



LAW SOCIETY PROFESSIONAL TRAINING AND LAW SOCIETY SKILLNET 2025 SPRING CPD PROSPECTUS

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LAW SOCIETY SKILLNET CPD CLUSTER PROGRAMME FOR 2025



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WHAT IS A CLUSTER EVENT?

A cluster is formed when a group of bar associations come together to identify the training they require for their members and the content and speakers most suitable to meet their training needs. The bar associations identify their location of choice, the most suitable date, and the format for the day, which includes a networking lunch and evening drinks reception. The clusters are about education, networking, and collegiality. The networking lunch and evening reception are just as important as the educational sessions, as they provide a forum for problem-sharing and solving and relaxation away from the office.

The success of the Law Society Skillnet clusters is dependent upon many factors, including:

- The support and participation of solicitors,
- The dedication, hard work, and invaluable expertise by the presidents, secretaries and CPD organisers in the bar associations,
- The expertise and generosity of solicitors who lecture at these events,
- The work of Law Society committees and their staff, and
- The work of Law Society Skillnet Steering Committee members.



For further details of Law Society Skillnet clusters in your region, email lawsocietyskillnet@lawsociety.ie or visit www.lawsociety.ie/skillnet.



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DATE	EVENT
8 May	Midlands General Practice Update 2025 in collaboration with the Laois Solicitors Association, Kildare Bar Association, Midland Bar Association, and Carlow Bar Association
15 May	Essential Solicitors' Update 2025 in collaboration with Leitrim Bar Association, Longford Bar Association, Roscommon Bar Association, and Sligo Bar Association
29 May	North-West Practice Update 2025 in collaboration with the Donegal Bar Association and Inishowen Bar Association
12 June	Essential Solicitors' Update 2025 in collaboration with Limerick Solicitors' Bar Association and Clare Law Association
11 September	Essential General Practice Update Kerry 2025 in collaboration with Kerry Law Society
17 October	North-East CPD Day 2025 in collaboration with Monaghan Bar Association, Cavan Solicitors' Association, Louth Solicitors' Bar Association, and Drogheda Bar Association
23 October	Connaught Solicitors' Symposium 2025 in collaboration with the Mayo Solicitors' Bar Association
6 November	Practitioner Update Cork 2025 in collaboration with the Southern Law Association
20 November	General Practice Update Kilkenny 2025 in collaboration with Carlow Bar Association, Kilkenny Bar Association, Waterford Law Society, and Wexford Solicitors' Association
4 December	Practice and Regulation Symposium 2025 in collaboration with Dublin Solicitors' Bar Association

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PLEASE NOTE: the dates and the venues of the clusters may be subject to change.

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IMAGE BY: GREG MURPHY - MURPHY'S VIDEO SERVICES.



ANNUAL CONFERENCES 2025

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These conferences are designed and delivered by **Law Society Professional Training** in partnership with **Law Society of Ireland** committees.

DATE	EVENT	CPD HOURS AND CATEGORY	FEE
6 March	Probate and Tax Update with STEP	3 general by elearning	€175
12 March	ADR Committee Conference – Mediation: A New Era	3 general by group study	€0
23 September	Intellectual Property and Data Protection Law Conference	To be confirmed	€175
2 October	Younger Members Annual Conference	To be confirmed	€175
8 October	In-house and Public Sector Annual Conference	To be confirmed	€175
9 October	EU and International Affairs Committee Talk	To be confirmed	€175
10 October	Criminal Law Update	To be confirmed	€175
15 October	Property Law Annual Update	3.5 general by group study	€175
16 October	Litigation Annual Update	To be confirmed	€175
5 November	Employment and Equality Law Annual Update	3.5 general by group study	€175
5 November	Business Law Annual Update	To be confirmed	€175
13 November	Environmental and Planning Law Conference	To be confirmed	€175
26 November	Technology Law Committee Conference	To be confirmed	€175
5 December	Family and Child Law Annual Update	3.5 general by group study	€175

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The dates and modes of delivery of the conferences may be subject to change.
Please see website for full details.



SPECIALISED LEGAL PROGRAMMES

Specialised legal programmes address core and niche practice areas.
Modes of study include elearning, group study, and blended learning.

DATE	COURSE	CPD HOURS AND CATEGORY
25 February	Commercial and Complex Property Law Transactions Masterclass	10 hours general by elearning
12 March	Mediation – A New Era	1.5 hours general by group study
18 March	Planning and Environmental Law Masterclass	10 hours general by elearning
3 April	Irish Land Law: Conflicts and Challenges Summit 2025 with University of Limerick	5 hours general by group study
7 April	Certificate in Professional Education	Full management and general CPD for 2025
21 April	Public Sector Careers Symposium	2.5 professional development and solicitor wellbeing for 2025 by group study
25 April	Regulation Matters webinar On/off-boarding clients	1 client care and professional standards by elearning
8 May	Leadership and the Modern Lawyer Masterclass with University of St. Andrews Business School	5 professional development and solicitor wellbeing for 2025 by group study
28 May	Risk and Resilience in the Legal Profession	2 professional development and solicitor wellbeing and 2.5 client care and professional standards by group study
27 May	Probate Update 2025 in collaboration with Probate Bar Association	1 general by elearning
4 June	Advocacy Masterclass	15 general by group study
September	Coaching and Mentoring for Game Changing Development	Full professional development and solicitor wellbeing for 2025 by group study
September	Attract and Retain Legal Talent webinar	1.5 professional development and solicitor wellbeing by elearning
15 September	Training of lawyers on EU Family Law (TRADICIL)	To be confirmed
7 October	Law Society Skillnet Wellbeing Summit 2025	2.5 professional development and solicitor wellbeing by elearning
November	Introduction to Legal Bookkeeping and Accounts Masterclass	To be confirmed
Available now	Regulation Matters Hub	Up to 4 client care and professional standards by elearning
Available May	Contract Interpretation	To be confirmed
Available now	Legislative Drafting Processes and Policies	3 general by elearning
Available now	International Arbitration in Ireland Hub	9.5 general by elearning
Available now	Construction Law Masterclass: the Fundamentals	11 general by elearning
Available now	GDPR in Action: Data Security and Data Breaches	3 client care and professional standards by elearning
Available now	A Practical Guide to Cybersecurity	3 client care and professional standards by elearning
Available now	Common Law and Civil Law in the EU from a contractual perspective	2 general by elearning

AI PRACTICAL WORKSHOPS AND LEGAL SKILLS



DATE	COURSE	CPD HOURS AND CATEGORY
30 April	Introduction to AI for Legal Practitioners	3 professional development and solicitor wellbeing by group study
16 September	Introduction to AI for Legal Practitioners	3 professional development and solicitor wellbeing by group study
19 June	Project Management	3 professional development and solicitor wellbeing by elearning
2 September	Effective Communication skills	3 professional development and solicitor wellbeing by group study
9 September	Presentation Skills	3 professional development and solicitor wellbeing by group study
21 October	Time Management for Lawyers	3 professional development and solicitor wellbeing by group study
25 November	Building Client Relationships	3 professional development and solicitor wellbeing by group study
2 December	Negotiation Skills for Lawyers	3 professional development and solicitor wellbeing by group study

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RETIREMENT PLANNING MASTERCLASS FOR LEGAL PRACTITIONERS

This one day masterclass is suitable for all practitioners in partnership or sole practitioners who one-day wish to retire. It is never too soon to start to plan.

DATE

11 June – Strand Hotel, Ennis Road, Limerick

4 September 2025 – Kingsley Hotel, Cork

19 November 2025 – Hotel Kilkenny, Kilkenny

SPEAKERS INCLUDE:

- Mike O'Reilly, O'Reilly Business Solutions
- Maggie Mulpeter, retired solicitor, relationship and parent mentor, public speaker and group facilitator
- Sarah Keogh, founder, Eatwell
- Liam Barrett, solicitor, Law Society of Ireland
- Michael O'Scathail, director, Taxation, Crowe

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- A brief overview of retirement and its significance in one's life,
- Why retirement planning is crucial,
- Different retirement options,
- Movement, mobility and independence for the future,
- Prepare your mind for retirement
- Regulation: what to do when you close your firm, and
- Tax and retirement

AIM AND OBJECTIVES

The aim of this one-day course is to guide legal practitioners on how to successfully plan for retirement.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

At the end of this course, participants will gain an understanding of the different retirement options and the importance of planning for retirement.



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CPD HOURS

1 client care and professional standards, 1 general, 3 professional development and solicitor wellbeing: total 5 hours (by group study).

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CERTIFICATE IN PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

DATE

Friday 7 April 2025

DELIVERY METHOD

Blended (online and on-site at the Law Society of Ireland)

This Certificate in Professional Education is aimed at professional educators who design and/or deliver programmes to professionals. The course is suited to educators from a range of professional fields including law, medicine, accountancy, taxation, pharmacy and international education. The demands on a professional educator are distinct and the skillset and knowledge base required are different from those required for general education and training. Our innovative course recognises this difference and is tailored specifically to meet the needs of professional educators. It brings the traditional 'train the trainer' concept to a contemporary, advanced level by taking a nuanced and comprehensive approach to the theory and knowledge, attitudinal judgement and skills and practice required to excel as a professional educator.

There is integrated use of technology throughout the programme. Participants will require access to an iPad for delivery of course materials, for completion of quizzes, course activities and for engagement in the online discussion forum and community of practice. If required, participants can request iPad training in advance of the programme start date.

IN-PERSON SCHEDULE

- Friday 11 April, 10.00am to 4:30pm, Law Society of Ireland
- Friday 9 May, 10.00am to 4:30pm, Law Society of Ireland
- Friday 30 May, 10.00am to 4:30pm, Law Society of Ireland
- Friday 20 June, 10.00am to 4:30pm, Law Society of Ireland

ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY

- Attendance and engagement at workshops
- Submission of a reflective video after each workshop
- A written assignment incorporating reflective analysis of pedagogical practice.

PROGRAMME DIRECTOR

Dr Gabriel Brennan, PhD, MLitt, BA (Hons), LLB, PG Dip, PG Cert.

Practical, relevant and enthusing – each participant left with the skills to empower learners, individual insights, and methods to quickly effect business results within an organisation

Amanda Zahringer, executive director, chair and former Director of Learning and Development (Global) at MUFG Investor Services

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DIPLOMA IN LEGAL PRACTICE MANAGEMENT

Registration can take place up to 24 April.

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DATE

Wednesday 19 March to Wednesday 12 November 2025 (final assignment due 24 January 2026)

DELIVERY METHOD

Online, on-demand lectures; hybrid workshops and in-person workshops

The aim of this diploma is to equip participants with the practical knowledge and skills needed to gain a deeper understanding of the establishment and operational management of a legal firm in Ireland from a business, human resources, and financial management perspective. Emphasis is placed on delivering training that provides learners with the skills, knowledge, and competencies to work towards the achievement of approved practice and risk-management standards – in particular, the Legal Services Excellence Standard offered by the Law Society of Ireland and assessed by the National Standards Authority of Ireland (NSAI).

Module 1

Legal practice management: business planning, development and continuity

Module 2

Legal practice management: infrastructure

Module 3

Legal practice management: operational systems – client care

Module 4

Legal practice management: human resources, competence, and knowledge management



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CPD HOURS

On completion of this diploma, you will have fulfilled your full requirement of CPD hours for 2025 under the Law Society CPD Scheme rules.

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This diploma is accredited by the Law Society of Ireland Diploma Centre.

LegalED Talks Hub and Legaltech Talks Hub



The LegalED Talks Hub is a series of complimentary training delivered via elearning in the areas of legal practice updates, client care, and professional standards. Law Society Skillnet courses are subsidised by Skillnet Ireland and are designed by solicitors for solicitors, offering a wide range of upskilling solutions to help you develop the skills and capabilities you need to develop your career.

Legaltech Talks Hub is a term used to describe the technology used by legal service providers and the justice community to help them deliver legal services or resolve disputes. Legal practitioners, academics, and businesses are learning about, implementing, and developing a range of technologies for lawyers, judges and courts. Recognising the importance of technology and innovation for the future of the legal services profession and the administration of justice, Law Society Skillnet has created the Legaltech Talks Hub.

CPD CATEGORY AND HOURS			
LEGALED TALKS HUB COURSE LISTING	Client care and professional standards (incl accounting and AML compliance)	General	Professional development and solicitor wellbeing
Course 1: Music Copyright: the Text and Data Mining Exceptions and the EU's AI Act		1.5 hours	
Course 2: Plain English for Lawyers			0.5 hour
Course 3: Effective Advocacy for Young People		1.5 hours	
Course 4: <i>Solicitors Accounts Regulations</i>	0.5 hour		
Course 5: Section 150 Costs	1 hour		
Course 6: Solicitor AML and AML Updates	1.5 hours		
LEGALTECH TALKS HUB COURSE LISTING	Client care and professional standards (incl accounting and AML compliance)	General	Professional development and solicitor wellbeing
Course 1: Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Legal Practice – Perspectives from the Cutting Edge			1 hour
Course 2: AI: Your Firm and the Future	1 hour		
Course 3: Digitising Justice: Technology and Access to Justice: the experiences of the Louisiana (USA) online court		0.5 hour	
Course 4: The Paperless Lawyer			0.5 hour

New courses added regularly. See website www.lawsociety.ie/skillnet.

PROFESSIONAL WELLBEING HUB

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Law Society Skillnet in collaboration with Law Society Psychological Services presents this complimentary series of online training activities from expert speakers for legal practitioners and legal service support staff.

The Professional Wellbeing Hub is a series of online training resources focusing on how to enhance the psychological wellbeing of all solicitors, how dignity and respect can be built into the workplace, and how to build high-impact professionals within the legal profession.

PROFESSIONAL WELLBEING HUB COURSE LISTING*

Unlocking Wellness Together series

Neurodiversity Awareness

Disability Awareness

Addiction Awareness

Trauma Awareness

Depression Awareness

Anxiety Awareness

The Wim Hof Method

Coldshock

Law Society Skillnet Wellbeing Summit 2024

Law Society Skillnet Wellbeing Summit 2023

Law Society Skillnet Wellbeing Summit 2022

Law Society Skillnet Wellbeing Summit 2021

THE HIGH IMPACT PROFESSIONAL SERIES

Can Psychological Safety Build High-Impact Professionals?

Building High-Impact Workplaces

Building High-Impact Habits

Working with Complex and Vulnerable People

CHANGING CULTURE SERIES

Course 1: Changing Culture in the Legal Profession

CPD CATEGORY

DELIVERY METHOD

Professional development and solicitor wellbeing hours for all. Number of CPD hours is dependent on the course(s) completed.

elearning



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The panel discussion was particularly excellent. Really, it is hard to single out any one aspect, as I thought the whole day was really valuable and the speakers were all excellent.

**Delegate, Law Society
Skillnet Wellbeing Summit**

*New courses added regularly. See website for further details.
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IN-HOUSE LAWYERS

Are you an in-house lawyer looking for relevant CPD? We have a programme of skills and other CPD courses suitable for practitioners working in-house. Below are examples of courses taking place over the next few months. We are always adding to this list.

DATE	COURSE	LOCATION/ CPD CATEGORY AND HOURS
8 May	Leadership and the Modern Lawyer Masterclass with University of St Andrews Business School	Law Society of Ireland
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Available now	Legislative Drafting Processes and Policies	3 general by elearning



Having completed the Legislative Drafting Masterclass with the Law Society, it has been an incredibly insightful experience. This programme provides valuable tools and skills in statutory interpretation, policy translation and legal clarity. Grateful for the opportunity to learn from experts in the field and looking forward to applying these insights in my work.

Christine Traynor, head of Racing Regulation and Integrity at Irish Horseracing Regulatory Board.

For assistance or further information about 2025 CPD Courses, please contact us – email: lawsocietyskillnet@lawsociety.ie; tel: +353 (0)1 881 5727.

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LAW SOCIETY CPD SCHEME 2025



2025 CYCLE: 1 JANUARY TO 31 DECEMBER 2025

Keep up to date with your CPD requirements – see the regulations and documentation for the CPD Scheme for the current year and recent years. The regulations and related scheme documentation vary depending on the relevant cycle of CPD.

For the current CPD Scheme Cycle, please visit the website or scan the QR code to view more information.



2025 CPD
Scheme Cycle

Terms and conditions

Law Society Professional Training and Law Society Skillnet reserve the right to cancel a training event due to unforeseen circumstances or substitute speakers without prior notice and/or change the methodology of delivery from on-site to online.

Cancellation: Cancellations must be received in writing (email accepted) **three working days prior** to the training event or course. Cancellations received after this will incur the full training event fee. In this instance, a copy of the training materials (if any) will be issued following the training event or, where relevant, access to the online course will be made available.

Substitute attendance: If you are unable to attend the full day, a substitute from your firm may attend in your place. Please inform us of any changes in advance of the commencement of the training event. Substituted attendance shall only apply where you cannot attend the full day. Half-day substitution is not permitted.

CPD hours: The number of hours indicated in the brochures are intended as a guide only. Only actual attendance at training events should be claimed as part of your requirement.



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