

DIPLoma CENTRE

Diploma in Family Law



MODULE 1: Course Introduction & advising clients

SESSION 1	TIME	DELIVERY
Tuesday 03 October 2023	6:15pm – 8:45pm	Onsite & Online
1 Diploma in Family Law: Introduction		
2 Taking instructions in a Family Matter		
3 Current Issues in Family Law and an overview of the Family Courts Bill 2022.		
2.5 hrs. Gen. CPD*		

MODULE 2: Prenuptial Agreements, Nullity and Separation Agreements

SESSION 2	TIME	DELIVERY
Tuesday 10 October 2023	6:15pm – 8:45pm	Online
1 Marriage Laws: Constitutional Position of Marriage; Void and Voidable Marriages; Recognition of Foreign Marriages.		
1.5 hrs. Gen. CPD		

SESSION 3	TIME	DELIVERY
Tuesday 17 October 2023	6:15pm – 8:45pm	Online
1 Administrative proceedings, including mediation and collaborative law.		
1.5 hrs. Gen. CPD		

SESSION 4	TIME	DELIVERY
Tuesday 24 October 2023	6:15pm – 8:45pm	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		

Mid-Term Break

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

SESSION 5	TIME	DELIVERY
Tuesday 07 November 2023	6:15pm – 9:15pm	Online
1 Grounds for Judicial Separation and Ancillary Relief on Judicial Separation – 1.5 hours		
2 Grounds for Divorce		
3 Divorce Practice and Procedure		
3 hrs. Gen. CPD		

SESSION 6	TIME	DELIVERY
Tuesday 14 November 2023	6:15pm – 9:15pm	Online
1 Preliminary Reliefs & Ancillary orders on Divorce		
2 Recognition of Foreign Divorce and Brussels II: Alternatives for divorce abroad, habitual residence		

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- 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 7	TIME	DELIVERY
Tuesday 21 November 2023	6:15pm – 8:45pm	Online

- 1 Rights of Cohabitants; Cohabitation Case Law, Statutory and Practice Development

1.5 hrs Gen. CPD

SESSION 8	TIME	DELIVERY
Saturday 25 November 2023	10am – 1:00pm	Online

- 1 Workshop 1

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

SESSION 9	TIME	DELIVERY
Tuesday 28 November 2023	6:15pm – 8:45pm	Online

- 1 Enforcement of orders abroad
2 Post-foreign divorce reliefs under the Family Law Act 1995

2.5 hrs. Gen. CPD

SESSION 10	TIME	DELIVERY
Saturday 2 December 2023	10am – 1:00pm	Online

- 1 Workshop 2

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 9 January 2024	6:15pm – 8:45pm	Online

- 1 Pensions & Divorce/Judicial Separation: how they are valued
2 Pension Adjustment Provisions Family Law Act 1995

2.5 hrs. Gen. CPD

SESSION 12	TIME	DELIVERY
Tuesday 16 January 2024	6:15pm – 9:15pm	Online

- 1 Tax implications of Marriage Breakdown: Taxation & Divorce; Taxation & Judicial Separation
2 Children & Family Relationships Act 2015

2.5 hrs. Gen. CPD

SESSION 13	TIME	DELIVERY
Tuesday 23 January 2024	6:15pm – 9:15pm	Online

- 1 Probate Practice and Family Law
2 Children in Care

2.5 hrs. Gen. CPD

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SESSION 14	TIME	DELIVERY
Saturday 27 January 2024	10am – 1:00pm	Online
1 Workshop 3		
2 hrs Gen. CPD & 1 hr M&PD		
MODULE 5: Domestic Violence and Child Law		
SESSION 15	TIME	DELIVERY
Tuesday 30 January 2024	6:15pm – 8:45pm	Online
1 Domestic Violence		
2 Child Abduction		
3 The Role of the Expert Witness in Family Law Cases		
2.5 hrs. Gen. CPD		
SESSION 16	TIME	DELIVERY
Thursday 01 February 2024	Online Only Lectures	Online
1 Legal Representation of Children		
2 Key legislation in Child Law: The Adoption Act 2010, Child Care Act 1991 Act, the Child and Family Agency Act 2013, the Child Care (Amendment) Bill 2023, the Children and Family Relationships Act 2015, Children First Act 2015 and The Health Assisted Human Reproduction Bill 2022.		
3 Pending developments		
3 hrs. Gen. CPD		
SESSION 17	TIME	DELIVERY
Tuesday 06 February 2024	6:15pm – 9:15pm	Onsite & Online
1 Workshop 4: Assignment Prep		
2 hrs Gen. CPD & 1 hr M&PD		

2,500 WORD ASSIGNMENT DUE 12 MARCH 2024

Please note that topics & dates may be subject to change. Draft timetable as of August 2023.

* 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