conlan Smyth SC Kenneth Ruane		
5 hrs. Gen. CPD 1 hr. M&PD CPD		
ASSIGNMENT DATE: 11 March 2022		

Please note that topics & dates may be subject to change. Draft timetable as of October 2021.

* 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