



PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE COURSE HYBRID

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DECEMBER 2019
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PPC HYBRID

The Law Society of Ireland's Law School is delighted to introduce our new **Professional Practice Course Hybrid (PPC Hybrid)**. This new PPC delivers an optimised blended learning experience. The combination of online lectures with face-to-face tuition provides a flexible route into practice without the traditional requirement to be onsite in the Law School for an extended period. Both the PPC I and the PPC II will be offered in the hybrid or blended learning format.

The PPC Hybrid option includes:

- Incremental release of online lectures in play on demand mode.
- On-site face-to-face tuition through weekend sessions.
- On-site educationally immersive week-long sessions.

The PPC Hybrid commences with our Induction Day on **18 December 2019** at which iPads will be distributed and initial online lectures released.

PPC HYBRID OPTION ADVANTAGES

- Provides a route into practice that suits your lifestyle.
- Potentially continue working while taking engaging online classes.
- Study for three educationally immersive weeks on campus.
- Experience the full range of academic, networking, and professional development resources of the Society's Law School.

STRUCTURE AND LEARNING APPROACH

The PPC Hybrid provides an exceptionally flexible learning experience by combining campus and online study. It offers a well-rounded programme, which will allow you to develop legal knowledge and skills to the highest of international standards, whilst also preparing you for the reality of life as a solicitor. The PPC is practice-orientated and instruction is given by the Society's staff and practising solicitors.

DIGITAL LEARNING RESOURCES

Accessibility is one of the key factors in providing the PPC Hybrid option. Technological innovations are embedded throughout the course to provide a flexible student-centric experience. Digital course features include:

- Complimentary apple iPad.
- Online release of lectures in play on demand mode.
- Access to our customised virtual learning platform – StudyCloud.
- Online course materials and reading lists.
- Interactive learning e-resources.
- Online conferencing with fellow students, study groups and course forums.
- Engaging revisionary tools.



START DATE

Induction day:

18 December 2019

First onsite session:

Friday 10 January 2020





SYLLABUS CONTENT

The following are subjects covered on the PPC I:

- Applied Land Law
- Probate & Tax
- Business Law
- Litigation (Civil & Criminal)
- Legal Practice Irish (LPI)
- Skills - Civil & Criminal Advocacy, Interviewing & Advising, Legal Research, Legal Presentation Skills, Legal Writing & Drafting.

ASSESSMENT

PPC I modules are assessed primarily through end of course examinations. The end of course examinations will take place on the week commencing 12 of October 2020.

Skills are assessed separately by means of an assessed civil advocacy related role-play.

IN-OFFICE TRAINING

PPC Hybrid applicants must have secured a training contract with a training solicitor. This training period has a duration of 24 months and commences after completion of the PPC I. A range of useful resources to assist in the process of finding and securing a training contract is available on our website: www.lawsociety.ie/becomingasolicitor

PPC Hybrid trainees can potentially engage in employment during the PPC I. If that employment is with a practising solicitor in the state, the trainee may accrue partial credit of up to five-months for in-office training occurring during the PPC I. (This is in addition to any credit that might apply if the trainee is entitled to credit for in-office training with the training solicitor immediately prior to starting PPC I).





PPC I HYBRID ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Online and on-site, December 2019 – October 2020

Lectures will be released online and will be made available in play on demand mode throughout the term. Face-to-face tuition weekends will commence at approximately 1.30pm on a Friday and conclude mid-afternoon on the Sunday.

Dates are as follows:

- Friday 10, Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 January 2020
- Friday 7, Saturday 8 and Sunday 9 February 2020
- Friday 6, Saturday 7 and Sunday 8 March 2020
- Friday 3, Saturday 4 and Sunday 5 April 2020
- Friday 15, Saturday 16 and Sunday 17 May 2020
- Friday 5, Saturday 6 and Sunday 7 June 2020
- Friday 3, Saturday 4 and Sunday 5 July 2020
- Friday 24, Saturday 25 and Sunday 26 July 2020
- Friday 4, Saturday 5 and Sunday 6 September 2020
- Friday 2, Saturday 3 and Sunday 4 October 2020

Educationally immersive weeks on campus are scheduled to coincide with general periods of leave.

Dates are as follows:

- Monday 13 April to Friday 17 April 2020 (Easter 2020)
- Monday 17 August to Friday 21 August 2020

DISABILITY SUPPORTS & SERVICES

We are committed to providing an equal opportunities learning environment, which meets the specific and diverse needs of all of our learners. Further information on disability support and services is available on our website:

www.lawsociety.ie/becomingasolicitor



PPC II

(Online and on-site, August 2021 - December 2021)

Online lectures released on an incremental basis and will be made available in play on demand mode throughout the term. Face-to-face tuition weekends will commence at approximately 1.30 pm on a Friday and conclude mid-afternoon on the Sunday. Educationally immersive weeks on campus are scheduled to coincide with general periods of leave. (Exact on-site dates TBC).

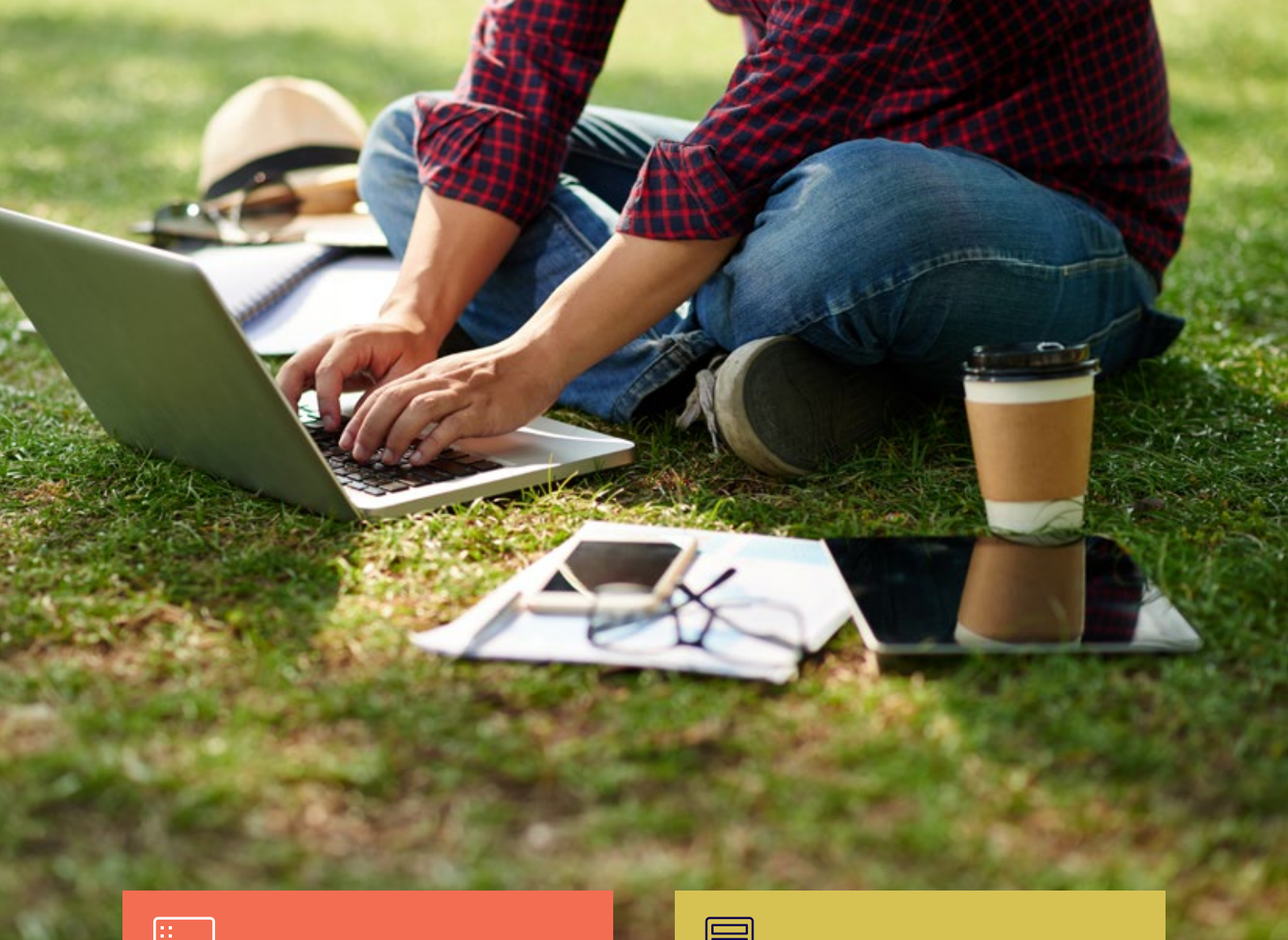
SYLLABUS CONTENT PPC II

PPC II 2021 consists of four compulsory modules and three elective modules. The following are the subjects covered on the PPC II:

- Employment Law
- English Property Law & Practice
- Family and Child Law
- Professional Practice Conduct & Management

Electives

- Advanced Civil Litigation
- Advanced Legal Practice Irish
- Banking Law
- Commercial & Complex Property Transactions
- Commercial Contracts
- Corporate Transactions
- Insolvency
- Medical Law & Litigation



HOW TO APPLY

The criteria for entry onto the PPC Hybrid is as follows:

- Passed, or gained exemption from the Preliminary Examination.
- Passed the Final Examination - First Part (FE1).
- Found a suitable (practising) solicitor to act as a training solicitor.

There are limited spaces available on the PPC Hybrid course. Places are available on a first come first served basis. In order to secure a place on the course, we must first receive a completed application form. We strongly encourage you to apply for the course as early as possible to avoid disappointment. (We accept a maximum of 10 applications from any one firm).

To receive your application pack please email us on:
ppchybrid@lawsociety.ie



FEES AND FUNDING

The course fees for the PPC Hybrid are €8,300 for the PPC I and €4,500 for the PPC II.

Up-to-date information on PPC Hybrid fees and funding is available on our website:

www.lawsociety.ie/ppchybrid

You can also download applications for the following:

- Access Scholarship Programme
- Bursary scheme
- Dublin Solicitors Bar Association (DSBA) Bursary



Distinguished School

Recognised by Apple as a distinguished school for continuous innovation in learning, teaching, and the school environment.



MEET US

Come along to our open day in November 2019 and view our state-of-the-art campus, meet the team and experience what our new PPC Hybrid course has to offer you. Attendance is free, but you must register in advance.

Visit our website to register:
www.lawsociety.ie/ppchybrid



CAMPUS LIFE

During the year students can also avail of a wide range of support services including:

- Library Services available on-site and online.
- Dedicated IT support helpdesk also available over the phone and through email.
- The Law School Psychological Services providing individual and group counselling plus the PPC Shrink Me and the Psychology of a Lawyer modules.
- The Traineeship Team which assists in optimising the apprenticeship work experience, organising secondments and claiming work credits.
- Student Development Service facilitating the educational, social, emotional and professional development of trainee solicitors.

During the academic year, we host a range of additional student activities, from seminars and networking events to Moot competitions and other legal skills competitions. We invite you to take part in these free events, as they provide the opportunity for peer-to-peer learning, networking, and development of new skills.



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