



# LAW SCHOOL NEWS

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## CELEBRATING NEW SOLICITORS IN 2020

**More than 120 new solicitors have been welcomed to the profession in our first ever virtual parchment ceremonies.**

With Covid-19 precluding in-person events, the Law School celebrated the hard work and commitment of those who became solicitors in 2020 through online events streamed live to the new solicitors and their families.



Ken Murphy

Opening the parchment ceremony, Director-General, Ken Murphy congratulated the solicitors on their academic achievements and welcomed them to the profession saying

“Even though we can’t be together in person, this is your Law Society, and we will look forward to welcoming new colleagues to Blackhall Place soon.”

### CHAMPIONS OF THE RULE OF LAW



Michelle O’Boyle

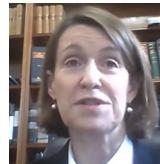
Addressing the new solicitors from the historic Presidents’ Hall outgoing Law Society President Michele O’Boyle said

“You are now the guardians and champions of the rule of law that our society is founded upon. Upholding

the rule of law demands expertise, experience and commitment. Lawyers play a vital role in the preservation of society.”

“I challenge you to commit to being stewards of justice,” she added, pointing out that those with legal skills can make a big impact on society.

### PATENTS OF PRECEDENCE



Ms Justice  
Mary Irvine

President of the High Court, Ms Justice Mary Irvine, who was the guest speaker at the parchment ceremony, said that never before had the two arms of the legal profession been closer or more inter-connected.

“This year, for the first time, patents of precedence have been granted to a substantial number of solicitors, allowing them to practise at the bar as senior counsel.”

“We also have an increasing number of solicitors being appointed as members of the judiciary,” she continued.

Ms Justice Irvine said she expected the number of solicitors being appointed to the superior courts to grow year-on-year, as a result of these changes.

“While barristers undoubtedly play a vital role in the administration of justice overall,

Katie Lawless (Arthur Cox) first solicitor to be awarded her parchment during the first virtual ceremony on Tuesday 10 November 2020

the fact is that the lion’s share of legal work is carried out by solicitors in this country, without any involvement from the bar, or indeed the judiciary, for that matter,” the High Court President said.

Solicitors make a unique contribution to the welfare of society as a whole in providing the best possible service for the routine problems of clients.

“In my 25 years practising as a barrister, not once did I have a bad experience when dealing with a member of the solicitors’ profession,” the judge continued, adding that she did not offer these plaudits lightly.

“Reliable, trustworthy, hard-working and honest are all terms that spring to mind ... for all of those solicitors I had the pleasure of working with over several decades.”

“Your obligation is to maintain the reputation of the solicitors’ profession as ... one in which every member, of whatever standing, can be trusted to the ends of the earth.

“That is the standard expected of you, and by which you will ultimately be held to account,” the High Court President concluded.



**WATCH NOW:** You can watch the parchment ceremony videos on the Law Society of Ireland YouTube Channel

## MESSAGE FROM EDUCATION COMMITTEE CHAIR, MARTIN LAWLOR

In July 2019, the Council of the Law Society took a long overdue step in adopting the Solicitors Act 1954 to 2011 (Apprenticeship and Education) (Amendment) Regulations 2019.

The passing of these Regulations was an important milestone in the Law Society's strategic plan to increase access to and to streamline Solicitor training in Ireland. It represents the culmination of many hours of work by all stakeholders and is the most radical shake up of Legal Education in two decades.

One important element in the plan was the fusion of PPC I and PPC II into a single course. This was due to be launched in 2021. However, as we all know, COVID-19 intervened in the meantime. Unfortunately, due to the various logistical problems presented by moving everything online since March of this year, a decision was made to defer the introduction of this course until September 2022.

An important element in this work is engaging in ongoing syllabus consultation with the various stakeholders. Disappointingly, we have only received a limited number of responses.

We are hoping to continue with that consultation process and to receive views from across the Profession as to the composition of the new syllabus.

It is better that we take our time in relation to this matter and ironically, Covid has afforded us this opportunity to take time and to consider what is in the best interests of legal training in the future.

It is not anticipated that the new fused course will be deferred beyond September 2022.

We are asking Bar Associations, Firms whether you are currently a Training firm or not and individual solicitors to let us have your views by contacting the Education Department, Law Society, Blackhall Place, Dublin 7.

## SHRINK ME; PSYCHOLOGY OF A LAWYER EXPANDS



**Antoinette Moriarty**

**Antoinette Moriarty leads the Psychological Services team at the Law School and tells us about their expanded Shrink Me module.**

To beat the blues and maintain live contact with trainees, the Shrink Me module expanded, hosting weekly live Zoom sessions during this most unusual PPC I. This module, designed by the Psychological Services, now sits squarely alongside the traditional twin pillars of professional legal education – legal skills and legal subjects – as the third element of legal education.



**Fergal Keane**

Professionals develop best when they do so from the inside out - and with the help of a host of guest speakers! This term we have enjoyed conversations and debate with comedians, actors and of course lawyers including world renowned psychoanalyst Susie Orbach, BBC's Fergal Keane, Dr. Ebun Joseph and our wonderful colleagues from the OUTlaw Network.

We marked International Men's Day with a fireside chat led by trainee solicitor Greg Flynn, featuring solicitors Adrian Mulryan, Martin



**Dr. Ebun Joseph**

Hayes and William Cahir. Alongside the series more than 150 trainees are participating in individual Time Concentrated Therapy and a new Reflective Practice Group for trainees will begin later in November. We may be keeping apart but we have found lots of new ways to come together!

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## A CULTURE OF INCLUSION

### Welcoming our newly appointed Law School Ambassadors

In August 2020 the Law School launched a new outreach programme designed to ensure an inclusive and supportive campus experience for all new trainee solicitors.

Twenty Post PPC II trainee solicitors and NQ solicitors of diverse ages and backgrounds have been appointed to the role of Law School Ambassador. Ambassadors are a friendly point of contact for those completing the 2020 PPC I and offer support, guidance and encouragement to trainees on their route to qualify, particularly to those who may feel under-represented within the PPC cohort.

The ambassadors have high levels of engagement with the new trainees while contributing to many online events including orientation tutorials, personal development talks, diversity and inclusion sessions, community volunteering, Street Law, mature student networking and Mental Health Awareness initiatives.



Aishwarya Jha



Alice Jago



Andrew Heffernan



Cian Moriarty



Ciara Keenan



Georgina Parkinson



Gráinne Cuddihy



Gráinne Hussey



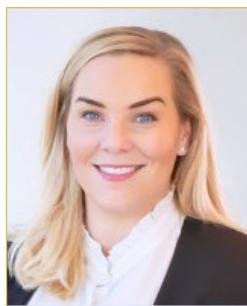
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Laura O'Farrell



Michael P Quinlan



Natalie Bourke



Paul McNamee



Peter Gleeson



Richard Bonham



Sarah McNulty



Tara O'Donoghue



Tarisai May Chidawanyika



Therese Ryan



Treasa Norrby

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## A CULTURE OF INCLUSION

### Law School launches new Diversity and Inclusion Committee

Greg Flynn and Nina Carroll, Co-Chairs of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee (D&I) speak to us about the Committee's plans for the future.



Greg Flynn



Nina Carroll

The main objective of the Law School Diversity and Inclusion Committee is to work with the Law Society to ensure that the profession is diverse and inclusive to everyone, both for those already in the profession and those wishing to enter it.

As this is the first Diversity and Inclusion Committee within the Law School, we hope to ensure that there is a strong framework that will be handed over to future trainee intakes so that this initiative will operate as a continuum within the Law School from now on.

Since commencing, the D&I Committee was proud to host a panel discussion celebrating

Black History Month. This was successful event which brought current trainees together with powerful speakers for an afternoon of thought provoking discussion and engagement, celebrating the successes of the Black community in Ireland and highlighting the journey to equality that still needs to be undertaken by everyone.

Greg Flynn (D&I Co-Chair) recently chaired a vibrant discussion panel celebrating International Men's Day in collaboration with the Law School's Shrink Me module. This panel shone a spotlight on the importance of comradeship in manoeuvring through the current legal profession, the value of looking after your mental health and the changing discourse on male identity.

The D&I Committee are currently working together to organise an exciting suite of events that span across the six pillars of the committee, namely: Disability; Gender Diversity; International, Ethnic & Cultural Diversity; LGBTQ+; Mental Health; and Social Mobility.

We are not only looking forward to the work that will be done over the next few months but also to the impact that the Diversity and Inclusion Committee will have on the Law School going forward.

#### Law School Diversity and Inclusion Committee Members

- **Co-Chair:** Greg Flynn (A&L Goodbody)
- **Co-Chair:** Nina Carroll (Matheson)

- **Co-Secretary:** Éire Dempsey (Eversheds Sutherland)
- **Co-Secretary:** Órlaith Meaney (Michael Kelleher Solicitors)
- **Disability Officer:** Caoimhe Grogan (A&L Goodbody)
- **Gender Diversity Officer:** Teresa Carty (Matheson)
- **International, Ethnic & Cultural Diversity Officer:** Iahunanyachukwu Enyi Amadi (Matheson)
- **LGBTQ+ Officer:** Conor O'Brien (A&L Goodbody)
- **Mental Health Officer:** Kieran Mulligan (McCann FitzGerald)
- **Social Mobility Officer:** Feven Yohannes (A&L Goodbody)
- Alysha Hoare (McCann FitzGerald)
- Caoilfhionn Sheil (McCann FitzGerald)
- Christina Connaughton (Eversheds Sutherland)
- Ellen Maguire (McCann FitzGerald)
- Julia Noonan (Walkers)
- Mareike Erika Zackariat (Matheson)
- Pedro Millan (A&L Goodbody)
- Roisin O'Sullivan (Orpen Franks Solicitors)
- Ruth McGovern (Pauline Kennedy Solicitors)
- Sinéad Cullen (William Fry)
- Sorcha Quinn (Matheson)
- Teniola Ayeni (Ronan Daly Jermyn)

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## TRAINEE SOLICITORS WORK WITH FIRMS ON DIVERSITY IN LAW PROJECT

The Diversity in Law project, led by co-founders Tarisai Chidawanyika and Sylvia Julius, has recently run virtual events with corporate firms. The core strategy of the diversity initiatives is to show that these law firms are now taking positive actions required to change the organisational culture and create a truly inclusive and diverse legal workforce for the future.



Trainee solicitor  
Tarisai Chidawanyika



Trainee solicitor  
Sylvia Julius

On 20 October a one-hour session at McCann FitzGerald examined their application process and the culture of the firm. The session was organised by partner Audrey Byrne and led by partner Tom Dane, graduate manager Dianne Hennessy and trainee solicitor Aishwarya Jha.

At Arthur Cox, on 22 October, a one-hour session on their application process was led by Eimear Power.

And on 29 October, Matheson hosted a 30-minute session on their diversity

initiatives, followed by a Q&A on their application process. That session was led by the graduate recruitment team of Carmel Mellet and Siofra McCann, and diversity and inclusion lead Niall Crowley.

A total of 70 students attended the sessions across the three dates.

A&L Goodbody hosted the Diversity in Law Project on the 07 December. The session was led by Lisa Doyle, graduate talent executive, and solicitor Heidi Tan. They shared the ALG recruitment process, the firm's D&I developments, and top tips from employees within the firm on how to showcase one's diversity on the application form.

"This will hopefully serve as a call to other law firms and other legal services providers to take up the mantle of change," said Diversity in Law Project co-founder Tarisai Chidawanyika.

"Now is the moment of opportunity to create sustainable and meaningful change for our profession,"

## INSPIRE ME

### A Letter to My Younger Self

Our new Law School outreach campaign shares letters penned by trainee solicitors to their younger selves. Read our first letter by Treasa Norrby, Access Scholarship Recipient (Canny Corbett Solicitors).



Treasa Norrby

Dear Treasa,

You did it. You got to where you wanted to be, even though at times it felt that you would never get there.

Life is going to throw what sometimes feels like a million obstacles in your way but I am proud of you for never giving up. You will deal with loss, raise a child and struggle financially all while trying to study, work, be a mother, a friend, a daughter, a sibling and a good partner so give yourself a break and don't feel badly for taking a little longer to get there than others. Time does not have any bearing on the significance of what you have achieved.

And no, no you have not managed to somehow dupe the system and scam The Law Society into accepting you into Blackhall! You have got there on merit and you won't be long realising this once you get there and see that everyone else feels the same, everyone feels like they are the imposter but you all have your strengths and weaknesses and you will help and learn from each other, because that's what colleagues do.

Do not underestimate the value of taking the time away from study to do the things you love and enjoy. The "hobbies" part of your CV will form a large part of the conversation in interviews and what you thought was insignificant, will be what others find the most impressive.

And while you are sitting there looking out the window across the street at that law firm you always wanted to work at but felt you would never manage it, you will be looking back at your younger self on the other side of the street in a few years' time and smile that you ever doubted yourself.

Love Treasa.

#### INSPIRING A NEW GENERATION

These letters aim to raise awareness of educational opportunities and encourage greater access to the solicitor profession for trainees across diverse educational, professional and socio-economic backgrounds. You can read our collection of letters on the Law Society website.

## VIRTUAL RUN REAL IMPACT

In November trainee solicitors and Law School staff participated in the virtual Run in the Dark and Calcutta Run, raising much needed funds for local charities. Congratulations to all!



Rachael Hession



Jasmine Feehan



Hannah Judge



Felim O'Maolmhana



Dearbhla Hamill



Dara McDermott



Claire O'Mahony



Catriona Walsh



Caroline Murphy



Anne Burke & Ollie

## COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

### LAW SCHOOL TEAMS UP WITH SHELBOURNE FC YOUTH ACADEMY

The Law School has teamed up with Shelbourne FC Youth Academy to ensure younger players are aware of third-level educational opportunities and have access to legal career opportunities and the solicitor profession.



Ruth Fahy (William Fry) encourages young sports players to consider a career in law.

This new outreach programme delivered a live webinar on 29 October for the younger players and their parents.

The webinar kicked off with Andrew Doyle, owner of Shelbourne FC, who discussed his journey into the law.

#### SCHOLARSHIP

Andrew started his legal education with the assistance of the Law Society Bursary and went on to become managing partner in the law firm Maples and Calder.

Trainee solicitor and Women's National League footballer Ruth Fahy of William Fry also spoke to the academy about her love of sport, her friendships and connections made through sport and her journey to law.

"For me - It was an absolute privilege to be involved in this inaugural collaboration between the Law Society and Shelbourne Academy. Studying law is empowering and the skills I have gained through qualifying as a solicitor are

invaluable. Becoming a lawyer is a challenging but extremely rewarding pursuit and, thanks to programmes such as this, anyone who wishes to pursue the profession can do so with hard work and determination." said Ruth.

Ian Ryan (Law Society) provided an overview of the Society's Access Scholarship which aims to financially and practically assist students from socio-economically disadvantaged backgrounds to enter professional legal education and receive financial support through to qualification.

The young players are now enrolled on our 'Becoming a Solicitor' course designed exclusively for the Shelbourne FC Youth Academy and providing video presentations and learning resources on the work of a solicitor and the routes to qualification.

**Get involved:** If you are interested in contributing to our future Community Connect Projects email Rebecca Raftery: [R.Raftery@LawSociety.ie](mailto:R.Raftery@LawSociety.ie)

### STREET LAW MOVES ONLINE TO OFFER LEGAL TRAINING IN DUBLIN DEIS SCHOOLS

From over 100 applicants, 32 PPC I trainees were selected to be part of this year's Street Law programme. Street Law is a popular initiative in the Society's Law School which places trainee solicitors into local schools and community settings to teach about the law.



Felim Ó Maolmhána, Trainee Solicitor (Dillon Eustace)

This year trainees will take on virtual teaching placements in 16 Delivering Equality of Opportunity (DEIS schools) and the Trinity Access Programmes Pathways to Law initiative.

The volunteers recently participated in online orientation sessions as part of the preparation to share their legal knowledge with transition year students and other groups. The move to an online orientation provided access to global Street Law experts from international universities including Harvard and Georgetown Law. Guest facilitators included; Dr. Sean Arthurs (Online Learning Facilitator Harvard University); Jessica Gallagher (Lewis & Clarke Law School Portland, Oregon); Professor Richard Roe (Georgetown Law); Professor Charisma Howell (Georgetown Law) and Lughaidh Kerin (Middlesex University, London).

Using best practice in civic education, the programme taps into people's inherent interest in the law and aims to promote legal literacy, equality, access to law, and to teach high cognitive and social skills that enhance participants' effectiveness in legal matters.

John Lunney (course manager for Street Law) explains "The focus of the Orientation Sessions has always been to build capacity in the group ahead of their teaching placement, expose them

to the learner centred teaching methodology that underpins Street Law and build a community within the group.

This year we were able to achieve all of this online whilst developing the participant's own skills in online facilitation.

"This group of trainees are at the forefront of online Public Legal Education and gaining 21st century skills which will transfer to their work in the office."

Street Law volunteer Felim Ó Maolmhána says

"My Street Law experience has been fantastic and hugely beneficial, not just in terms of giving an insight into teaching methods for law but teaching in general."

The different exercises around various topics were brilliantly put together and very engaging.

All facilitators displayed a fantastic passion for the programme and a genuine willingness to engage with us the trainees and help us form how we would like to approach lessons.

Overall, very inspirational."

**Get involved:** If you are interested in contributing to our Street Law Programme email John Lunney: [J.Lunney@LawSociety.ie](mailto:J.Lunney@LawSociety.ie)

## TRAINEES GAIN 21ST CENTURY SKILLS



### SIGN OF THE TIMES

48 PPC I trainee solicitors are completing a six-week course of sign language classes. The classes, tailored to the legal profession, have been created and taught by Assistant Professor in TCD Patrick Matthews and ISL interpreter Pauline McMahon and, in the light of the Covid 19 pandemic, take place via Zoom.

This term's Legal Sign Language Society has been set up by trainee solicitors Greg Flynn (A&L Goodbody), Ciara Fagan (A&L Goodbody) and Sara O'Sullivan (Fieldfisher). Their aim is to provide trainee solicitors with the skills to communicate with deaf clients and an understanding of working with sign language interpreters in a legal setting.

### OVER 800 TRAINEES STUDIED WITH THE DIPLOMA CENTRE IN 2020

Congratulations to the 800 trainees who successfully passed certificates, diplomas and master's programmes at the Diploma Centre in 2020! This is the highest number of trainees to study with the Diploma Centre in its 20-year history.

The most popular courses were the Certificate in Technology Law, the Introduction to Arts, Entertainment and Media Law, the Diploma in Construction Law, the Diploma in Finance Law, Certificate in Aviation Leasing and Finance and our LLM in Advanced Legal Practice.

The main motivation for trainees in opting to

take on additional studies is to expand their knowledge in a chosen area. This is with a view to gaining a seat in a particular department during the training period or with a view to working in that area post-qualification. They also hope it will give them an advantage in the marketplace. A further benefit to trainees is that it is possible to gain a credit for one PPC II elective subject by taking a Diploma Centre course prior to the commencement of PPC II. In addition to this a discount of 10% discount is offered on course fees.

The Diploma Centre looks forward to welcoming more trainees on its diverse range of courses in 2021!

**Connect with us:** View upcoming courses on our website: [www.lawsociety.ie/diplomas](http://www.lawsociety.ie/diplomas) or email Claire O'Mahony: [C.OMahony@LawSociety.ie](mailto:C.OMahony@LawSociety.ie)

### YOUNGER MEMBERS COMMITTEE PLANS FOR 2021

Avril Flannery (Callan Tansey Solicitors, Sligo) Chair of the Younger Members Committee (YMC) speaks to us about the Committee's plans for 2021.



For those of you unfamiliar with the Younger Members Committee, we represent the interests of solicitors with up to 7 years PQE. I chair a diverse and talented group of solicitors who are striving to represent and make a difference to the young solicitor at such an important time in their career.

It is both an exciting and challenging year ahead and one which we are striving to meet head on. Despite having to cancel our annual conference in 2020, we adapted, and each member of our Committee presented a free digital information session. These sessions ranged from preparing for interview, dealing with recruiters, building confidence, what to wear in the new digital environment and dealing with uncertainty and so much more.

Due to the success of the information sessions, we are launching a Spring Series in 2021 and our annual conference will be returning during Mental Health Awareness Week in October 2021. Never have opportunities to network been so important and therefore unique networking events are in the pipeline for trainees and solicitors in 2021.

We work closely with Career Support and in the coming months, a unique CV register for both trainees and solicitors is being launched to help members fairly compete for positions in the hidden jobs market.

I look forward to meeting many of you when the Law Society provides a short information session on the range of services available to members post-qualification. For a busy solicitor, these sessions succinctly highlight the numerous supports available to you and I would encourage you all to attend.

**Contact us:** Further information can be found on the Law Society website. You can also contact the YMC by emailing the Committee Secretary, Michelle Nolan: [M.Nolan@LawSociety.ie](mailto:M.Nolan@LawSociety.ie)

## LOOKING AFTER YOUR SELF CONFIDENCE

Many trainee solicitors find that their self-confidence is significantly impacted when they start working in a legal practice environment. You may experience a form of 'Imposter Syndrome' -with feelings such as, 'I should not be here', 'I'm not good enough' or "I'll be found out'.



Keith O'Malley

The good news is that self-confidence associated fears are quite normal during times of transition – such as when starting a new job and embarking into a profession. Fear of the unknown and the reflex reaction of 'fight or flight' are both survival instincts that are imprinted into our DNA.

These instincts safeguard us in perilous situations but when they arise in relatively safe situations – such as when starting a new job – they need to be controlled.

Self-confidence refers to the belief you have that you can rely on yourself. Everybody's self-confidence will sometimes dip. Occasional dips in self-confidence are fine but you need to ensure that they do not become regular or deep rooted. Great harm is done by permanent and pervasive feelings of low self-confidence.

Healthy self-confidence allows you take action and deal with matters. It inspires

others to believe in you and it is closely associated with resilience. We can all look after and improve our self-confidence. Outlined below are ways to do this

### **Understand and Address Your Confidence Gremlins**

Different things impact on different people and their self-confidence. Your may be conflict or, maybe, a fear of failing. Identify your gremlin, talk about it and find a way of overcoming or working around it.

### **Recognise and Reflect on Your Successes**

You have done lots of things well and you have had lots of achievements. Draw up an inventory. Talk about what you have achieved and why. Maintain a visual record of this in whatever place you spend most time.

### **Build a System of Support**

Consider who you get help from and who you give it to. Are things in balance? Could relationships be organised so that you can access more support?

### **Manage Confidence Facilitators**

We communicate a whole range of messages about our self-confidence through our body language, the words we use, the way we speak and the way we listen. While others receive these messages – so do we. Handling matters in an assured way has a huge impact in how we feel about ourselves.

Look after yourself and look after your self-confidence!

### **Get in touch:**

The Society's Career Support service is available to trainees regarding post-qualification matters. Keith O'Malley can assist trainees with career matters that will affect them after qualification - email [careers@lawsociety.ie](mailto:careers@lawsociety.ie).

## LegalED TALKS SUPPORT WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE LEGAL SECTOR

- ✓ 12,906 solicitor participants
- ✓ 28 online courses
- ✓ 42 subject matter experts

To support the evolving learning and development needs of solicitors during the Coronavirus crisis, Law Society Finuas Skillnet launched LegalED Talks in April.

LegalEdTalks are a series of free online CPD modules focused on many areas including COVID-19 Legal Practice updates, Shrink Me; Psychology of a Lawyer, Regulatory Matters, Management and Professional Development Skills, Safety, Health and Welfare at work and IT Know-How. This initiative is funded by Skillnet Ireland, the national workforce learning agency.

**Innovative Digital Response**  
Attract O'Regan (Head, Law Society of Ireland Professional Training & Finuas

Skillnet) explains: "All LegalED Talks modules comprise of various formats of delivery that can be accessed from the LegalED Talks Learning Management Hub. 12,960 participants have already completed one or more of the suite of 28 modules on offer. The subject matter experts who delivered training for these modules had to learn to use the new software technology required to record their presentations and participate in training to learn how to present online and adapt their IT devices for enhanced performance delivery. The Finuas Skillnet learning and development team had to train in the use of various software technologies and work with eLearning instructional consultants in the editing, close captioning, animation and development of this initiative. It was an exciting and rapid learning experience for everyone."

## 350 PPC I TRAINEES COMPLETE CERT IN TECH LAW

Congratulations to the 350 PPC I trainees who have successfully completed the Certificate in Technology Law with the Diploma Centre. Well done to the trainees who seized the opportunity to achieve this additional qualification!

Beginning in October, this course was delivered online and was offered free of charge to PPC I trainees as part of the Law Society's Covid-19 measures to assist trainees with upskilling during this challenging time. Expert lecturers provided an overview of the latest trends in technology, data protection, social media, e-commerce, cybersecurity and cybercrime, which are all very relevant to the current climate.

The course culminated with a live panel session with technology law experts, after which trainees completed online assessments to attain their certificate.

The Certificate in Technology Law course will also be offered for free to all incoming PPC Hybrid trainees this December.

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## INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY OF DISPUTE RESOLUTION



The Law School team excelled at the International Academy of Dispute Resolution (INADR)'s virtual Vilnius 2020 tournament.

Congratulations to Hannah Gallagher (Mason Hayes and Curran), James Leahy (Ronan Daly Jermyn) and Katie Lee (Hoban Boino Solicitors), who placed second overall, and special congratulations to Katie, who was named top mediator in the competition.



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