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### For Whom:

- This course is aimed at those working in the area of family law or advocacy/advisory body, or anyone with an interest in Family Law.
- CPD Credit: A solicitor practising on a full-time basis and undertaking this course, can claim a maximum of 10 hours eLearning.
- The module is worth 6 ECTS (European Credit Transfer System points) at Level 8.

### Participants Learn To:

- Appreciate the ways in which Irish law and court processes can operate to protect the institution of the family in the event of relationship breakdowns.
- Summarise the important aspects of family law, including Guardianship, Custody, Access Disputes, Domestic Abuse, & Aspects of Marriage Termination.
- Outline the key ways in which a marriage may be dissolved or terminated and the consequences of such dissolution or termination.
- Differentiate between the rights of married and unmarried parents and their children.
- Critique the treatments of the family unit within the Irish legal system, and identify the concept of the family unit at constitutional and legislative levels.
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### Entry Requirements

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