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DIPLOMA CENTRE

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the Diploma Centre Prospectus for 2023/2024. We are delighted to open this new academic year with a diverse range of courses that include certificates, diplomas, master's programmes, and a Professional Doctorate in Law.

As ever, our commitment is to enhance the skills and opportunities of solicitors in Ireland. We are also pleased to invite professionals from other disciplines to join our programmes. New endeavours are always a priority, and we look forward to launching a number of new courses in spring 2024.

A look back at the past year shows that 1,200 professionals chose to study with us on 34 courses. Our blended-learning options continue to attract participants from all over Ireland and internationally. All lectures are available live online or on playback to offer maximum flexibility and accessibility to our learners, no matter where they are located in the world. In addition to this, we offered advanced elective courses to 420 trainee solicitors on the Professional Practice Course.

It was the ninth year that we offered our popular massive open online course (MOOC) and we are proud to say that, in 2023, our MOOC on Social Media and the Law attracted 3,300 participants from 39 countries. This means that over 30,000 participants from 92 countries have participated in the Law Society MOOCs since they were first launched.

I would like to thank our faculty of lecturers, tutors and examiners, many of whom are seasoned practitioners who give so freely of their time, knowledge and expertise. So much of what we do would not be possible without their input.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Claire O'Mahony". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Claire O'Mahony

HOW TO APPLY

MEMBERS

Members are invited to apply and pay for a course via the course webpage online-booking function or, alternatively, by completing an application form and emailing it to diplomateam@lawsociety.ie. A member of the team will then be in touch to arrange payment.

NON-MEMBERS

Unless otherwise stated, all courses are open to suitably qualified non-members of the Law Society of Ireland. Non-members are invited to apply by submitting an application form and CV to diplomateam@lawsociety.ie. Application forms can be found in the download section of any of our course webpages.

DISCOUNTS

- A 10% discount is available for trainee solicitors,
- When a firm is paying for three or more solicitors to attend the same diploma course, there is a 10% discount on each application (all such applications must be submitted together),
- Where an applicant has paid for two certificates or diploma courses, the applicant is entitled to a 10% discount on subsequent diploma courses.



FEES

Applications from non-members are subject to a supplemental fee on top of the fee advertised on each course page:

- CERTIFICATE COURSES: €175
- DIPLOMA COURSES: €335





A LEADER IN LEGAL EDUCATION

- Enhance your skills and 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 on demand

- Avail of a range of member discounts

- Satisfy your full annual CPD requirement

- Benefit from the CPD bonus conference (free)

- Gain a credit for an advanced elective (trainee solicitors)





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**START DATE:**

Wednesday 27 September
2023

**DELIVERY METHOD:**

Research based with limited
online taught content – 3.5
years' duration

**FEE:**

€7,300 per year; €3,650
for the last half year

**COURSE LEADER**

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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 Professional Doctorate in Law will have made a significant and original contribution to the creation and interpretation 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 9 of the Irish National Framework of Qualification. Evidence for this will be provided both by their application and subsequent interview.

Please note that the numbers on the programme will be capped. The selection criteria will be based on the date applications are received, the applicant's research plans, and the availability of supervisors. Applicants will be invited to attend an interview with the programme leaders at Northumbria University to discuss their research ideas and learn more about the requirements of the programme.

In partnership with



**Northumbria
University
NEWCASTLE**

**START DATE:**

Saturday 23 September 2023

**DELIVERY METHOD:**

Distance learning

**ASSESSMENT:**

Dissertation of 15,000 words

**FEE:**

€3,600

**COURSE LEADER**Judith Tedders, Solicitor
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LLM EMPLOYMENT LAW IN PRACTICE

Our LLMs are delivered in partnership with the Leeds Law School at Leeds Beckett University. 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 on-

line 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, comprising 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 in Employment Law are eligible to apply for the LLM Employment Law in Practice. Please note that places on this course are limited.

**START DATE:**

February 2024

**DELIVERY METHOD:**

Distance learning

**ASSESSMENT:**

Dissertation of 15,000 words

**FEE:**

€3,600

**COURSE LEADER**Judith Tedders, Solicitor
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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 practitioners/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 LLMs are delivered in partnership with the Leeds Law School at Leeds Beckett University

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DIPLLOMA COURSES





**START DATE:**

Friday 8 September 2023

**DELIVERY METHOD:**

Live online lectures Wednesdays and occasional Thursdays 6pm to 8.30pm. One block weekend each month (Friday and Saturday). Lectures 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**

Patricia Harvey BL
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DIPLOMA IN LAW

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. 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.



In my role, I represented employers regularly at the Workplace Relations Commission and Labour Court, and increasingly found myself facing solicitor and sometimes barrister representation. The diploma allowed me to broaden my understanding of law and gave me a more rounded competence, which allowed me to perform my role better and, importantly, gave me confidence in doing so. The broad mix of modules created a rich learning experience over two years that I refer back to on a daily basis. The resources were exceptional and the lectures expertly delivered. I would absolutely recommend this course.

Scott Jevons, Employee Relations Manager (Ireland and Northern Ireland), Lidl



Eithne FitzGerald, company lawyer and non-executive director

**START DATE:**

Friday 29 September 2023

**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 (90%) and continuous assessment through online activities (10%)

**FEE:**

€2,660

**COURSE LEADER**

Suzanne Crilly, Solicitor
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DIPLOMA IN EMPLOYMENT LAW

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 and the *Protected Disclosures (Amendment) Act 2022*.

MODULES**Module 1: Introduction to employment law**

- *Workplace Relations Act 2015*,
- 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,
- The *Organisation of Working Time Act 1997*,
- Statutory leave.

Module 3: Rights of the worker

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

Module 4: The future of work

- Right to request remote work,
- Right to disconnect,
- The *Work Life Balance and Miscellaneous Provisions Act 2023*.

Module 5: Resolutions

- Trade disputes and industrial relations,
- Notice and dismissal,
- Grievance and disciplinary procedure,
- Whistleblowing,
- Injunctions.

Module 6: Issues when leaving work

- *Transfer of Undertakings Regulations*,
- Severance packages,
- Redundancy,
- Practical advice when using the *Workplace Relations Act*.

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.

LLM EMPLOYMENT LAW IN PRACTICE

Participants may be interested in progressing to the LLM Employment Law in Practice upon successful completion of the diploma. See page 3 for more details.



The practical focus of this course enabled me to fully understand complex employment law and case law and its applicability to contemporary legal practice. The online delivery of the course was excellent, as it enabled me to view and complete the material at my convenience and did not adversely impact me in terms of having to take time out of my work schedule. The content of the course was comprehensive. The calibre of the lecturers, lectures and workshops was outstanding.

**Kevin Sherry, Associate Solicitor,
DG O'Donovan**

**START DATE:**

Tuesday 3 October 2023

**DELIVERY METHOD:**

Lectures on Tuesdays, 6.15pm to 9.15pm, with interactive workshops on Saturdays; lectures available to view on demand

**ASSESSMENT:**

2,500-word written assignment (90%) and continuous assessment through online activities (10%)

**FEE:**

€2,660

**COURSE LEADER:**

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DIPLOMA IN FAMILY LAW

This course will examine recent cutting-edge developments in family law and practice. The objective of this diploma is to provide practitioners with an essential overview of the many recent developments in family law, including the *Family Courts Bill 2022*, which will provide for a more efficient and user-friendly family court system for a range of family law proceedings, and the implications for day-to-day client advice, practice, and procedure.

MODULES**Module 1: Advising clients**

- Advising clients – family law matters,
- Overview of practical issues,
- Types of relationships – spouses, civil partners, cohabitants,
- An overview of the *Family Courts Bill 2022*.

Module 2: Prenuptial agreements, nullity, and separation agreements

- Prenuptial agreements,
- Void and voidable marriages,
- Terms of a separation agreement.

Module 3: Judicial separation, divorce, and recognition of foreign divorce decrees

- *Family Law Act 2019*,
- Grounds for judicial separation,
- Grounds for divorce; case law and divorce practice and procedure,
- Recognition of a foreign divorce decree,
- Enforcement mechanisms abroad,
- Alternative dispute resolution.

Module 4: Maintenance, ancillary orders, pensions on separation and divorce

- Maintenance provision,
- Ancillary relief,
- Pensions on separation and divorce,
- Tax implications.

Module 5: Domestic violence and child law

- *Domestic Violence Act 2018*,
- *Adoption Act 2010*,
- Child abduction,
- *Children and Family Relationships Act 2015*,
- *The Assisted Human Reproduction Bill 2022*.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

This course is suitable for solicitors, trainee solicitors, paralegals, and other suitable professionals who wish to expand their knowledge of the family law arena with a view to moving into the area, as well as social workers, mediators, or relevant professionals who work in this area and who wish to gain a more comprehensive knowledge.



A number of students from the Diploma in Family Law class, with (front, l to r): the Hon Ms Justice Eileen Roberts, Marie O'Brien (partner, A&L Goodbody), Richard Hammond SC (Chair of the Law Society Education Committee), Judge Patrick McMahon, Claire O'Mahony (Head of the Diploma Centre)

**START DATE:**

Saturday 7 October 2023

**DELIVERY METHOD:**

Lectures on Wednesdays, 6pm to 9pm, with a number of live on-site workshops on Saturdays; lectures available to view on demand

**ASSESSMENT:**

Continuous assessment and three-hour closed-book written examination

**FEE:**

€2,600

CPD:

Recognised by Engineers Ireland for CPD purposes

**COURSE LEADER:**

Geraldine Rafferty BL
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The industry-leading lecturers and tutors on the diploma course offered invaluable insight and provided a suite of expert materials. As a direct result, I have been able to advise clients on a broad range of issues directly impacting their appointments on some of the largest ongoing private and public sector projects in Ireland. The diploma was extremely well managed by the Law Society, and staff were very responsive to all queries raised by students throughout the course. I would strongly recommend enrolling, not only to lawyers specialising in this area, but to all construction professionals and stakeholders in the industry.

**Eoin Himpers-McLoughlin, Solicitor,
Beale & Co LLP**

DIPLOMA IN CONSTRUCTION LAW

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 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 litigation and claims. Additionally, it would appeal to construction professionals, including engineers, claims surveyors, and expert witnesses.



**Irish Construction
Excellence Awards 2023
Finalist**



Diploma in Construction Law first place prizewinner, Conor Burke, with the Hon Ms Justice Marguerite Bolger

**START DATE:**

Tuesday 10 October 2023

**DELIVERY METHOD:**

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

**ASSESSMENT:**

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

**FEE:**

€2,660

**COURSE LEADER**

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DIPLOMA IN FINANCE LAW

This diploma provides 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 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,
- 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,
- Individual Accountability Framework and SEARS.

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 Association,
- Irish Stock Exchange,
- Corporate governance,
- Money-laundering,
- Insider dealing and market manipulation.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

This course is suitable for solicitors, trainee solicitors, paralegals, and other 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 those 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.



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, Senior Legal Counsel, Central Bank of Ireland

**START DATE:**

Wednesday 11 October 2023

**DELIVERY METHOD:**

Lectures released on Wednesdays with five interactive workshops on Saturdays; lectures 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:**

€3,065

**COURSE LEADER**

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DIPLOMA IN TECHNOLOGY AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW

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, FinTech, 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.

MODULES**Module 1: Intellectual property**

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



I did the diploma during my traineeship, as I knew I ultimately wanted to qualify and work in the area of intellectual property law. The course is detailed and fast-paced, but completely manageable while working full-time, particularly with the option of online participation. The invaluable expertise and reputation of the lecturers reassured us we were learning from the best, as they are names you see every day in the tech/IP sphere. It was a very rewarding experience and I would recommend the diploma to anyone pursuing a career in the area of technology or intellectual property.

Hannah McLoughlin, Solicitor, Pinsent Masons (Ireland) LLP



Course lecturer
David Flynn,
senior associate,
FR Kelly

CONFERRAL CEREMONIES

1: Certificate in Company Secretarial Law and Practice prizewinners with (*front, l to r*): Geraldine Rafferty (course executive), Conn Cleary (regional development manager, CGI), Mrs Eilish Rock, Jennifer Rock, and Ruairi Cosgrove (vice president CGI UK & Ireland)



2: LLM Advanced Legal Practice conferee, Yvonne Dunne



3: Diploma in Technology and IP Law conferee, Denis Halton, with the Hon Ms Justice Marie Baker



4: A number of students from the Diploma in Technology and IP Law class, with (*front, l to r*): the Hon Ms Justice Marguerite Bolger, the Hon Ms Justice Marie Baker, Richard Hammond SC (Chair of the Law Society Education Committee) and Claire O'Mahony (Head of the Diploma Centre)



5: The Hon Ms Justice Eileen Roberts, Judge Patrick McMahon, Marie O'Brien (partner, A&L Goodbody), Claire O'Mahony (Head of the Diploma Centre), Richard Hammond SC (Chair of the Law Society Education Committee), and Aisling Gannon SC (Dublin District Coroner)

6: Diploma in Healthcare Law conferees Zetti Azvee and Natasya Mohamad Nor

7: A number of students from the Diploma in Law class, with (*front, l to r*): the Hon Mr Justice Michael Quinn, the Hon Ms Justice Bronagh O'Hanlon and Richard Hammond SC (Chair of the Law Society Education Committee)

8: Diploma in Aviation Leasing and Finance conferee Meron Kassa Biru

9: Mr Justice Michael Peart addressing LLM conferees



**START DATE:**

Wednesday 18 October
2023

**DELIVERY METHOD:**

Lectures on Wednesdays and occasional Saturdays, with interactive workshops; lectures available to view on demand

**ASSESSMENT:**

Final written assignment (60%) and continuous assessment (40%) based on participation and completion of workshop assignments

**FEE:**

€3,065

**COURSE LEADER**

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DIPLOMA IN JUDICIAL SKILLS AND DECISION-MAKING

This diploma will provide participants with case-management and 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,
- 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,
- 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 is also of appeal to directors or other relevant professionals seeking to gain the necessary training with regard to overseeing decision-making processes in a corporate environment.



Course lecturer Vivian Geiran, adjunct assistant professor, Trinity College, and former Director of the Probation Service

**START DATE:**

Friday 20 October 2023

**DELIVERY METHOD:**

Live monthly block-release lectures and workshop sessions over five weekends (Friday and Saturday); also available to view on demand

**ASSESSMENT:**

Continuous assessment through online activities (15%), advocacy skills assessment (25%), written assignment (60%)

**FEE:**

€2,660

**COURSE LEADER**

Patricia Harvey BL
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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.

MODULES

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,
- European Arrest Warrant,
- Criminal evidence and the *European Convention on Human Rights*,
- Data protection and criminal trials,
- Sentencing – recent developments.

Module 3: The District Court

- 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*.

Module 5: Judicial review

- Practice and procedure in judicial review applications,
- Identifying a judicial review,
- Advocacy skills.

Module 6: The role of An Garda Síochána in the criminal justice system

- Functions and powers of the gardaí,
- Duty to seek out and preserve evidence,
- Initiating proceedings,
- Rules of disclosure,
- Bail process and bail applications,
- Liaising with An Garda Síochána during the courts process.

Module 7: 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 8: Sentencing law and practice

- General principles,
- Mitigating factors/aggravating factors,
- Relevant legislation and case law,
- Sentencing – custodial, suspended sentence, fines, community service, probation and poor box, binding over, compensation orders,
- Sentencing hearing.

Module 9: Regulatory crime

- Regulatory crime – practice and procedure,
- Criminal offences – *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, members of An Garda Síochána, employees of statutory agencies and offices that have a criminal justice function, and other suitably qualified professionals.

**START DATE:**

Tuesday 24 October 2023

**DELIVERY METHOD:**

Live online lectures on Tuesdays (6pm to 9pm) with four interactive workshops; lectures available to view on demand

**ASSESSMENT:**

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

**FEE:**

€2,660

**COURSE LEADER**

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DIPLOMA IN ENVIRONMENTAL AND PLANNING LAW

This diploma course provides a comprehensive overview of the current legislative framework in the environmental and planning. The overall objective is to assist practitioners in determining what planning and environmental legislation applies and what the exposure is for clients arising from this.

This course will examine topical issues, including environmental problems, the interplay with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), planning control, developments in waste law, European law and Irish legislation, recent case law, issues of environmental liability in insolvency, enforcement, trans-boundary environmental issues, the impact of environmental law on planning, and the nature of development. There is also coverage of the broader issue of climate change, legislation and international obligations relating to same.

MODULES**Module 1: Environmental law**

- Overall structure of environmental law,
- Regulation by authorities,
- The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA),
- Environmental enforcement.

Module 2: Planning law

- Planning law in Ireland,
- Planning applications,
- Environmental impact assessments,
- Impact of environmental law on planning.

Module 3: Litigation

- Environmental issues – property transactions,
- Judicial reviews – An Bord Pleanála/EPA,
- Environmental liability – criminal and civil liability,
- Environmental directive and transposing directive.

Module 4: Climate change

- International obligations,
- Climate legislation/regulation,
- Climate-change litigation.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

This course is suitable for public sector, private sector, and in-house solicitors working in the areas of conveyancing and planning and environmental law. It would also suit trainee solicitors and students seeking to expand their knowledge of environmental law, barristers who practise in the area of environmental law, civil servants and those working within a local authority in environmental and planning departments, and other suitably qualified professionals, such as environmental agents and town planners.



Course executive and solicitor,
Megan Murphy Byrne



START DATE:
Friday 3 November 2023



DELIVERY METHOD:
Block placement – two Friday and Saturday sessions (to coincide with periods of school leave), two Saturday-only sessions, and three Thursday evening sessions; also available to view on demand



ASSESSMENT:
Two 2,500-word written assignments



FEE:
€2,660



COURSE LEADER
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DIPLOMA IN EDUCATION LAW

Now in its eighth 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.



A number of students from the Diploma in Education Law class, with (*front, l to r*): the Hon Mr Justice Michael Quinn, the Hon Ms Justice Bronagh O’Hanlon, and Richard Hammond SC (Chair of the Law Society Education Committee)

**START DATE:**

Thursday 28 September 2023

**DELIVERY METHOD:**

Lectures released on Thursdays at 6pm, with online interactive workshops; also 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:**

€1,725

**COURSE LEADER**Sara Van den Bergh,
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CERTIFICATE IN AVIATION LEASING AND FINANCE

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.

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.

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.

Those who have successfully completed the Certificate in Aviation Leasing and Finance and wish to progress to the diploma may avail of a discount.



Now in their 11th 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.

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 and the USA, 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.



Kate Clancy, senior associate at McCann FitzGerald



START DATE:
Thursday 1 February 2024



DELIVERY METHOD:
Lectures on Thursdays, 6pm to 9pm, with live online workshops on occasional Saturdays; also available to view on demand



ASSESSMENT:
Assignment due for submission in July



FEE:
€3,165



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DIPLOMA IN AVIATION LEASING AND FINANCE

The 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

Module 1: Introduction to the aviation industry

- Profile of aviation industry 2023; 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,
- Export credit agencies structures,
- Typical security taken over aircraft.

Module 4: Regulatory environment

- Role of the 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, 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,
- Sustainability in aviation,
- Overview of the Asian market.

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 (a) be a lawyer, (b) have a minimum of two years' full-time experience in the aviation industry, or (c) have successfully completed the Certificate in Aviation Leasing and Finance.



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COURSES**



**START DATE:**

Tuesday 24 October 2023

**DELIVERY METHOD:**

Lectures online on Tuesdays, 6pm to 9pm, with online interactive workshops on Saturdays; lectures available to view on demand

**ASSESSMENT:**

2,500-word written assignment, including case-study scenario; due date for submission is 24 January 2024

**FEE:**

€1,725

**COURSE LEADER**

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CERTIFICATE IN ENFORCEMENT FOR PUBLIC BODIES

This certificate provides participants with an overview of the rationale for regulation and the various methods of enforcement – civil and criminal enforcement, as well as investigations and hearings. Additionally, the important area of challenges to decisions of a regulatory body is examined. There is focus on enforcement notices, pitfalls to avoid, and the key issues that affect the ability to enforce. Participants will critically evaluate sample enforcement notices and understand the consequences arising from a poorly drafted notice.

MODULES**Module 1: Introduction to regulation law**

- Why regulate? Rationale for regulation; overview of sectors and public bodies,
- The function of regulation,
- Current issues in regulation.

Module 2: Methods of enforcement

- Phases in the regulatory cycle,
- Civil enforcement overview, enforcement in the courts, challenges to processes,
- Enforcement/the inquiry process, investigations, hearings, decision-making,
- Criminal enforcement, regulatory criminal law enforcement, vicarious liability.

Module 3: Challenges to decisions of regulatory bodies

- Judicial review/appeals; categories of statutory appeal,
- Oversight of regulatory decisions,
- Emergency applications and injunctions.

Module 4: Enforcement and enforcement notices

- Pitfalls to avoid in the enforcement process,
- Key issues that affect the ability to enforce,

- Duty to give reasons and adequacy of reasons,
- Components of an effective enforcement notice,
- Consequences arising from a poorly drafted enforcement notice.

Module 5: Writing and drafting skills

- Writing and drafting skills,
- Use of precedents,
- Writing a letter of instruction – key features,
- Drafting an effective enforcement notice,
- Sample notices.

Module 6: Legal and literacy skills

- Legal writing,
- Legal citations,
- Online sources; law reports.

Module 7: Enforcement by sector

- Social care and healthcare,
- Environmental and food safety,
- Justice; mental health,
- Financial services,
- Childcare.

Module 8: Data protection and freedom of information

- Data protection principles,
- Government data and public sector bodies,
- Sharing data between public bodies,
- Data protection v freedom of information,
- Managing subject access requests.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

This course is suitable for solicitors, barristers, trainees, regulatory compliance professionals working in the area of enforcement in public and regulated bodies, non-legal professionals working in the area of enforcement, and professionals who aspire to work in this area.

**START DATE:**

Wednesday 25 October
2023

**DELIVERY METHOD:**

Lectures on Wednesdays, 6pm to 9pm, with live online interactive workshops; lectures available to view on demand. Course will be delivered fully online

**ASSESSMENT:**

2,500 word written assignment

**FEE:**

€1,725

**COURSE LEADER**

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CERTIFICATE IN PENSIONS LAW AND APPLIED TRUSTEESHIP

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 the 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, pension adjustment orders, taxation, mergers and acquisitions, and scheme restructuring.

MODULES**Module 1: Legislation and regulatory framework**

- Legislative and regulatory framework,
- Pensions Ombudsman,
- Pensions Authority,
- Other relevant regulatory authorities.

Module 2: The future of pensions in Ireland

- The future of pensions in Ireland,
- 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?

This course is suitable for trustees, corporate pensions advisors, registered administrators, pension scheme custodians, as well as solicitors, barristers, legal executives, and trainees. 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.



As a junior pensions lawyer, the course appealed to me as it offered a refresh of first principles and an overview of all aspects of pensions law. Most importantly, it offered me an opportunity to be tutored by some of the leading pensions lawyers in Ireland and ask questions about current issues in practice.

**Jane Barrett, Associate Solicitor,
William Fry LLP**



**An tÚdarás Pinsean
The Pensions Authority**

This certificate has been approved by the Pensions Authority as a course that meets the authority's requirement in relation to trustee qualifications under paragraph 107 of the code of practice for trustees of occupational pension schemes and trust RACs.

**START DATE:**

Thursday 2 November
2023

**DELIVERY METHOD:**

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

**ASSESSMENT:**

2,500-word written assignment (worth 80%) and continuous assessment (worth 20% of the overall grade)

**FEE:**

€1,725

COURSE LEADER

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CERTIFICATE IN IMMIGRATION LAW AND PRACTICE

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, 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; pre-clearance 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

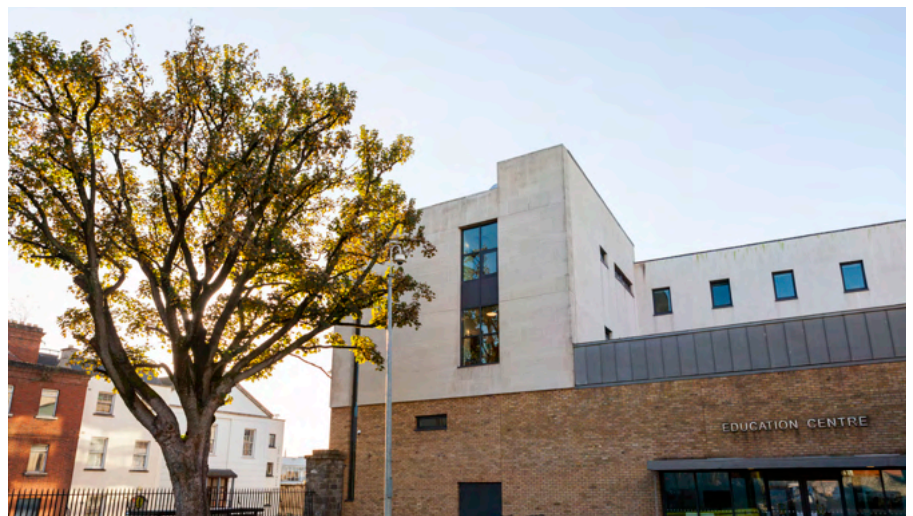
- Employment permits system,
- Immigrant investor schemes,
- Business visas.

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?

This certificate 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.



**START DATE:**

Tuesday 7 November 2023

**DELIVERY METHOD:**

Lectures released on Wednesdays, with interactive Saturday workshops; lectures available to view on demand

**ASSESSMENT:**

2,500-word written examination

**FEE:**

€1,725

**COURSE LEADER**

Claire O'Mahony, Solicitor,
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**TRADE MARK AGENT EXAM**

The programme will be of interest to those preparing for the Irish Trade Mark Agent Exam, which is set by the IPOI. There is a separate fee payable to the IPOI in order to sit that exam.

CERTIFICATE IN TRADE MARK LAW

This programme gives participants an insight into the law and practice of trade marks. It provides a practical approach to trade mark 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 trade mark at the Intellectual Property Office of Ireland (IPOI), the European Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO), and the World Intellectual Property Office (WIPO), as well as how to deal with objections and oppositions, together with passing-off and the area of design law.

The course also covers the topic of design law as this is now examined on the Registered Trade Mark Agent Exam offered by the Intellectual Property Office of Ireland.

MODULES**Module 1: Introduction to trade marks**

- The concept of a trade mark,
- Benefits of registration,
- PGIs, collective, certification, non-conventional,
- Filing systems.

Module 2: Community trade marks

- Regulation 2015/2424,
- Practical impact.

Module 3: Registering trade marks

- Pre-filing considerations, searches,
- Applications to IPOI, EUIPO, WIPO.

Module 4: Trade mark registration issues

- Refusal on absolute/relative grounds
- Official objections,
- Overcoming objections and refusals.

Module 5: Publication and oppositions

- Publication and its significance,
- Differences at IPOI, EUIPO, WIPO,
- Oppositions practice and procedure,
- Appeals.

Module 6: Revocation and invalidity

- Trade mark use, including genuine use,
- Revocation, applicable grounds,
- Acquiescence and coexistence.

Module 7: Infringement of trade marks

- Types of infringement,
- Defences, remedies, litigation,
- Passing-off.

Module 8: Registrable transactions

- Assignments/licences,
- Security interests,
- Agreements, recording transactions.

Module 9: Advanced trade marks

- Comparative advertising,
- Exhaustion of rights/parallel imports,
- Anti-counterfeiting,
- Online infringement.

Module 10: Design law

- 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, professionals working in intellectual property firms and those managing intellectual property portfolios in industry, and sole traders and entrepreneurs.

**START DATE:**

September 2023

**DELIVERY METHOD:**

Attendance at orientation training weekend from 29 September to 1 October

**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
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CERTIFICATE IN PUBLIC LEGAL EDUCATION

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 2023,
- 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.



Conferee and course executive, Sara Van den Bergh, with the Hon Mr Justice Max Barrett

SPRING COURSES

Our spring programme commences in January 2024. To register your interest for these courses and to be contacted once registration opens, please email diplomateam@lawsociety.ie

- Certificate in Legal Skills for Legal Secretaries (NEW)
 - Certificate in Company Secretarial Law and Practice
 - Certificate in Assisted Decision-Making Capacity
 - Certificate in Commercial Contracts
 - Certificate in Charity Law, Trusteeship and Governance
 - Certificate in Strategic Leadership for the In-House lawyer
 - Certificate in Data Protection Practice
 - Certificate in Mediator Training
 - Diploma in Aviation Leasing and Finance
 - Diploma in Corporate Law and Governance
 - Diploma in Compliance and Risk Management
 - Diploma in Arts, Entertainment and Media Law
 - LLM Advanced Legal Practice
 - MOOC – massive open online course
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KEEPING YOU INFORMED

Course timetables and content are subject to change, and date and time alterations may occur due to factors beyond our control. Students will be notified of any changes by a member of the team as soon as the details have been confirmed.



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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