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Certificate in Juvenile Justice, Litigation & Advocacy

Session 01 Onsite Saturday	Lecture 1: Course Introduction: Historical development of juvenile justice in Ireland; jurisdictional considerations and relevant venues; interface between criminal law and 'best interests'. <i>Judge John O'Connor</i>
02.3.19	Lecture 2: A Practical Guide to the Children Act: an exploration of the
10am to 4:30pm	key principles and provisions of the Children Act together with a reflection on the reality of the child's experience and their particular needs when
6 hrs. Gen. CPD	interacting with the juvenile justice system (two hours). Professor Ursu Kilkelly, UCC.
	Lecture 3: International Context – International standards and the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child; The European Convention on HR and the ECHR Act 2003. <i>Tom O'Malley, Senior Lecturer, NUI Galway</i>
	Lecture 4: Initial responses to offending behavior: The role of the child and Family Agency; family welfare conferences; formal and informal cautions; Children in care/children in special care; supervision; participating in restorative justice and community policing. <i>Shane</i> <i>Reynolds, Partner, Mason Hayes & Curran</i>
	Lecture 5: Circuit Court & Criminal Court: Tessa White (online only)
Session 02 Onsite Saturday 23.03.19 10am to 3:30pm 2 hrs. Gen. & 3.5 hrs. M&PD CPD	Lecture 1: The Children Court – the defence role - Part 1: Taking instruction (in office, court, detention centre); advice to young defendant in Garda station; file preparation; practice and procedure – DC04 – defence lawyer's obligations; a young person's right to patriciate; Bail applications from the defence perspective. <i>Gareth Noble, Partner, KOD Lyons</i>
	Lecture 2: Initial responses to offending behavior - Part 1: The Garda Diversion Programme.
	Colette Quinn, Chief Superintendent, Garda Youth Diversion Bureau
	Lecture 3: The Children Court – the prosecution role - Part 1: File preparation for court; practice and procedure – DC04 – prosecution lawyer's obligations; prosecutorial delay and recent case law. <i>Mairead White, Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions</i>
	Lecture 4: The Children Court – the prosecution role - Part 2: Bail applications from the defence perspective; cross examination and reduction of trauma for the child; using child-appropriate language. <i>Mairead White, Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions</i>
	Workshop I – Interactive Session
	Practical application through case studies and advocacy related role plays in relation to initial responses to offending behavior; the prosecution and defence role in the Children Court.
	Brian Keenen and Niamh Kelly
Session 03 Onsite Saturday 27.04.19 10am to 3:30pm 2 hrs. Gen. & 4.5	Lecture 1: The Judge's role in the court process – Managing the court; age of child; S.75 Children Act – jurisdiction; appointing an intermediary; Bail; sentencing options (including 10 community sanctions and restorative justice programmes); interplay with mental health; conflict with rights vs welfare – the Judge's role; victims' rights. <i>Judge John O'Connor</i> and

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hrs. M&PD CPD	Brendan Toale
	Lecture 2: Ancillary services – Part 1: An Introduction to Oberstown Children Detention Campus; The Irish Youth Justice Service; the role of the Department of Justice & Equality. Pat Bergin, Director, Oberstown
	Lecture 3: Ancillary services – Part 2: The role of the Probation Service and the process involved; interview with children; preparation of reports for court; role of Probation supervision. Ciara Lyons Probation Officer, Probation Service
	Lecture 4: Ancillary services – Part 3 : Child and Family Agency; the role of the CFA and the Children Act; Children in care, including residential care; children in secure residential care; family welfare conference; preparation for court; reports for Court. <i>Gareth Noble, KOD Lyons</i>
	Workshop II – Interactive Session
	Practical application through case studies and advocacy related role plays and mini trials in relation to issues such as what lawyers know about children; the child as witness; the vulnerable witness; what the lawyer has to do differently; identification of issues and special measures required; the role of the judge and sentencing.
	Brian Keenen and Niamh Kelly
Assignment Submission Date	

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

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