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LAW SCHOOL AWARDED APPLE DISTINGUISHED SCHOOL ACCREDITATION

The Law School has been awarded 'Apple Distinguished School 2019-2021' accreditation, which is given to outstanding schools and programmes worldwide that are centres of innovation, leadership and educational excellence. The award recognises the Law School's innovative use of Apple technology in its educational programmes.

In 2013 the Law Society of Ireland introduced its 1:1 iPad programme in recognition of the need to train solicitors with not only traditional legal skills but also 21st century digital skills so to ensure that future generations of solicitors are capable of better serving the needs of their clients and their firms in a rapidly changing and evolving global legal environment. Students on the PPC I receive an iPad when the course begins, and hands-on tutor-

ing to help them use learning technology throughout and after their professional education.

This programme gives trainees access to case law and legislation and course materials remotely at a time and in a place that best suited their own study needs. The Law School became the first professional educator in Europe to receive the award in 2016.

In response to feedback from trainees on the Law School's Professional Practice Course and members of the profession engaging with the Diploma Department and the Law Society Professional Training Department, the Law School embarked on an extensive programme of development to use technology to the best advantage of those participating in all its educational programmes to make them accessible to a much wider and diverse constituency.

It is for this programme of development that the Law School was again recognised for the high standard of its innovative educational programmes for those wishing to enter the solicitor's profession as well as its continuing education programmes for practitioners.

A multi-touch book of the Law School's application, created on behalf of the Law School team by Jane Moffatt, Anne Walsh, Paul Mooney and Caroline Kennedy, will be published to the iBook store over the coming weeks and will be freely available to download.

This achievement was marked on 11 January 2019 by the handover of the award from Éanna Ó Brádaigh Apple Business Development Manager, Education to T P Kennedy, Director of Education.

TAKE A FRONT ROW SEAT... 2019 MOOC ANNOUNCED!



The **2019 Massive Open Online Course in Arts, Entertainment and Media Law** from the Diploma Centre at the Law Society of Ireland is free and open to all to join. Launching in early May it provides participants with a short but comprehensive guide to legal issues that affect those working in the arts, entertainment, media and publishing industries. So whether your passion is painting, photography, producing, performing, writing, reporting, or whether you act for or help someone with that passion, join us!

What to expect

- Over five weeks the course topics include:
- The state of arts, entertainment and media in Ireland and the role of the State in developing and promoting it.
- The rights and risks of publishing content and the responsibilities of participants.
- The contractual challenges to achieve commercial success and the impact of technology on the sector and fast-forward from here

In keeping with the dynamic nature of its content, the MOOC will conclude with a panel session dealing with the current issues and future opportunities for the sector. In what's set to be an animated discussion among industry experts who share their perspectives, insight and foresight on a market where flux is the perennial force and one that is more fact than fable.

Since launching in 2014, the Diploma Centre's MOOC courses have attracted over 10,000 students from over 70 countries.

Find out more on our website: www.lawsociety.ie/mooc



TELDERS TEAM 2018/2019:

Doireann Nic Mhathúna (Arthur Cox), Conor Califf (Mason Hayes & Curran), Conall Ennis (Flynn O'Driscoll), Nonhlanhla Banda (Gleeson McGrath Baldwin).

DIPLOMA CENTRE SCOOPS PRESTIGIOUS EDUCATION LAW AWARD



The Diploma Centre has scooped the prestigious **Postgraduate Course of the Year in Law** at this year's GradIreland awards. The Diploma in Aviation Leasing and Finance was honoured by the judges for its good industry recognition, as well as excellent resources and links within the industry.

Other winners on the night included University College Cork, Trinity College Dublin, NUI Galway and University of Limerick.

Attended by over 200 higher education professionals, the awards are supported by the Higher Education Authority and recognise excellence in postgraduate course provision in Ireland, and showcase Irish Education Institutes' as world-class course providers.

Accepting the award on behalf of the team, Dr Freda Grealy, Head of Diploma Centre, remarked on the achievement: "It's wonderful to win this award that recognises the quality and high standard of continuing professional development offered by the Law Society team at the Diploma Centre.

We wish to thank all of those who give so generously of their time and expertise allowing the Diploma Centre to deliver a high-quality learning experience that is practical and relevant to the profession. This would not be possible without the continued support of the profession and our colleagues in the Law Society of Ireland especially within IT and the Education Department."



JESSUP MOOT

Law Society team wins Irish national round.

Left to right: Mark Collier (Walkers), Aifric O'Reilly (Beauchamps), Aishwarya Jha (McCann FitzGerald), Bronagh Carvill (Arthur Cox) and David Lalor (McCann FitzGerald)

Congratulations to the Law School Price Media Law Mooters on their participation and performance in Oxford in early April.



LAW SOCIETY TEAM TAKE FIRST PRIZE AT BRÉAGCHÚIRT UÍ DHÁLAIGH GAEL LINN 2018



The Irish language moot court, Bréagchúirt Uí Dhálaigh, took place in the Four Courts in November, with first prize going to the team from the Law Society, Áine Haberlin and Feidhlim Mac Róibín.

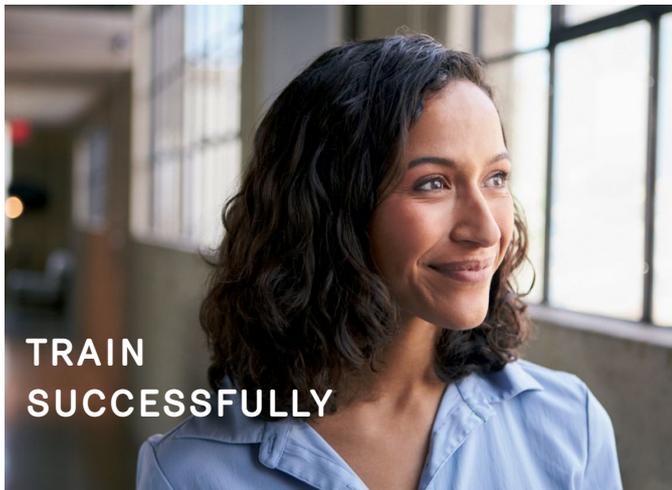
This long-standing event is organized annually by Gael Linn in memory of the late Cearbhall Ó Dálaigh, former President and Chief Justice of Ireland. The competition gives third level law students an opportunity to display their advocacy skills in an authentic courtroom setting. Participants either defend or prosecute in an appeal against a court judgement.

Competing this year in Bréagchúirt Uí Dhálaigh were teams from University College, Dublin, Dublin City University and The Law Society of Ireland. Preliminary rounds of a high standard were held

in Kings Inns on Friday morning, where all teams had to prepare and plead both sides of the case. Under consideration this year was an interesting case involving breach of contract and non-payment of a loan. Oral submissions for the appellant and the respondent were restricted to twenty minutes, with three minutes allowed for rebuttal by both sides. There was a high standard among all the competitors, but in the end, it was the teams from University College, Dublin and the Law Society, who were chosen to progress to the final.

The final was presided over by barristers

Majella Ní Thuama, Séamus Ó Tuathail S.C. and Luan Ó Braonáin, S.C. Logical and well-constructed presentation, correct use of statutes, cases and precedents, ability to answer Judges' many questions and ability to deal with the opposing arguments, were some of the criteria that had to be met by the teams. The participants were praised for their skills of persuasion, with the main award going in the end to the Blackhall Place team, who had argued the case for the Appellant. The delighted winners, Áine Haberlin and Feidhlim Mac Róibín, received a cheque for €600 along with the Gael Linn Perpetual Trophy.



TRAIN SUCCESSFULLY

Outlined here are some simple strategies that help you get to great experience and enjoy the time you spend working as a trainee solicitor.

Manage Your Workload

As you progress through your training contract, the demands placed on you will be very different to those you might have become used to during your years as a full-time student. Project managing your workload is a crucial skill that you will need to learn quickly.

Challenge Yourself

Even if you're not thrilled about particular work, throw yourself in and complete it with enthusiasm. Be proactive and take initiative. Offer assistance if you see a task you could help with - especially if it will help to make a colleague's life easier. Even if you aren't taken up on your offer, those around you will appreciate the extra effort and might be encouraged to give you more interesting responsibilities.

Seek to Learn

The purpose of a training contract is to learn. You'll make mistakes, but as time passes and you gain more experience, you'll gain confidence and develop new skills. If you're worried about how you're doing, don't be afraid to ask for advice. If you make a mistake, own up. The longer you leave a mistake, the more difficult it can become to resolve.

Be Open

Many people start their training contracts with a clear idea of the area of law they want to work in post-qualification. However, as they explore different practice areas, this can often change. While you may expect to enjoy your time spent in litigation the most, at the end of your training period you might find that conveyancing turn out to be your favourite.

Get Involved

Your training contract is really about making the most of every opportunity on offer. Be willing to learn new things, take on new challenges and ask about getting involved in as much as possible, both professionally and socially. Take control of your own learning and ask your supervisor for additional responsibility.

Keith O'Malley,
Support Services

LAW SCHOOL TO HOST PRESTIGIOUS INTERNATIONAL STUDENT COMPETITION IN SPRING 2019

Fast becoming the hot destination for international competitions, the Law School will again host an international competition in April 2019 – the **Brown Mosten International Client Consultation Competition (ICCC2019)**.

Approximately 30 teams from across the world – America, Australia, Canada, England & Wales, Germany, India, and Russia to name a few – will arrive at the Law Society from 3 – 6 April 2019 to participate in this annual competition.

The Law School first hosted this competition in April 2012, the first of four very successful large-scale international competitions the Law School has held since. Law Society trainees have won this prestigious international competition on no less than three occasions – in 2007, 2014 and 2017. The Law Society has a very proud tradition of participation in the Brown-Mosten International Client Consultation Competition and we look forward to maintaining that tradition.

The Brown-Mosten International Client Consultation Competition is open to the winners of national competition rounds. It simulates an initial consultation with a new client in which two law students are presented with a client matter and are required to elicit the relevant information from the client. They explore the client's preferred outcomes, outline the nature of the problem and present the client with a means (or range of alternatives, if appropriate) for resolving the problem. The role of client is played by an actor. A panel of judges – comprised of both lawyers and non-lawyers – oversees the consultation. The theme for 2019 is Criminal Law - Theft.

The competition provides an exciting opportunity for law students to learn and practice the planning, analytical, interviewing and advising skills so vital in developing sound solicitor-client relationships. The competition also provides a wonderful opportunity for valuable educational and cultural interchanges between students, law teachers and legal practitioners.

The Law School has compiled a busy programme which sees participants engaging in a number of events in which they will learn from international and local Irish experts and teachers and interact on a social level with law students from around the world.

In addition to four days of competitive rounds, there is an extensive social programme, which includes a visit to Croke Park, a ceili and awards dinner at the Guinness Storehouse. Participation in these activities will ensure all delegates get to know a little bit about Ireland, each other and to appreciate cross-cultural similarities and differences, and to network with colleagues from across the globe.

Further information is available on the Law Society website at www.lawsociety.ie/ICCC2019.



BUSY TIMES FOR PPC I STUDENTS WITH STUDENT DEVELOPMENT SERVICE PROGRAMME

Returning from the Christmas Break the PPC I students hit the ground running with a wide variety of seminars coordinated through **Student Development Services**.

The well attended Exam and Study management seminars allowed students to take on board tips regarding skills relating to open book exam format and received direction on the upcoming PPC I exams both from Dr. Shannon and also from recently qualified solicitor Glen Rogers of McCann Fitzgerald who provided a recent student perspective.

There will be a final SDS hosted session where the students will hear from an Extern Examiner and get their feedback on issues the Examiner would highlight for success in exams, as well as information from IT to support the use of iPads in the open book exam format.

It's not all exam related as students also benefitted from a number of Career talks

including a very interesting seminar from European Movement Ireland regarding working in the EU institutions as well as a very useful session from Robert Connolly of Amicus recruitment on how to plan for a successful job hunt.

Students also enjoyed a lively discussion on money during the Money Management seminar thanks to Susan Robertson of the CCPC which provided very useful information on budgeting and financial planning both for college time and post-qualification.

The final careers seminar featured a great line up of speakers from the Law Society Career Support office, as well as from the NWCI and NCA, as well as an Irish and Australian qualified solicitor

showing a variety of career paths for trainees to have in mind for when they qualify.

Our busy programme of extra-curricular classes including Yoga and Pilates continue so that we can offer students a variety of educational and social options.

The Student Development Service is available to support students all through their training journey and students can book in for appointments by emailing studentadvisor@lawsociety.ie. Details of upcoming programmes are available on SDS Moodle or via our weekly email updates.



Don't forget to follow us on Twitter @LawSocSDS.



Steve Collender from the Diploma Centre showcasing the Law Society's annual Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) as part of our Public Legal Education Initiatives at the recent Panopto Annual Conference in London. Panopto is the leading video platform for business & education, which the Diploma Centre uses as a lecture capture provider. The presentation discussed techniques to improve student engagement, knowledge sharing and educational content on large scale open courses. This one-day conference brought together over 200 delegates from universities, colleges, schools and education-focused organisations to share best practices network and learn about all the latest developments in video for teaching and learning.



The PPC | 2018 Golf Club's first outing took place in Druids Glen Golf Club and was blessed with a rarity, October sunshine. A total of 33 golfers, ranging from very experienced to beginner level, took part in a Texas scramble team competition.

The winning team made up of Stephen Gamble, Gary Thompson and Tom O'Flaherty were victorious with a very impressive 57 points. The winning scorecard was rather astounding, which featured an eagle and two birdies.

 **GOLF CLUB**



LAW SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES

Celebrating our 5th birthday with a new name and expanded range of services.

What began five years ago as a small but mighty Counselling Service has matured into Law School Psychological Services (LSPS). Based in the tranquil Green Hall, LSPS has a suite of discrete counselling rooms, a team of 8 consultant psychotherapists, two excellent support staff and a growing cluster of CPD Programmes, which are run in partnership with Law Society Professional Training. It has been a fantastic period of development – and as with all learning - not without its growing pains!

Our range of Services now includes:

- Individual & Group Counselling (Time-Concentrated Therapy)
- Shrink Me; Psychology of a Lawyer – PPC1 & PPC11 module
- CPD Programmes - in collaboration with Law Society Professional Training e.g. Executive Leadership Programme, Coaching for Managers, Professional Wellbeing for Success
- Information/Communication – see our regular Gazette column Workplace Wellbeing

Individual & Group Counselling

- A record 52% of current PPC1 students availed of individual sessions of counselling – or as we call our model of working - Time Concentrated Therapy
- A 6 week Introduction to Group Therapy will be on offer to incoming PPC11 students, beginning mid-April. This is a powerful opportunity to do some work on how you relate with yourself and also with others – a vital aspect of successful professional life!
- New expanded team of therapists.
- Email counselling@lawsociety.ie to access either/both.

Antoinette Moriarty
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PPC SURF
CLUB



Before Christmas, 100 trainee solicitors explored the coastal area of Bundoran, County Donegal as part of a PPC I weekend trip organised by the PPC I Surfing Society.

The Society and the weekend trip was the initiative of Eugene F Collins trainee solicitor, Tara O Donoghue, in order for PPC I students to take a break from study, engage with future colleagues, explore the beautiful scenery of North West Ireland and also to experience the many health benefits which surfing offers.

The weather was exceptionally warm and all those in attendance would like to thank "Turf n Surf School" and "Portbeg Holiday Homes" for the excellent hospitality which was received over the course of the weekend.

Upon arrival Friday evening, the students were delighted with the superb spacious accommodation, proximity

to the beach and culinary delights in the local area. The sun was shining on Saturday morning and two separate groups went surfing on Saturday after enjoying fresh croissants and sampled the famous local chowder to warm up afterwards.

Tara O'Donoghue
Surf Club

SOLICITORS APPRENTICE DEBATING SOCIETY OF IRELAND AT THE IRISH TIMES DEBATE

The Solicitors Apprentice Debating Society of Ireland (SADSI) fielded a very strong showing of competitors from the opening rounds resulting in a full team and individual in the final of this year's Irish Times Intervarsity Debating Competition. In this, Ireland's oldest intervarsity debating event, Lonan Collins, Conor O'Brien & Feidhlim Mac Roibin ably represented the Law Society. This year represented the 59th final of the competition which was this year launched in the Law Society with almost 100 teams and 200

individuals taking part. This year's Grand Final Motion was: 'This House would rescind Ireland's position of neutrality in favour of a European standing army.' After a robust debate, Trinity College and Kings Inns claimed victory in the Team and Individual competitions respectively bringing to a close a great season of debating for all. The Law Society Student Development Service is delighted to support students in both their academic and personal development, follow us on Twitter for updates [#LawSocSDS](#).





Kasba Girls Home, Kolkata



Peter McVerry Trust Castle Court apartment tenant

Calcutta Run – The Legal Fundraiser’s tagline is ‘Fighting Homelessness in Ireland and Calcutta’. Join us on Saturday 18 May by signing up to walk or run the 5 or 10k route or cycle either the 50k or 100k routes. Meet your friends afterwards and enjoy a BBQ, bar and a DJ in Blackhall Place.

The Peter McVerry Trust needs your help more than ever with close to 3,500 young people experiencing homelessness in Ireland in 2019. The charity recently opened 13 Castle Court apartments in Dublin which were partially funded by monies raised by Calcutta Run.

The Hope Foundation’s HIVE Emergency Response Unit rescues abandoned and trafficked children and women. The Bhoruka Protection Home provides care and support to HIV/AIDS infected and affected girls, and the Kasba Girls Home rescues girls below 14 year of age from vulnerable situations in the slums of Kolkata. All projects are now fully functioning thanks to the Calcutta Runs and Cycle.

Maureen Forrest, Founder and Director of The Hope Foundation stated “What the solicitors’ profession has achieved together over the past 20 years is a testament to the power of collaboration, commitment and dedication. Both HOPE and Peter McVerry Trust have made a lifelong commitment to eradicating extreme poverty and homelessness.”

Support both charities by signing up to the event on www.calcuttarun.com
See you there!

Further information is available on the Law Society website at www.lawsociety.ie/ICCC2019.

STAFF NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- **Eva Massa** on her appointment as Radicalisation Prevention Project Coordinator at Council of Europe. Eva started her new role in January 2019 and will be missed by staff and trainees.
- **Irene O’Reilly** (Education Administrator) and her husband Tony on the birth of their daughter Aoife Christina.
- **Dr Gabriel Brennan** on her appointment as ‘The Law Teacher correspondent for Ireland’.
- Welcome to **Rosemarie Hayden** as Student Developer Advisor whilst Emma Cooper is away on sabbatical.
- The Professional Training Department welcomes **Emma Snedker**, **Anne Tuite** and **Sian Cullivan** as administrators and wishes well to **Pauline Smyth** and **Carolanne McPartlan** in their new ventures.
- The Diploma Centre welcomes **David Duffy**, Diploma Course Administrator; **Claire O’Malley**, Diploma Course Administrator and **Nicholas Kelly**, Diploma Programme Manager.
- Congratulations to **John Lunney** on his appointment as PPC Course Manager.



STREET LAW ORIENTATION WEEKEND 2018

Over 40 PPC I trainees volunteered to be part of this year’s Street Law programme run by the Society’s Diploma Centre. Trainees are placed in a number of Dublin-based Delivering Equality of Opportunity (DEIS) schools where they teach a Street Law course to Transition Year students. Trainees also attend Mountjoy and Wheatfield prison to work with prisoners to raise their awareness and understanding of the law in areas such as human rights, employment law, refugee rights and discrimination.

Congratulations and best of luck to all trainees taking part!

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