



DIPLOMA CENTRE PROSPECTUS

2022/2023





WHY CHOOSE THE DIPLOMA CENTRE?

- Enhance your skills,
- Broaden your career opportunities,
- Avail of unique courses that are designed by solicitors,
- Learn from leading experts and experienced practitioners,
- Combine academic theory with practical application,
- Flexible learning options on-site, online and via playback,
- Avail of a range of member discounts,
- Satisfy your full annual CPD requirement,
- Benefit from the CPD bonus conference.

WELCOME

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the **Diploma Centre Prospectus for 2022/2023.**

Once again, the Diploma Centre is delighted to offer a wide range of academic programmes with our commitment, as always, to enhance the skills and address the training needs of solicitors in Ireland. Our diverse range of courses include certificates, diplomas, master's programmes, and a Professional Doctorate in Law.

The past year has been another year of remarkable achievements for the Diploma Centre. We were pleased to welcome students back on-site to our state-of-the-art campus in spring 2022 following the Covid-19 pandemic. All lectures continued to be available to watch live online, and they were also recorded to offer maximum flexibility and accessibility to our learners, no matter where they are located in the world.

The Diploma Centre hosted four conferral ceremonies in spring 2022, with over 700 students having the opportunity to celebrate their achievements at Blackhall Place. For many students, it was the first time they had met in person, having completed their courses entirely online.

In addition to this, we were proud to announce a new partnership with the Law School at Leeds Beckett University in 2022. The launch of the LLM in Advanced Legal Practice in February 2022 was very successful, and the LLM in Employment Law is being launched in September 2022. We look forward to a long and fruitful collaboration with our new partner.

The Diploma Centre was also delighted to scoop the prestigious 'Best Further Education Provider' award at the Education Awards in 2022, which celebrated our commitment to providing high-quality postgraduate courses to the profession and beyond.

We actively support public legal education through a series of initiatives and engagement with solicitors, trainees, and the public. This includes our popular massive open online courses (MOOCs), and we are proud to say that, in 2022, our MOOC in Employment Law and Remote Working attracted over 3,500 participants from 30 countries. An Tánaiste, Leo Varadkar, very kindly delivered the keynote speech for this very topical MOOC.

Finally, as always, we are indebted to our lecturers and tutors, all of whom are seasoned practitioners, who impart a blend of academic expertise, coupled with unrivalled real-life practical experience.

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

Claire O'Mahony



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A LEADER IN LEGAL EDUCATION



The Diploma Centre won the 'Best Further Education Provider' award at the 2022 Education Awards



The 2022 free online course (MOOC) on Employment Law and Remote Working attracted 3,500 participants from 30 countries



Participants on our courses in autumn 2021 and spring 2022 were based in 30 countries worldwide



Diploma Centre student numbers continue to grow, with over 1,000 students joining our courses in autumn 2021 and spring 2022



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DIPLOMAS,
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PROGRAMMES,
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PROFESSIONAL
DOCTORATE IN
LAW”



PROFESSIONAL DOCTORATE IN LAW

The Professional Doctorate in Law is offered in partnership with the Northumbria University 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 doctorate will have made a significant and original contribution to the creation and interpreta-

tion of a body of knowledge and be 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.

Study breaks are only given for extenuating circumstances and in accordance with the university regulations. Fees will continue to fall due as and when they arise, regardless of any study break that might apply, with the duration of the study break then applied at the end of the 3.5 year programme.

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 10 of the Irish National Framework of Qualifications. Evidence for this will be provided both by their application and subsequent interview.



START DATE:

Saturday 24 September 2022



DELIVERY METHOD:

Blended learning
– 3.5 years' duration



FEE:

€7,000 per year; €3,500
for the last half year



COURSE COORDINATOR

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Please note that numbers on the programme will be capped. The selection criteria will be based on the date applications are received and the availability of supervisors.



**Northumbria
University**
NEWCASTLE



**START DATE:**

Saturday 17 September
2022

**DELIVERY METHOD:**

Distance learning

**ASSESSMENT:**

Dissertation of 15,000
words

**FEE:**

€3,400

**START DATE:**

February 2023

**DELIVERY METHOD:**

Distance learning

**ASSESSMENT:**

Dissertation of 15,000
words

**FEE:**

€3,400

**COURSE LEADER**

Judith Tedders, Solicitor
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LLM EMPLOYMENT LAW IN PRACTICE

The LLM Employment Law in Practice 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 as a building block to achieve a further recognised academic qualification. The award of the LLM requires 180 credits – the Diploma in Employment Law provides 120 credits and the research-based

dissertation then provides the remaining 60 credits required.

The programme commences with an induction day, followed by a self-paced online module, while researching and writing a dissertation on an agreed employment law topic. Candidates undertake in-depth study of the topic under individual tutor supervision, with supervisors drawn from a panel of employment law experts, compris-

ing both internal Law Society staff and senior external practitioners/academics. The programme lasts for one year, and is specifically designed to suit the busy working professional.

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. Please note that places on this course are limited.

LLM ADVANCED LEGAL PRACTICE

The LLM Advanced Legal Practice 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 qualifications. The award requires 180 credits, and a solicitor qualification already provides 120 credits towards this. The research-based

dissertation then provides the remaining 60 points required.

The programme commences with an induction day, followed by a self-paced online module, while researching and writing a dissertation on an agreed legal topic. Participants are assigned a supervisor from a panel of subject-matter experts, comprising both internal Law Society staff and senior external practi-

tioners/academics. The programme lasts for one year, and is specifically designed to suit the busy working professional.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Applicants must either be:

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



Our LLM programmes are offered in partnership with the Leeds Law School at Leeds Beckett University

DIPLOMA IN LAW

The Diploma in Law 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 academic theory with the practice of law.

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. Lectures may be attended on-site, 'live' online, or played back on demand.

MODULES

SEMESTER 1 (September – January)

Module 1: Constitutional law,

Module 2: Criminal law,

Module 3: Contract law,

Module 4: Tort.

SEMESTER 2 (February – May)

Module 5: Company law,

Module 6: EU law,

Module 7: Property law,

Module 8: 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

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.



Diploma in Law students, class of 2021 with (front l to r): His Hon Judge John O'Connor, Law Society President Michelle Ni Longáin, Richard Hammond SC (chair of the Law Society Education Committee), Judge Patrick McMahon and Claire O'Mahony (Head of Diploma Centre)



START DATE:

Friday 2 September 2022



DELIVERY METHOD:

Lectures on Wednesdays, 6pm to 8.30pm; one block weekend each month (Friday and Saturday 9.30am to 4pm); also 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



COURSE LEADER

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DIPLOMA COURSES



Attendees at the 2022 Diploma in Law Open Evening

DIPLOMA IN EMPLOYMENT LAW

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE AND APPROACH TO LEARNING

Framed by the *Workplace Relations Act 2015*, this well-established and highly regarded postgraduate diploma provides a comprehensive understanding of employment law, covering all aspects of the employer/employee relationship from recruitment through to termination. Relying on contributions from leading practitioners, stakeholders, and decision-makers in the area, we highlight how new developments are likely to affect your practice. For example, we will focus on recent practice and procedural developments arising out of the switch to remote working for many workers, the *EU Work-Life Balance Directive*, and the *Gender Pay Gap Information Act 2021*.

The aim of the diploma is to provide practitioners with a comprehensive understanding of employment law and practice in this jurisdiction.

MODULES

Module 1: Intro to employment law

- *Workplace Relations Act 2015* (WRA),
- Forums and redress,
- Recruitment and status of workers,
- Data protection in the workplace,
- The HR perspective.

Module 2: Workers and allowances

- Pay and benefits,
- Pensions,
- *Working Time Act 1997*,
- Statutory leave.

Module 3: Remote working and rights of the worker (part 1)

- Equality in the workplace,
- Age discrimination,
- Bullying and harassment,
- Health and safety,
- Social media in the workplace.

Module 4: Remote working and rights of the worker (part 2)

- *Right to Request Remote Work Bill 2022*,
- Right to disconnect,
- *EU Work-Life Balance Directive*,
- *Gender Pay Gap Information Act 2021*.

Module 5: Resolutions

- Trade disputes,
- Notice and dismissal,
- Grievance and disciplinary procedure,
- Whistleblowing, injunctions.

Module 6: Issues when leaving work

- *Transfer of Undertakings Regulations*,
- Severance packages, redundancy.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

This course is suitable for solicitors, barristers, and trainees who advise or wish to advise on employment law matters. It would also be of interest to key stakeholders and decision-makers within the employment sector who are involved in hiring and managing staff, including human resources professionals, training managers, union officials, those working for recruitment agencies, and line managers dealing with significant volumes of employees.

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.



START DATE:

Friday 23 September 2022



DELIVERY METHOD:

Blended learning: block release lectures and workshops over six weekends (Friday and Saturday); lectures available to view on demand



ASSESSMENT:

Three-hour closed-book written examination



FEE:

€2,600



COURSE LEADER

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A number of students from the Diploma in Employment Law class 2021 with (front l to r): The Hon Mr Justice Max Barrett, Her Honour Judge Petria McDonnell, Richard Hammond SC (chair of the Law Society Education Committee) and Claire O'Mahony (Head of Diploma Centre)

**START DATE:**

Saturday 24 September
2022

**DELIVERY METHOD:**

Lectures on Wednesdays, 6pm to 9pm, with occasional lectures taking place on Saturday mornings. Interactive workshops on Saturdays; also available to view on demand.

**ASSESSMENT:**

Written assignment (20%) and two partially closed-book exams in May 2023 (40% each)

**FEE:**

€3,200

**COURSE LEADER**

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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, legal, and tax-based concerns for private clients in the area of trust and estates.

MODULES

Module 1: Course introduction

- Lifetime and estate planning,
- Basic legal principles.

Module 2: Taxation issues

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

Module 3: Lifetime/estate planning

- Passing of value on death,
- Wealth planning structures.

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 and tax issues.

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 in Ireland. In order to participate in 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. 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.

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.



Class of 2021 prizewinners (l to r): Joanne Hoban (joint highest marks paper 2, with Mark Cunningham who is not pictured), Anthony Carmody (highest marks paper 1), Barry Kennelly (chair, STEP Ireland) and Róisín Gallogly (first place - overall highest marks)

DIPLOMA IN MEDIATOR TRAINING



PROGRAMME STRUCTURE AND APPROACH TO LEARNING

The goal of this 60 hour intensive diploma is to provide an in-depth look at the theoretical foundations of the mediation process and to equip participants with the necessary skills to successfully mediate disputes in a number of different settings. The course and the intensive interactive workshops are designed for those wishing to practise as trained mediators.

The course design adopts a 'flipped learning' approach, whereby online lessons released in advance review the process of mediation and its increasing importance in the litigation landscape. We examine the *Mediation Act 2017* and its objective to promote mediation as a viable alternative to court proceedings, thereby reducing

legal costs, speeding up the resolution of disputes, and relieving the stress involved in court proceedings. This course is designed to equip participants with the necessary skills to act as a mediator.

MODULES

Module 1: Mediation theory

- Understanding conflict,
- Types of mediation,
- Approaches to mediation.

Module 2: Mediation regulation

- Legislation and court rules,
- The *Mediation Act 2017*,
- The impact of regulation on practice.

Module 3: Mediation practice

- Ethics and moral principles,
- Rules of conduct,
- Suitability for mediation.

Module 4: Mediation contexts

- Family mediation,
- Workplace mediation,
- Commercial mediation,
- Other mediation pathways.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

This course is suitable for solicitors, barristers, and trainees interested in the mediation process. The course will also appeal to suitably qualified non-legal professionals whose work requires them to engage in alternative dispute resolution mechanisms.

The diploma is accredited by the Mediators' Institute of Ireland (MII) and, upon successful completion of the MII role-play assessment, candidates can apply for membership of the MII.

CERTIFICATE IN MEDIATOR TRAINING

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE AND APPROACH TO LEARNING

The goal of this 30-hour certificate is to provide an appreciation of the theoretical foundations and practical strategies and skills of mediation. The course is accredited with the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CI Arb), granting successful participants eligibility to join CI Arb at associate level.

MODULES

Module 1: Conflict/dispute resolution

Module 2: Mediation processes

Module 3: Mediation skills and practice

Module 4: Mediation law in Ireland

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

This course is suitable for solicitors, barristers, and trainees interested in the mediation process, and suitably quali-

fied non-legal professionals whose work requires them to engage in alternative dispute resolution mechanisms.



CI Arb
evolving to resolve



START DATE:

Wednesday 5 October 2022



DELIVERY METHOD:

Introductory lectures online, with interactive on-site workshops on Fridays and Saturdays. Lectures available to view on demand; mandatory on-site workshops



ASSESSMENT:

Continuous assessment, a final written assignment, and practical role-play assessment



FEE:

€3,475



START DATE:

January 2023



DELIVERY METHOD:

Lectures with live interactive workshops



ASSESSMENT:

Continuous assessment and a final written assignment



FEE:

€1,700



COURSE LEADER

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**START DATE:**

Saturday 8 October 2022

**DELIVERY METHOD:**

Lectures on Wednesdays, 6pm to 9pm, interactive workshops on Saturdays; also available to view on demand

**ASSESSMENT:**

Continuous assessment and a three-hour closed-book written examination

**FEE:**

€2,600

**CPD:**

Recognised by Engineers Ireland for CPD purposes

**COURSE LEADER**

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DIPLOMA IN CONSTRUCTION LAW

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE AND APPROACH TO LEARNING

This advanced-level 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, construction dispute resolution, allocation of risks, collateral warranties and bonds, and specialists and subcontractors.

MODULES**Module 1: Intro to construction law**

- Specialised streams for lawyers and non-lawyers,
- Standard form contracts.

Module 2: Construction procurement – the tendering process

- *Public Procurement Directive*,
- The tendering procedure,
- Remedies.

Module 3: Construction contracts

- Responsibility for design,
- Lump sum and quantities contracts,

- Supply chain: subcontracting,
- Time and completion,
- Security and overall liability,
- Ordinary certification and payment.

Module 4: Construction dispute resolution

- Multiparty construction litigation,
- Conciliation and mediation,
- Adjudication and arbitration.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

This course is suitable for solicitors or barristers working in the area or those who would be interested in practising in this area. 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 litigation and claims. Additionally, it would appeal to construction professionals, including engineers, claims surveyors, and expert witnesses.

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.

The diploma provided me with solid foundations in construction contracts, dispute resolution, health and safety, and other construction-related laws and regulations following a transfer from a corporate M&A background into a role with more of a construction focus. The course also provided a useful recap of topics that I had studied prior to qualification as a solicitor. The lectures were well thought out, and tutorials were all engaging and informative. The standard of lecturers and tutors was great also. I'd certainly recommend this course to others looking to move into or increase their knowledge in the construction sector.

Chris O'Connor,
Senior Legal Counsel
MSC Mediterranean Shipping Company



Irish Construction Excellence Awards 2022
Finalist

DIPLOMA IN FINANCE LAW

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE AND APPROACH TO LEARNING

This diploma provides participants with an 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 a European and national level.

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

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 and corporate governance

- Bond markets,
- International swaps and derivatives,
- Irish Stock Exchange,
- Corporate governance,
- Money-laundering,
- Insider dealing.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

This course is suitable for solicitors, trainee solicitors 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 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.



Prizewinner (first place) Richard McNally with The Hon Ms Justice Aileen Donnelly



START DATE:

Tuesday 11 October 2022



DELIVERY METHOD:

Lectures on Tuesdays, 6pm to 9pm, with interactive workshops; also available to view on demand



ASSESSMENT:

Three-hour closed-book written examination (60%); written assignment (40%)



FEE:

€2,600



COURSE LEADER

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**START DATE:**

Wednesday 12 October
2022

**DELIVERY METHOD:**

Lectures on Wednesdays and occasional 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

**COURSE LEADER**

Suzanne Crilly, Solicitor
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Mr Justice Michael Peart, Course Lecturer

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 it 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. 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

Module 1: The exercise of judicial skills and decision-making

- Ethical considerations; types of judicial roles/quasi-judicial bodies,
- The application/recruitment process,
- Understanding/managing the trial process,
- Rules of evidence from the decision-maker's perspective.

Module 2: Mediation, managing proceedings, and administering justice

- Mediation 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 expert evidence.

Module 4: The social context of law

- 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 will also 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.

This diploma, both in terms of board-spectrum content and the highly respected calibre of speakers, was beyond expectations. It was managed expertly through the Diploma Hub, with timely sharing of pre-reading per module, and with challenging tasks and submissions assigned. I would highly recommend this course, it was hugely rewarding and so well delivered.

**Aisling Gannon, Solicitor, SC,
Coroner, District of Dublin**

DIPLOMA IN TECHNOLOGY AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE AND APPROACH TO LEARNING

This advanced-level programme provides a wide-ranging analysis of issues relating to intellectual property rights and technology law. Leading experts consider IP infringements and defences, domain disputes, e-commerce and consumer regulations, software licensing, and data security breaches.

The course also offers an insight into the world of cybercrime. 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 biomedical technology, biometrics, wearable technology, driverless vehicles, FinTech, and blockchain.

MODULES

Module 1: Intellectual property

- Trademarks,
- Patents,
- Copyright,
- Design law,
- Trade secrets,
- Contracts.

Module 2: Data protection

- GDPR – Regulation 2016/679,
- Data processing access requests,

- International data transfers,
- Data protection and new technologies,
- Data breaches.

Module 3: Technology contracts

- Technology contract clauses,
- Software licensing agreements,
- E-commerce, online contracts, consumer protection,
- Website terms and conditions,
- Outsourcing.

Module 4: Social media

- Defamation and blogging,
- Hosting, caching, conduits,
- Advertising standards online,
- Liability for online content,
- Social media and employment issues.

Module 5: The law and technology

- Bio-law – medical/legal issues,
- Biometrics, drones,
- Cybersecurity and cybercrime,
- Augmented reality,
- FinTech and blockchain.

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, and innovation. 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) and those with an interest in IT, intellectual property, data protection, cybersecurity, social media, research and development, and innovation.

I found all the lecturers to be very engaging and I found the workshops especially enjoyable. In addition, the diploma team were always great to deal with and very helpful. I now feel I am in a position to offer good constructive legal advice in the online/social media spheres as a result of completing the course and I would have no hesitation in recommending the diploma to a wide variety of people.

Daniel O'Connell

Associate Solicitor, Keans Solicitors



START DATE:

Wednesday 12 October 2022



DELIVERY METHOD

Lectures released on Wednesdays at 6pm, with five interactive workshops on Saturdays; also available to view on demand



ASSESSMENT:

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



FEE:

€3,000



COURSE LEADER

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**START DATE:**

Wednesday 19 October
2022

**DELIVERY METHOD:**

Lectures on Wednesdays,
6pm to 9pm, with four
interactive workshops
on Wednesday evenings;
also available to view on
demand

**ASSESSMENT:**

Three-hour closed-book
written examination
(90%) in April 2023 and
continuous assessment
through online activities
(10%)

**FEE:**

€2,600

**COURSE LEADER**

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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

Module 1: Governance and regulation

- Sporting bodies,
- Rules and regulations,
- Funding and grant applications,
- 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 and data protection.

Module 4: Player rights

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

Module 5: Key issues in sport

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

Module 6: Anti-doping

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

Module 7: Disciplinary procedures

- Disciplinary procedures,
- On-field offences,
- 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 the

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 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.

I found the course hugely beneficial in furthering my personal development, building great connections and obtaining useful resources. I have also been able to put the course into practical use by enhancing our complaints and disciplinary procedures. The standard of lecturers on the diploma was excellent, and I would recommend the course to any person who wants to gain an understanding of law and its application in the sports environment.

Conor Fadian, Governance and Participation Manager, Badminton Ireland

DIPLOMA IN EDUCATION LAW

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE AND APPROACH TO LEARNING

Now in its seventh 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 take place on days during school holidays.

MODULES

Module 1: Employment law in the school context – part 1

- The contract of employment,
- Grievance, disciplinary procedures
- The Teaching Council, registration, and ‘fitness to teach’

Module 2: Employment law in the school context – part 2

- Appointment procedures,
- Equality in the workplace,
- Managing bullying and harassment.

Module 3: Admissions policies and student conduct

- Enrolment policies,
- Disciplinary procedures,
- Managing parental complaints.

Module 4: School governance

- Legislative framework,
- The role of boards of management,
- Financial management.

Module 5: Negligence/litigation management

- The duty of care,
- The standard of care,
- Sporting activities,
- Liability of the school authority.

Module 6: Special educational needs

- Legislative provisions,
- School policies and procedures,
- Equality law provisions.

Module 7: Compliance matters

- FOI and data protection,
- Child protection,
- Tusla reporting requirements,
- Health and safety.

Module 8: Higher, further, and adult education

- Governance structures at third level,
- Student conduct issues,
- International students,
- The examination process.

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 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.

The Diploma in Education Law gives a thorough overview of the current legal challenges facing school management, and I have found it to be hugely relevant in my work as a teacher and assistant principal. The course, delivered by highly experienced legal practitioners is quite practical in nature, allowing participants to apply the law to the multitude of issues and situations that occur every day in the school context. Discussion and interaction between participants is encouraged in every session, thus allowing the learner to draw from a wealth of experiences and backgrounds. I found the lecturers and staff to be most approachable and helpful, and I wouldn't hesitate in recommending the course to anyone working in an education context.

Lourda Roseingrave, Ennis National School



START DATE:

Friday 4 November 2022



DELIVERY METHOD:

Block placement – two Friday and Saturday sessions (to coincide with certain periods of school leave) and also four Saturday only sessions; also available to view on demand.



ASSESSMENT:

Two 2,500-word written assignments



FEE:

€2,600



COURSE LEADER

Geraldine Rafferty BL
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**START DATE:**

Thursday 29 September
2022

**DELIVERY METHOD:**

Lectures released on
Thursdays at 6pm, with
interactive workshops;
also available to view on
demand

**ASSESSMENT:**

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

**FEE:**

€1,650

**COURSE LEADER**

Claire O'Mahony, Solicitor
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CERTIFICATE IN AVIATION LEASING AND FINANCE

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE AND APPROACH TO LEARNING

This certificate 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

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 avi-

ation 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 Leasing and Finance 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 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.

Now in their tenth 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 2022)**
- **Diploma in Aviation Leasing and Finance (spring 2023)**

The teaching faculty for our aviation courses is comprised of a fantastic array of legal practitioners from top-tier law firms in Ireland, the UK, the USA and Asia and leading aviation industry specialists. We offer a career panel event for participants to assist

them with entry into the industry. Our 2019 diploma course was awarded the accolade of Postgraduate Course of the Year – Law at the gradireland awards.



DIPLOMA IN AVIATION LEASING AND FINANCE

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE AND APPROACH TO LEARNING

This advanced-level diploma delivers an in-depth analysis of the core legal and practical issues that parties typically encounter in aircraft leasing and finance transactions.

MODULES

Module 1: Introduction to the aviation industry

- Profile of aviation industry 2023,
- Main industry players,
- Regulatory framework.

Module 2: Purchase/leasing aircraft

- Aircraft operating lease agreements,
- Purchasing aircraft and delivery,
- Aircraft trading (GATS).

Module 3: Aviation finance

- Commercial debt financing,
- PDP financing,
- Export credit agencies structures.

Module 4: Regulatory environment

- Irish Aviation Authority,
- ICAO, IATA, EASA,
- Cape Town Convention,
- International Registry of Mobile Assets.

Module 5: Taxation and aviation

- Importance of Irish tax residence,
- Tax opinions, legal opinions, treaties.

Module 6: Insurance and aviation

- Lease insurance provisions,
- Lessor considerations.

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,
- Default provisions, 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.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

In order to apply, you must (a) be a lawyer, (b) have a minimum of two years' experience in the aviation industry, or (c) 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.

START DATE:



Thursday 26 January 2023



DELIVERY METHOD:

Lectures on Thursdays, 6pm to 9pm, with workshops on occasional Saturdays; also available to view on demand



ASSESSMENT:

Assignment due for submission in July 2023



FEE:

€3,000



COURSE LEADER

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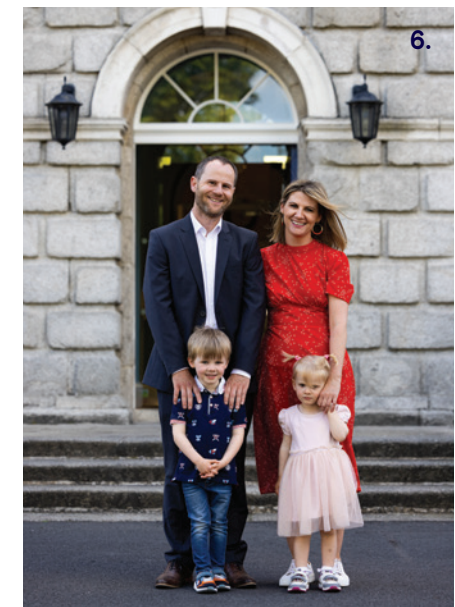


Course Lecturer Kirk Malahy,
Vice-President, Legal Leasing, AerCap



CONFERRAL CEREMONIES

After a hiatus of over two years due to Covid-19, the Diploma Centre was delighted to welcome past students to Blackhall Place in spring 2022 for the Diploma Centre Conferral Ceremonies. We were delighted to once again meet in-person to celebrate the commitment made by those who undertook our diploma and LLM courses.





1. Diploma in Compliance and Risk Management prizewinner (first place)
Victor Okeleke with Law Society President Michelle Ní Longáin

2. A number of students from the Diploma in Regulation Law and Practice class of 2021

3. Diploma in Judicial Skills and Decision-Making prizewinner (first place)
Brian Robinson with The Hon Mr Justice Max Barrett

4. Diploma in Employment Law prizewinner (first place) Ciara Ni Longaigh with Her Honour Judge Petria McDonnell

5. Diploma in Education Law, class of 2021

6. LLM Advanced Legal Practice conferee Cian Monahan and family

7. Diploma in Construction Law, class of 2021

8. Diploma in Commercial Litigation prize-winner (first place) Rebecca McKittrick with His Honour Judge John O'Connor

9. Diploma in Education Law conferee David Earley (centre)



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CERTIFICATE COURSES



CERTIFICATE IN PENSIONS LAW AND APPLIED TRUSTEESHIP

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE AND APPROACH TO LEARNING

There are many recent changes in the area of pensions law and pension administration. This course is designed to provide participants with a comprehensive understanding of the most up-to-date position on pensions law and trusteeship in Ireland. Delivered by experienced professionals, the course begins with an examination of the legislative and regulatory framework applicable to pensions in Ireland, and regulatory bodies.

The certificate will analyse the main pension scheme structures, such as defined contribution, defined benefit, personal pension plans and recent developments in the area, such as implementation of IORPs II, master trusts and auto-enrolment. The course will focus on the obligations of trustees, enabling them to fulfil their duties, and will give insight into handling of challenging issues such as underfunding, scheme wind-ups, pensions adjustment orders, taxation, mergers and acquisitions, and scheme restructuring.

MODULES

Module 1: Legislation and regulatory framework

- Legislative and regulatory framework,
- The Pensions Ombudsman,

- The Pensions Authority.
- Other relevant regulatory authorities.

Module 2: The future of pensions in Ireland

- IORPs II
- Master trusts, pension scheme consolidation.
- Auto-enrolment, the future of defined benefit schemes.

Module 3: Pension scheme structures

- The main types of pension schemes,
- Public sector pensions,
- Pension adjustment orders,
- Pensions in a commercial transaction.

Module 4: The role of trustees

- The role of pension scheme trustees,
- Trustees obligations,
- Pension investment issues,
- Employer obligations.

Module 5: Scheme governance and taxation issues

- Taxation issues,
- Winding-up and restructuring,
- Pension scheme governance, management and oversight.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

We welcome applications from suitably qualified non-members. It will also be of interest to those in pension and legal departments of insurance companies, banks and building societies; actuaries, tax advisors, investment managers and pension consultants; public service

pensions professionals; those working in representative bodies related to pensions and trusts; and professionals seeking to work in the pensions industry and 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 €100.

The course provides fantastic up-to-date content that should prove extremely useful to anyone who seeks to develop an understanding of the complex pensions landscape that exists in Ireland. Lectures are provided by people who deal with pensions on a daily basis and have a practical understanding of the issues being discussed.

**Stephen Gillick, Course Lecturer,
Partner and Head of Pensions Team,
Mason Hayes & Curran LLP**



START DATE:

Tuesday 4 October 2022



DELIVERY METHOD:

Lectures on Tuesdays, 6pm to 9pm, with occasional Saturday workshops; also available to view on demand



ASSESSMENT:

2,500-word written assignment



FEE:

€1,650



COURSE LEADER

Geraldine Rafferty BL
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**START DATE:**

Tuesday 18 October 2022

**DELIVERY METHOD:**

Blended learning: lectures released online, 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

**COURSE LEADER**

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CERTIFICATE IN CONVEYANCING

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE AND APPROACH TO LEARNING

In 2019, we saw the introduction of the new 'pre-contract investigation of title' (PCIT) system, which improved the conveyancing process by ensuring that 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.

The 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 two days of on-site 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.

MODULES

PART A

Module 1: Key conveyancing fundamentals

- Pre-contract investigation of title,
- The contract for sale,
- Requisitions on title,
- Certificates of 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,
- 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,
- Managing commercial lease disputes.

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.



CERTIFICATE IN AGRIBUSINESS AND FOOD LAW

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE AND APPROACH TO LEARNING

The agri-food sector in Ireland is thriving and continues to grow both domestically and internationally. This certificate will provide you with the legal knowledge required to advise agrifood clients, together with a practical understanding of the business environments in which such clients operate. The syllabus is designed to give comprehensive coverage of the 'farm-to-fork'-related legal issues that apply in this vibrant part of our economy.

MODULES

Module 1: The overall framework

- Regulation of farming and food law,
- Government agencies/bodies,
- EU and international policy,
- Common Agricultural Policy,
- Food Wise 2025.

Module 2: The regulatory framework

- Dry stock, tillage and poultry,
- Rural development,
- Environmental regulation.

Module 3: Food regulation

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

Module 4: Organic food and farming

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

Module 5: Enforcement and audit

- Department of Agriculture notices, prosecutions, and appeals,
- Environmental Protection Agency,
- Retailers and exporters.

Module 6: Farming and the law (part 1)

- Commercial contract issues,
- Solar and wind farms,
- Boundary disputes, rights of way,
- Livestock disputes.

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, barristers and trainees 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.

The course gave me an excellent understanding of the principles of agribusiness and food law. It was very well structured, with a good balance of theory and practical content. The workshops really helped with the practical application of new knowledge. The quality and diversity of the lecturers, all with considerable professional experience, was excellent. I would highly recommend this course to anyone wanting to gain an understanding of law and its application in the agribusiness and food sectors.

Professor Seamus O'Mahony,
School of Food and Nutritional Sciences, UCC



START DATE:

Saturday 22 October 2022



DELIVERY METHOD:

Saturday lectures and workshops, with occasional supplementary lectures released online; also available to view on demand



ASSESSMENT:

2,500-word written assignment



FEE:

€1,650



COURSE LEADER

Deirdre Flynn, Solicitor
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**START DATE:**

Thursday 27 October 2022

**DELIVERY METHOD:**

Lectures on Thursdays, 6pm to 8.30pm, with workshops on occasional Saturdays; also available to view on demand

**ASSESSMENT:**

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

**FEE:**

€1,650

**COURSE LEADER**

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CERTIFICATE IN CRIMINOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE (NEW)

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE AND APPROACH TO LEARNING

This brand new certificate provides comprehensive coverage of the key aspects of the discipline of criminology, which is the study of crime, criminal behaviours, and the criminal justice system. The certificate offers an examination of the fundamental characteristics of a range of crimes, including serious crime, juvenile crime, white-collar crime, cybercrime, organised crime, and the role of transnational policing agencies.

MODULES

Module 1: Intro to criminology

- The scientific study of crime, criminals, and the criminal justice system,
- Aggression and violence,
- Social, environmental and family correlates of crime.

Module 2: Personality disorders

- Personality disorders and crime,

- Personality profiles.

Module 3: Aggression and violence

- Violent crime/domestic abuse.

Module 4: The criminal justice system

- An Garda Síochána and international police agencies,
- The role of the forensic pathologist within the criminal justice system.

Module 5: Juvenile crime

- Social correlates of childhood crime,
- Familial and environmental causes,
- The juvenile court process.

Module 6: White collar/cybercrime

- Blue and white collar crime,
- Cybercrime.

Module 7: Penology and prisons

- Sentencing principles and policies,
- Understanding the penal policy,
- Irish prison system.

Module 8: Victimology and victims

- Victimology and victims in the Irish criminal justice system,
- Victim support.

Module 9: Sentencing

- Principles of sentencing,
- Retribution/rehabilitation,
- Restorative justice.

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 will also appeal to members of An Garda Síochána, the Probation Service, Irish Prison Service, those working in the area of criminal justice, and professionals working in other connected sectors.

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.



CERTIFICATE IN IMMIGRATION LAW AND PRACTICE

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE AND APPROACH TO LEARNING

This certificate offers an in-depth analysis of immigration law and its application in Ireland. The central 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 the Irish Naturalisation and Immigration Service.

MODULES

Module 1: Legal/political context

- Theories of migration and history,
- Social justice issues,
- International legal framework
- Legal framework in Ireland.

Module 2: Entering, residing and remaining in the state

- Responsible state institutions,
- Entering: visa application process; preclearance application scheme,
- Residing: registering permission; applications to reside,
- Permission to remain: change of status application; leave to remain,
- Citizenship: by birth; by naturalisation.

Module 3: Asylum and forced migration

- ‘Subsidiary protection’,
- Credibility assessment in claims,
- Relocation and resettlement; direct provision entitlements,
- Treatment of unaccompanied minors,
- The *Dublin Regulation*.

Module 4: Corporate immigration

- Employment permits system,
- Immigrant investor schemes,
- Business visas.

Module 5: Courts and litigation

- Judicial review and injunctions,
- Procedure, relevant documents, time limits, practice directions,
- Deportation, repatriation,
- Trafficking, people smuggling, and immigration fraud,
- 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 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.



START DATE:

Thursday 3 November 2022



DELIVERY METHOD:

Lectures on Thursdays, 6pm to 9pm, with workshops on occasional Saturdays; also available to view on demand



ASSESSMENT:

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



FEE:

€1,650



COURSE LEADER

Patricia Harvey BL
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**START DATE:**

Tuesday 15 November
2022

**DELIVERY METHOD:**

Lectures Tuesdays,
6pm to 9pm, with live
workshops on occasional
Saturdays; lectures also
available to view on
demand

**ASSESSMENT:**

2,500-word written
assignment (worth
90%) and continuous
assessment (worth 10% of
the overall grade)

**FEE:**

€1,650

**COURSE LEADER**

Riona Leahy, Solicitor
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CERTIFICATE IN ASSISTED DECISION-MAKING CAPACITY

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE AND APPROACH TO LEARNING

The purpose of this certificate is to ensure that practitioners are fully conversant with the requirements of the *Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) Act 2015*, with particular emphasis on supporting decision-making and a detailed analysis of the various codes and guidelines required under the 2015 act.

This certificate is timely because the *Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) Act 2015* is due to commence later this year. It reforms outdated 19th century legislation and takes account of the principles contained in the *UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities*, which Ireland ratified in 2018.

The legislation replaces the wards of court system with a modern human rights supported decision-making framework, updates the *Powers of Attorney Act 1996* to include health care decisions, and introduces a statutory framework for advance healthcare directives. The legislation puts the presumption of capacity on a statutory basis. It moves away from the existing substituted decision-making regime to provide for supported decision-making, which must take account of the 'will and preferences' of the person whose decision-making capacity may be in question.

MODULES

Module 1: Principles and exercising autonomy and self-determination

- Origins and scope of the 2015 act,
- The *UN Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities*,
- Definition and assessment of capacity,
- The guiding principles,
- Legislative updates to 2015 act,
- Discharge from the wardship process.

Module 2: Supporting decision-making

- The role and functions of the director of the Decision Support Service,
- Enduring powers of attorney,
- Assisted healthcare directives,
- Deprivation of liberty safeguards.

Module 3: Role of the director and jurisdiction of court and other issues

- Exclusive jurisdiction of the Circuit Court,
- Exceptions to that exclusive jurisdiction and the role of the High Court,
- Role of solicitors in implementing the requirements of the 2015 act,
- *Convention on the International Protection of Adults*,
- Equal recognition before the law,
- Minors and capacity,
- External decision supporters.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

This certificate is primarily aimed at solicitors and barristers, but may also appeal to suitably qualified non-legal professionals who wish to expand their knowledge and practical implementation and application of issues relating to decision-making capacity.

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.



Áine Hynes, SC, Course Consultant,
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CERTIFICATE IN PUBLIC LEGAL EDUCATION

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

The Law Society of Ireland actively supports public legal education (PLE) projects through a series of initiatives and engagement with solicitors, trainees, and the public. PLE aims to increase awareness of the law by teaching people about our legal system and how law has an impact on society, so they can better exercise their legal rights and responsibilities.

This certificate aims to develop the skills of solicitors to run an effective public legal education programme in their community, based on the pedagogical approach and learner-centred methodologies of Street Law.

The steps involved for interested solicitors are:

- 1) Begin to develop your idea around a PLE programme,
- 2) Apply for a place at our PLE orientation training in autumn 2022 (date tbc),
- 3) Implement and evaluate your chosen programme and fulfil the course requirements.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

This course is suitable for solicitors who are interested in running an effective public legal education programme in their community. To register your interest or for further information, please contact John Lunney at j.lunney@lawsociety.ie.



START DATE:

September 2022



DELIVERY METHOD:

Attendance at orientation training



ASSESSMENT:

Completion of a number of elements, including:

- Attend orientation training weekend,
- Submit a project proposal,
- Implementation of a public legal education programme,
- Present evaluation report on your programme.



FEE:

This is a free course



COURSE LEADER

John Lunney, Solicitor
E: j.lunney@lawsociety.ie

A photograph of three people sitting at a white table in front of a rustic stone wall. A young woman with long dark hair, wearing a red long-sleeved top, is looking towards the right. A man in a dark blue jacket is on the left, and another man in a blue polo shirt is on the right, both seen from the side. They appear to be in a discussion or meeting.

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SPRING 2023 DIPLOMA CENTRE COURSES

Our spring programme commences in January 2023. To register your interest for these courses and to be contacted once registration opens, please email diplomateam@lawsociety.ie.

- Certificate in Company Secretarial Law and Practice
- Certificate in Commercial Contracts
- Certificate in Charity Law, Trusteeship and Governance
- Certificate in Data Protection Practice
- Certificate in Mediator Training
- Certificate in Enforcement for Public Bodies
- Certificate in Strategic Leadership for the In-House Lawyer
- Certificate in Human Rights Law
- Diploma in Aviation Leasing and Finance
- Diploma in Regulation Law and Practice
- Diploma in Environmental and Planning Law
- Diploma in Healthcare Law
- LLM Advanced Legal Practice



KEEPING YOU INFORMED

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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.

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, Head of the Diploma Centre, at c.omahony@lawsociety.ie.

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