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Welcome from the Head of School



Dear friends and colleagues,

I very much hope that you enjoy the UL School of Law Newsletter which is designed to provide you with an up-date on activities in the School over the last year. I am very grateful to Dr Laura Cahillane for coordinating its production, and for presenting us with such a splendid publication.

It has been a very busy year for the School. It has been a joy to watch the industry, initiative and commitment of staff, and to see them excel in their work. The School has been a hub of scholarly exchange across a range of pathways. This is evident in the numerous national/international conferences, cpd events, seminars and workshops that have been organised over the year, for which we received a Bord Fáilte/Shannon Regional Development award. On the international front, the School has developed new links with Sichuan University, University of Warsaw, University of Massachusetts, and the University of Texas. Staff have also been very research active, with excellent publication outputs, and very impressive funding successes. The School now also hosts more than 20 Ph.D. students, which is a real endorsement of the research expertise of our staff. The quality of law lecturing by staff has been recognised through various teaching awards and nominations.

We have also been very active in curriculum development and accreditation. The School of Law has, for example, entered into a very exciting adventure with An Garda Síochána in which it now accredits the level 7 training programme at Templemore, and will very shortly accredit its level 9 Senior Investigating Officer programme. It is novel for a criminal

justice agency to engage in collaboration of this kind, though it is very much in keeping with national strategy for higher education. The School also did a lot of work with secondary school students in the region, and our Law for a Day initiative proved to be immensely popular.

Our students have also performed very well this year. They continue to make us proud in their clinical experiences with employers. They also impressed in the A & L Goodbody and Cambridge mooted competitions, in internships with the Irish Superior Courts, and in immersion and exchange programmes in Sichuan and Los Angeles. For the second year running, two of our students won that national Advocate mooted competition. I am particularly proud of the numerous prizes and scholarships on offer to students by firms such as Holmes O'Malley Sexton, Matheson, Arthur Cox, A & L Goodbody, Eversheds and Sweeney McGann. It is not surprising that our graduates have ended up as partners in major law and accounting firms, at the bar, in senior roles in government departments, NGOs, at the EU, in academia, and in private industry.



We have also recently appointed a number of outstanding Adjunct Professors, including Ms. Rose Hynes, Professor William J. Murphy, Professor Geoffrey Shannon, The Hon. Mr. Justice John Murray, His Honour Judge Tom O'Donnell, Judge Michael Reilly, and Mr. Jack Nicholas. Internally, Eoin Quill, Dr Una Woods and Dr Eimear Spain were appointed senior lecturers in the past year, which is another excellent endorsement of the work we do in the School. We also made two new lecturing appointments, Dr Margaret Fitzgerald O'Reilly and Dr John Lombard. They will add immensely to the very strong community of scholars we have in the School.

Warm wishes

Shane Kilcommins | Professor, Head of School



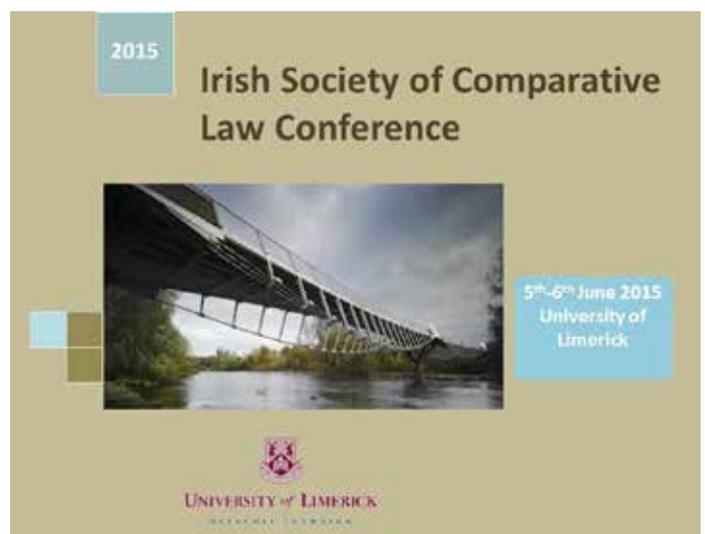
Events in the School of Law

The School of Law held many exciting events this year from international conferences to seminars on pedagogy and distinguished lectures. Some of the highlights are included below.

Irish Society of Comparative Law Conference

On 5th-6th June, the School of Law hosted the 6th annual Irish Society of Comparative Law Conference. Over forty delegates travelled from a variety of countries including: Slovenia, Czech Republic, Italy, Scotland, Japan, South Africa, Namibia, UK, Hungary, France, Canada, India, Switzerland, Finland and also from universities in Ireland. The conference, organised by Dr Laura Cahillane, Hope Davidson, Michelle Stevenson and Dr Seán P. Donlan, featured a mix of early career researchers and established academics.

Various corners of comparative law were explored, such as family law, human rights, legal history, company law, trusts, international law, ECHR law, medical law, criminal law, judicial process. The conference was opened by Professor Esin Örcüü of the University of Glasgow, who spoke about the changes to the study of comparative law over the years. The closing keynote was given by Dr Mia Korpiola of the University of Turku, with an insightful journey into the world of legal cultures and professions.



Juris Diversitas Annual Conference



The Juris Diversitas Annual Conference (2015) was held at the University from 2-4 June. Organised by Dr Seán Patrick Donlan and hosted by the School of Law, it brought together over forty speakers from around the world to discuss the relationship between social and legal norms and institutions in comparative perspective. The conference was held in memory of Roderick A Macdonald (1948-2014) and H Patrick Glenn (1940-2014), both former members of the Juris Diversitas Advisory Council. Plenary speakers include Katharina Boele-Woelki (Utrecht), President of the International Academy of Comparative Law, and Brian Tamanaha (Washington - St Louis). In addition, the conference saw the formal launch of the Juris Diversitas Book Series.



Centre for Criminal Justice Conference

The Centre for Criminal Justice held an International Conference on 21st and 22nd May 2015, entitled: 'On the Road towards a EU criminal justice system: problems, achievements and prospects.' Presentations over the two days of the conference featured the leading international experts in EU criminal justice, as well as the Director for Public Prosecutions, Claire Loftus, The Hon. Mr Justice John Edwards and Mr Remy Farrell SC; Irish delegates included a number of senior prosecutors from the DPP's office, the director of research at the Law Reform Commission, and a number of practitioners. In addition to Irish delegates, a large percentage came from UK and Continental Europe, with established academics and Doctoral candidates arriving from Poland, Luxembourg, Italy, the Netherlands and Greece. The National Member for Ireland at Eurojust also attended the full conference as well as other high-ranking officials in the field. The Conference also featured the launch of conference organiser Andrea Ryan's book - *Towards a System of European Criminal Justice - The Problem of Admissibility of Evidence* (Routledge 2014). The book was launched by The Hon Mr Justice John Edwards.



Lady Brenda Hale's Distinguished Lecture on Diversity in the Judiciary

On Friday 15th May, the University of Limerick hosted a lecture given by Lady Brenda Hale, Deputy President of the UK Supreme Court, on the topic of diversity in the Judiciary. The lecture was chaired by Mr Justice John L. Murray and was well attended by judges, practitioners and academics.



Legal Pedagogy in Transition Workshop

The School of Law hosted a very successful workshop on Legal Pedagogy in Transition on Thursday April 30th. The seminar focused on a number of key themes with speakers from a range of higher education institutions (UCC, UCD, DCU, TCD, NUI Galway, Law Society of Ireland) and Arthur Cox Solicitors. Participants shared their experiences on the type and nature of transitions that occur for law students as they progress from the early weeks of their undergraduate education right through to the completion of their professional exams in the Law Society and the commencement of their careers in a 'community of practice'. The event was funded by the National Forum for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning as part of an excellent series of national seminars which focus on Teaching for Transitions.

Children and Family Relationships Act lecture

The Law School was delighted to welcome Dr. Geoffrey Shannon, Special Rapporteur on Child Protection on Monday 20th April 2015 to give a lecture on the Children and Family Relationships Act 2015. Dr. Susan Leahy and Dr. Connie Healy also spoke about the Act. The event was chaired by Judge Tom O' Donnell and was attended by over 70 practitioners.



Criminal Law Pedagogy Workshop

On October 31st, the School of Law and the Centre for Criminal Justice hosted a Criminal Law Pedagogy Workshop which provided a forum for discussion of innovation in teaching criminal law. Speakers at the event included: Mr. Kris Gledhill, University of Auckland; Dr. Catherine O'Sullivan and Fiona Donson (University College Cork); Dr. John Stannard (Queen's University Belfast) and; Professor Shane Kilcommins, Dr. Eimear Spain, Dr. Margaret Fitzgerald-O'Reilly and Dr. Susan Leahy from the School of Law.

Sentencing in Ireland Conference

The School of Law and the Irish Criminal Bar Association hosted a very successful conference on sentencing practices in Ireland on Saturday November 29th. Almost 100 delegates heard from leading members of the legal profession including the Hon. Ms Justice Aileen Donnelly, judge of the HC, and adjunct professors of the School of Law, His Hon. Judge Thomas O'Donnell, Judge of the Circuit Court and Judge Michael Reilly, Inspector of Prisons. The delegates discussed the many factors which impact upon sentencing decisions in our courts and the impact of time in

prison on individuals. The speakers also examined the alternatives to custodial sentences and questioned the value of prison when compared to other forms of punishment, hearing from vital stakeholders in the criminal justice system including the head of the Irish Prison and Probation services. The conference also heard a moving speech from victim representative, Ms. Joan Deane (Founder member of AdVIC) on her experience of the criminal justice system as the mother of a homicide victim.



Inaugural Justice Henchy Memorial Lecture

On Thursday, 23rd October, the School of Law, UL and the School of Law, NUI Galway hosted the inaugural Justice Henchy Memorial Lecture in Corofin, Co Clare, birthplace of the late eminent Supreme Court judge, the Honourable Mr. Justice Séamus Henchy (1917–2009). The event was very well attended with invited guests, including legal practitioners, locals, friends and family, travelling from far and wide. This year's lecture, delivered by prominent High Court judge and Judge Designate of the Court of Appeal, the Honourable Mr. Justice Gerard Hogan, was a tremendous success. Mr. Justice Hogan's paper was entitled 'Elegantia juris: Mr. Justice Seamus Henchy'. The School of Law also presented Mrs. Averil Henchy, wife of the late Mr. Justice Henchy, with a beautiful commemorative gift which recorded a powerful dissent delivered by Justice Henchy in *Norris v Attorney General*. The memorial lecture was chaired by Mr. Michael McNamara, TD.



Conference on Research Methodologies in Law

On 23 October 2014, The School of Law hosted a one-day conference entitled, 'Research Methodologies in Law'. The idea for this conference developed from an identified lack of a forum for researchers in the field of law for a discussion of methodologies in relation to their research. Keynote addresses were given from two leading experts in the field, Professor Sally Wheeler (QUB) and Professor Fiona Cownie (Keele University). Further experts presented on the five distinct methodological approaches: the doctrinal method; the comparative method; the socio-legal method; the historical method; and theories of rights. Speakers included; Dr Laura Cahillane, Dr Thomas Mohr, Professor Michael Doherty, Dr Mary Rogan, Dr Seán Donlan, Dr Marie-Luce Paris, Professor Shane Kilcommins, Dr Una Woods, Professor Fiona De Londras and Professor Siobhan Mullally. The event was well attended by research students from all over Ireland.

Hate Crime TRANSITION YEAR WORKSHOP

As part of the President of Ireland's Ethics Initiative the Hate and Hostility Research Group hosted a workshop for Transition Year students in Limerick on 24th of February entitled, "Ethics in Friendship and Language: Challenging Hostility Towards Difference." As an entry requirement, students submitted a piece of work responding to the statement: "Sticks and stones may break my bones but words will never hurt me". Successful students from the schools attended the workshop delivered by Professor Stephen Minton from the Sophie Lancaster Foundation, Craig Dwyer from GLEN and John Duffy from BelongTo.





Research activity in the School of Law

Horizon 2020 Success for Raymond Friel

A research consortium Cloud-LSVA, which includes Ray Friel, School of Law as a co PI, has been successful in achieving funding under the EU H2020 ICT16 Call. This consortium is led by Vicomtech (ES) and includes IBM (IE), Honda (DE), DCU (IE), TomTom (NL) among others. The total budget is €4.6MM with UL receiving €160K.



UL Hate Crime Studies

On Monday 13th July, the Report “Out of the Shadows: Legislating for Hate Crime in Ireland” was launched. The report is Ireland’s only cross-sectoral research project dedicated to the reform of Irish hate crime law. The report authors, Jennifer Scheppe, School of Law at UL and Dr Amanda Haynes, Department of Sociology at UL, both of the Hate and Hostility Research Group at UL, interviewed hate crime victims, members of An Garda Síochána, representatives of civil society organisations and legal experts as well as 36 barristers.

The Hate and Hostility Research Group has also recently received a number of prestigious research grants.

The Group was awarded nearly €10,000 by the Irish Research Council to develop a uniform online monitoring and recording instrument for hate crime. The funding is very welcome, providing as it does an opportunity to make different strands

of information comparable as well as facilitating the monitoring of data across other commonly targeted identity groups. Jennifer Scheppe and Dr Amanda Haynes were also recently awarded a prestigious funding grant from the European Union Directorate-General Justice under its Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme. The grant was made to support projects to prevent and combat racism, xenophobia and other forms of intolerance, and the project itself seeks to determine best practices for preventing hate crime.

The project partners include long term collaborators of the HHRG, the Irish Council for Civil Liberties and the University of Sussex, as well as In Iusticia from the Czech Republic, the Latvian Centre for Human Rights and Umeå Universitet from Sweden. The total funding awarded to the project was €659,950.91 with the EU funding total for UL €166,421.24.

National Forum on the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning



Professor Shane Kilcommins and Dr Kathryn O'Sullivan secured significant funding from the National Forum on the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning. The Forum sought to fund a total of seven focused sectoral research projects on key areas of interest in Irish Higher Education, with all projects relating to teaching and learning enhancement.

Dr Laura Cahillane at the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Justice, Equality and Defence



Dr Laura Cahillane was invited to address the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Justice, Equality and Defence on the topic of Judicial Appointments in the Houses of the Oireachtas, Dublin on 26th of November 2014.

Judicial Studies National Conference

Professor Shane Kilcommins was invited to speak by the Hon. Mrs. Justice Susan Denham, Chief Justice, at the Committee for Judicial Studies National Conference which was held in Dublin Castle on the 21 November. His paper was entitled "Victims of Crime in the Irish Criminal Process – the significance of the new Directive".

UL involvement in National Consultation Forum on Domestic, Sexual and Gender-based Violence

Dr Eimear Spain presented the findings of a School of Law study on the National Strategy on Domestic, Sexual and Gender-based Violence to the Minister for Justice and Equality, Frances Fitzgerald and important stakeholders. The report was presented at the National Consultation Forum and examined issues emerging from stakeholders submissions on the National Strategy on Domestic, Sexual and Gender-Based Violence 2010-2014 and was prepared by Dr. Eimear Spain, Prof. Shane Kilcommins and Ms. Sarah Gibbons. The report was funded by Cosc, the National Office for the Prevention of Domestic, Sexual and Gender-based Violence, based in the Department of Justice and Equality.

The full report can be accessed at: <http://www.cosc.ie/en/COSC/StrategyUniversityofLimerickanalysis.pdf/Files/StrategyUniversityofLimerickanalysis.pdf>.

THE APPOINTMENT OF *Dr Gerard Coffey* to Complementarity in International Criminal Law Committee



Dr Gerard Coffey was appointed to the Complementarity in International Criminal Law Committee of the International Law Association. The Committee was established to undertake research and to prepare reports on national efforts to investigate and prosecute international crimes under the rule of law.

Discussion Paper on Sexual Offences Against Vulnerable Persons

Prof. Shane Kilcommins, Dr. Susan Leahy and Dr. Eimear Spain of the Centre for Criminal Justice made an invited submission to the Minister for Justice on the Discussion Paper on Sexual Offences Against Vulnerable Persons.

Implementation Review Group of the UN Convention Against Corruption

Dr Eimear Spain of the Centre for Criminal Justice appeared before the Implementation Review Group of the UN Convention Against Corruption on September 19th to discuss criminalisation and law enforcement in the area of corruption in Ireland.





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School of Law Staff

Staff Teaching Awards



Dr. Kathryn O'Sullivan was nominated for an Excellence in Teaching Award for Large Group Teaching

Eddie Keane received a Teaching Recognition Award from the Centre for Teaching and Learning in June. Every year each first-year student at UL is requested to nominate a person in UL that has made a significant impact on their learning and adjustment to Higher Level Education during the First Seven Weeks Programme. On the basis of feedback and nominations, Eddie was chosen for the prize.

Earlier in the year, Eddie was also shortlisted for the Shannon Consortium Regional Teaching Excellence Award.



Appointments

The School of Law was delighted to welcome Dr Laura Cahillane (previously of Dublin City University and University College Cork), Dr Margaret Fitzgerald O'Reilly (previously of the University of Limerick and Dublin City University) and Dr John Lombard (previously of the University of Liverpool), who were all appointed in the past year and to congratulate Eoin Quill, Dr Una Woods and Dr Eimear Spain on their promotion to Senior Lectureships.

The School of Law was also pleased to welcome the appointment of a number of outstanding Adjunct Professors this year, including Ms. Rose Hynes, Professor William J. Murphy, The Hon.

Mr. Justice John Murray, The Hon. Mr. Justice Tom O' Donnell, The Hon. Mr. Justice Michael Reilly Dr Geoffrey Shannon and Mr. Jack Nicholas. Comprising eminent lawyers and key legal stakeholders, the appointment of our new Adjunct Professors is demonstrative, not only of the School of Law's unwavering commitment to the local Shannon Region, but also our firm commitment to the national and international practitioner and business community. We would like to welcome each of our new Adjunct Professors most warmly and look forward to further deepening our collaborations in the near future.

Staff in the Media

Our staff have contributed to debates on legal issues in the media and have appeared on programmes such as RTE's Prime Time and have written and commented in various newspapers including the Irish Examiner, the Irish Independent and the Irish Times.





Student Successes

We would like to congratulate all of our students who were awarded for outstanding achievement and who participated in many diverse activities throughout the year. While it is not possible to include details of all of our student successes, a sample is given below:

All-Ireland Conference of Undergraduate Research

The School of Law would like to congratulate two final year Law Plus students, Emma Glynn and Aileen O Sullivan on being selected to present at the All-Ireland Conference of Undergraduate Research (AICUR) which was held on April 9th at the University of Limerick. The conference, which is the only one of its type in Ireland, gives undergraduate students the opportunity to deliver presentations on the research they have undertaken during their primary degree. Emma and Aileen both presented on their research into Wills and Succession Law as part of their Advanced Lawyering module completed under the supervision of Dr Una Woods and Dr Kathryn O'Sullivan, School of Law.



Eversheds Scholarship Award

Thomas Costello was the recipient of this year's Eversheds Scholarship for the LLM in International Commercial Law. Thomas was awarded the scholarship for being the entrant to the programme with the highest undergraduate academic achievement.



UL Law Plus Students Win The Advocate For the 2nd Year Running

Congratulations to our 4th Year Law Plus students, Colin Higgins and Katie Alice Murphy who won the prestigious competition for the second time. The Advocate 2015 took place in the Four Courts on Friday 27th of March 2015 and is run by McCann FitzGerald in association with the Courts Service and the Northern Ireland Courts and Tribunals Service.

A&L Goodbody Mooting Competition

Well done to all those who took part in the A&L Goodbody Mooting Competition on Wednesday 25th March. The Competition was organised by the UL Law Society in association with the School of Law and kindly sponsored by A&L Goodbody. Winners of the competition were Kate Dundon, Evan Sugrue and Katie Whyte, while Sean Beatty claimed the prize for runner-up. Katie Whyte (from the winning team) also took the prize for best individual speaker.



School of Law student selected for Los Angeles Summer Externship Program 2015

Third year Law Plus student Sean Beatty was chosen as this year's University of Limerick School of Law representative on the Los Angeles Federal District Court 2015 Summer Externship Program. Sean will now spend three months this summer in Los Angeles, dividing his time between the Los Angeles Superior Court and Federal Court, working in the judge's chambers and participating in the preparation of legal memorandums.

Holmes O'Malley Sexton Scholarship Prize

The Law School was delighted to host the Holmes O'Malley Sexton Solicitors scholarship prize that was awarded to Marian Dino, a fourth year Law and Accounting student, who achieved the highest QCA results in her final year. The Limerick based firm has for many years now offered a very generous award to the final year law student who begins their final year with the highest marks. A very generous prize of €2,500 was presented to Marian by Donal Creaton, a partner in the firm. The event was attended by two high court judges Mr Justice McDermott and Mr Justice Binchy, Law School staff, solicitors from Holmes, O'Malley, Sexton, and Marian's family and friends.



School of Law Students Win Scholarships to Undertake Legal Internships in China

On Thursday, 4th December the School of Law held a reception for two final year Law students who recently secured valuable and highly prestigious scholarships to undertake legal internships in China with CRCC Asia in summer 2015. Beating off stiff competition from all over Europe, with more than 400 applications received, Marian Dino (Law and Accounting) won one of only six scholarships available on CRCC Asia's 2015 European Scholarship Programme to undertake a one-month legal internship in China. Siobhán Sugrue (Law Plus) also won the inaugural and equally impressive School of Law CRCC Asia Scholarship for 2015 to the value of €2,000 to undertake a three-month legal internship in China. The success of both students in securing their place on CRCC Asia's China Internship Programme is exceptional. Each year the programme attracts in excess of 16,000 applications from students attending prestigious universities across the world and allows successful participants to gain real-world, hands-on work experience in top Chinese firms.



Students receive Special Distinction Awards at Graduation

Two of our Law graduates received Special Distinction Awards from President Don Barry at the 2015 Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences and Interfaculty graduation ceremony. Marian Dino, Law and Accounting, received a University Medal for graduating with the highest QCA (cumulative grade) across all Interfaculty Programmes in 2015. Marian is also a former recipient of the Holmes O'Malley Sexton Scholarship for entering her final year of study with the highest marks in her programme and winner of one of only six scholarships available on CRCC Asia's 2015 European Scholarship Programme to undertake a legal work placement in Shenzhen, China.

Fellow Law and Accounting graduate Jay Curley also received the Cooperative Education Award 2015 for his work placement as a Legal Intern with Lynch & Kelly Ltd., Los Angeles, California, USA. These awards are a testament to the hard work and dedication of both Marian and Jay and we wish them all the very best with their future careers.



UL Law Society Events 2014/15

The Law Society had a very busy year with many events, seminars and competitions. A selection of events is included below:

1. The year began on a flying note on the 10th of September at the recruitment drive where old and new members of UL signed up to the Law Society for 5euro. This allowed law students to attend and bring a plus one to the law ball which was to follow later this year.
2. The month continued to encouraging new UL Law students to participate in the society. On the 24th of September the Law Society held its annual EGM to elect 2 first year reps, a 4th year rep and 2 masters reps. The peer mentoring scheme also took place. 1st year students were assigned buddies from 2nd year, to guide them through the tricky and confusing first few weeks of college.
3. On Tuesday the 7th of October the Law held a Tax Seminar in conjunction with the Irish Tax Institute in Plassey House at 1:30pm. Speakers included Ray Friel, Dr Sheila Killian, Pat McInerney, Colm Browne. It was great to see the Tax Seminar featured in the Irish Tax Institute's magazine 'Irish Tax Review'.
4. On the 12th of November The UL Law Society hosted a seminar on the Regulation of the Legal Professions in Ireland on Wednesday the 12th November in Plassey House. This event was kindly sponsored by Arthur Cox. There was a brilliant turnout of both students and practitioners and some great presentations from Dr David McFadden and David Barniville.



5. On the 4th of February an Arthur Cox Summer Intern Programme workshop was held by Arthur Cox & Arthur Cox Trainee Programme at 2pm in the Millstream Common room.



6 & 7: UL Law Society's annual Law Ball was held in the Strand hotel on the 21st of February. There was an amazing turnout and the night was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. Pictured are UL's Law Society of 2014/15 as well as the organisers of the event Neil Moran and Tomás De Bláca.

8 & 9: The Law Society held the 2nd Annual A&L Goodbody Internal Moot Court Competition. The Competition ran as a one-day event this year and was held on the 25th March in UL. The competition is open to all undergraduate students and postgraduate students in law. Congratulations to the winners - Katie Whyte, Kate Dundon and Eva Sugrue and to the runner up Sean Beatty. A great display of mooting by all.

10 & 11: The law society were invited to compete against Cambridge Law school in a moot court competition on Monday 9th March in Cambridge University. Katie Alice Murphy and Colin Higgins represented UL.



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Our PhD Community

We have a vibrant PhD community in the School of Law comprising 22 researchers working on many different areas of law. Many of our researchers are funded by scholarships from the School of Law, the Faculty of Arts Humanities and Social Sciences and by the Irish Research Council. Meet one of our researchers below:



PhD Profile: Hope Davidson

Hope Davidson was awarded a BA in History from TCD in 1992, and was admitted to the Roll of Solicitors in 1996. She practiced in Dublin for ten years in the defence of claims against hospitals, in public liability, employer liability and clinical negligence. She has more recently tutored for the Law Faculty and the Nursing and Midwifery Faculty in UL and for the Law Society of Ireland. She was accredited as a Mediator in 2009 and has sat for a number of years on the Mental Health Tribunals. She completed a Masters in Health and Care Law in UCC in 2014 for which achieved First Class Honours, her minor thesis was on the reform of the law

in relation to voluntary psychiatric patients. She is continuing her research in the area of healthcare decision-making and incapacity in UL under the supervision of Dr Eimear Spain and Jennifer Schweppe and her PhD thesis is entitled 'Decision-making in dementia care: autonomy, capacity and the doctrine of informed consent.' She is in receipt of a departmental research scholarship for her research which she will be presenting at the Alzheimer's Europe Annual Conference in Slovenia in September. Her other research interests include human rights, medical ethics, mental health law, and alternative dispute resolution.

Congrats
to those
who
graduated
this year:

Drs Kate Doran,
Katie Boyle and
Shaun Elder





Curriculum Development

New Garda Training Programme

Law School at the University of Limerick is now accrediting the new Garda training programme. This is novel for a criminal justice agency to engage in collaboration of this kind, though it is very much in keeping with national strategy for higher education which calls on universities to engage more widely with business, industry, training colleges and communities. In accrediting the programme with the University of Limerick, the Gardaí have opened the training programme up to continuous scrutiny from the governance structure of the university including accreditation visits, examination boards, quality assurance boards, external examiner reports, academic regulations, and reviews. The new training embeds human rights and ethical policing as a core programme outcome. It ensures that ethics, human rights, values and community are considered in the management of all policing situations, and it seeks to provide a continuity of learning around these issues from problem based learning in the Garda College to work based learning in the Garda divisions.

This new programme represents another layer in what has been a long history of police training in Ireland. It is supported by a very high standard of recruit; almost 24,000 candidates applied for the first 100 places.

Postgraduate Diploma in Serious Crime Investigation

The Law School will also accredit a new Postgraduate Diploma in Serious Crime Investigation which will be offered by the Garda College in Templemore. The 60 credit ECTS programme is delivered through a blended learning format incorporating on-campus lectures, crime scene management and control simulations, mentoring and support, a reflective practice portfolio, and a capstone on-campus module to demonstrate that the student has attained the required competencies.

BA Criminal Justice

The School of Law has recently launched a new degree programme. The BA Criminal Justice is a new inter-disciplinary programme which aims to provide students with a thorough understanding of the criminal justice system from a number of different perspectives, thereby preparing them for careers in policing, the prison service, security or related public sector positions, as well as journalism and non-governmental organisations. The programme draws primarily from the disciplines of Law, Sociology, Politics and Public Administration but also includes modules from Management, Personnel Management and Psychology. Given the number of contributing departments, the programme will offer the most relevant modules to students and there are ample opportunities for the growth and development of the curriculum to reflect changing trends and practices within the criminal justice system. The inter-disciplinary nature of the programme ensures that it will at all times represent a State-of-the-Art education experience for students. The programme will commence in September 2016.





International Links

The School of Law has made exciting new links with various universities abroad this year including the University of Warsaw, Sichuan University, Dartmouth School of Law at the University of Massachusetts and the University of Texas.

ERASMUS Partnership University of Warsaw



The School of Law has just established a new Erasmus partnership with the Law Faculty at the University of Warsaw, following a visit there in October by Dr Andrea Ryan (School of Law) and Dr Patricia O'Flaherty (International Education Division). The University of Warsaw is extremely prestigious, considered the best in Poland, with a strong vibrant Law School. The new partnership will provide excellent opportunities to our students to study law through English language in Poland, and opportunities for teaching mobility to School of Law staff. University of Warsaw will celebrate its 200th year anniversary in 2016, the year that will also mark the first student exchanges between our universities.

New Link between School of Law and Sichuan University, China

The School of Law was delighted to recently welcome a number of delegates from Sichuan University, China to the University of Limerick. The delegates, including Mr Yan Shijing (Vice President) and Mr Guan Ping (Vice Dean, International Office), met with UL representatives including Professor Paul McCutcheon (Vice President Academic and Registrar) and Professor Shane Kilcommins (School of Law) during their stay.

The University of Limerick and Sichuan University signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) to formally launch collaborative programmes between the two universities. In particular, the MOU will see the introduction of a new articulation

programme in law, the 3+1. This new 3+1 programme, which is specific to the School of Law at UL, will allow students from Sichuan University to transfer to UL for their undergraduate/postgraduate study. The new agreement encourages student exchange between both institutions and the benefit of the collaboration will be seen as early as this summer with 10 UL School of Law students travelling to China to attend a two-week International University Immersion Programme at Sichuan University. The students will be accompanied by Dr Kathryn O'Sullivan, School of Law at UL, who will teach on the programme. Sichuan University is one of China's leading universities.



New Exchange Agreement Signed with the University of Massachusetts, School of Law (Dartmouth)

The School of Law is delighted to announce the creation of a new North American Law School faculty and student exchange agreement with the University of Massachusetts, School of Law (Dartmouth). UMass Law School is located in Dartmouth, Massachusetts about an hour south of Boston and less than 30 minutes to Cape Cod. It is the only public Law School within Massachusetts. A small law school, UMass has a strong commitment to social justice combined with a curriculum oriented towards clinical legal education and engagement. The School of Law at the University of Limerick welcomes the development of this link which offers exciting opportunities for law students at UL to experience a part of their legal education within the American system and for US law students to participate with our faculty and student body in their educational programme.

New University of Texas Law School Exchange Agreement Signed

The School of Law has established a new student exchange agreement with the University of Texas Law. This link opens up exciting opportunities for law students at the University of Limerick to experience a part of their legal education within the American system and for US Law students to participate with our faculty and student body in their educational programme. The University of Texas is currently ranked 28th in the world by Times Higher Education while the University of Texas Law School, located in Austin, is a top 15 US Law School. Texas Law boasts a student-to-faculty ratio of 11-1 and its faculty cover the full spectrum of legal specialisations.



Law Students Participate in Sichuan University Immersion Programme, China

This summer 10 of our undergraduate and postgraduate law students, along with Dr Kathryn O'Sullivan, travelled to the prestigious Sichuan University in China to participate in the University's highly respected University Immersion Programme 2015. This year saw 400+ international students from around the world partake in the UIP and attend classes delivered in English by over 170 international faculty from approximately 90 different countries.

The 10 students who travelled from the School of Law (supported by generous scholarships awarded by both the University of Limerick and Sichuan University) each successfully completed two law courses during their two week stay. In addition, students were invited to participate in a number of competitions. Mary Tumelty (PhD candidate in Law) and Anna Duggan (2nd year Law Plus) produced an excellent presentation on their project entitled 'Case Study: An analysis of the psychological effects of wrongful

imprisonment' and won the top awards for 'Best Originality and Presentation' and 'Best Academic Performance', receiving high praise from the judging panel.

Three UL students – Neasa Peters (Graduate Entry Law), Alan McCabe (2nd year Law Plus) and Adam Corbett (4th year Law and Accounting) – also partook in the UIP Debating Competition. The students were paired with fellow students from Sichuan University and the National University of Singapore to argue stated motions which centred on the global free movement of labour and European Union membership. Again the students performed outstandingly with Neasa Peters (UL) and Veronica Adele Cijian (National University of Singapore) proving a winning team. Three further UL School of Law students – Róisín Cahill (4th year Law Plus), Nicola Hackett (4th year Law Plus) and Bláthín O'Shea (2nd year Law Plus) – made excellent presentations on Ireland and the University of Limerick at a Sharing Session attended by a range of

international students from Europe, North America and Asia.

Over the course of the two week programme, the students enjoyed a deep immersion in Chinese history and culture. They visited a range of sites in Chengdu such as the Giant Panda Breeding Centre, the Jinsha Museum and the Wenshu Monastery; travelled to see the Giant Buddha located at the UNESCO World Heritage Site at Leshan; climbed Qingcheng Mountain; enjoyed Chinese Tea ceremonies and the Sichuan Opera; and sampled local cuisine including the famous Sichuan Hot Pot.

The trip was a resounding success and builds on the School of Law's commitment to further strengthening our international ties with our partner institutions around the world, providing our students with the best possible opportunities to gain an international education experience during their studies at the School of Law in the University of Limerick.





Engagement with the Community & External Stakeholders

Law for A Day

The School of Law ran two very successful 'Law for a Day' events with just under 80 Senior Cycle students in attendance. On the 7th and 9th of April, students from all over Munster and beyond attended a series of workshops and lectures, which allowed them to experience a day in the life of a law student. The students were assisted throughout the day by Student Ambassadors from 1st to 4th Year. The students thoroughly enjoyed the mooted scenario and sample lectures. It is hoped to run this initiative again next year.

Community Law Programme 2015

The School of Law hosted a Community Law Programme in conjunction with the UL Access Office. The course ran for five Fridays from 27th of February to 27th of March. The seminars consisted of a theoretical discussion with two of the seminars being followed by a practical discussion. The Community Law Programme was a resounding success and on the 27th of March the participants were presented with their certificates.

Secondary School Essay Competition

On Tuesday the 7th of April the School of Law hosted a prize giving event for the winners of the Secondary School Essay Competition. Congratulations to Caoimhe Mulhall (Borrisokane Community College), Sarah Molloy (Presentation College Athenry), John Ahern (Hazelwood College Dromcollogher), Michelle Sheahan (Laurel Hill Coláiste) and Mary Curtin (Coláiste Ide agus Iosef, Abbeyfeale).



Guidance Counsellors

On Tuesday November 18th a Continuing Professional Development day was held in University of Limerick in conjunction with the Mid West Branch of the Institute of Guidance Counsellors. The morning session was devoted to papers given by members of the School of Law and the afternoon session was hosted by the Psychology Department at UL.

The School of Law contribution began with a presentation by Prof. Shane Kilcommins on Privilege, followed by a presentation by Dr Susan Leahy on Third Party Disclosure and concluding with a presentation by Dr Andrea Ryan on Mandatory Reporting. All three presentations provoked a lively debate.

Dr Andrea Ryan is currently assisting the Institute of Guidance Counsellors in developing their application to the Department of Justice to be given the status of 'prescribed organisation' for the purposes of the Act. This follows a request by the IGC for such assistance as a result of the CPD event.

The Revenue Commissioners

The Law School continues to provide courses in Commercial and Company Law to the staff of the Revenue Commissioners. Having been awarded several competitive tenders continuously since 2006, hundreds of staff in Revenue have taken these courses and most faculty at the School have had the opportunity to teach them.

Delivered off campus at locations chosen by the Revenue Commissioners, participants include not only personnel taking the Diploma or BA in Applied Taxation at UL, but also those simply undertaking in-service training. Although the courses are delivered intensively over 2 or 4 days, both students and faculty benefit from the enhanced level of interaction which naturally arises where there is an intersection of academic discourse

with practical experience. As such it remains consistent with the ethos of the School which seeks engagement with a wide variety of stakeholders providing mutual benefit.

Ray Friel, as academic director of the programme, points out that "it provides a unique opportunity for our faculty to understand the reality of commercial and company law principles from the very unique perspective of those involved in revenue collection for the State. And who knew tax collectors could be so interesting and fun to deal with!"

Sinead Eaton is in charge of liaising with the Revenue in the very demanding task of matching the training needs of the Revenue with the equally strong competing demands of full time faculty at the School.



IP Law café

In August, the Law School announced the launch of the IP Law Café, a unique concept bringing together a wide range of individuals from a variety of disciplines, including business people, engineers, scientists, lawyers, accountants, HR and tax personnel among others. The Café is a comprehensive series of events tackling Intellectual Property (IP) issues, patent protection and international trademark issues among other topics in this rapidly changing area.

The free 13-part workshop and networking series began in September 2015 and will run until December 2016 with speakers from Arthur Cox, the Patent Office, University of New Hampshire, University of Maine, William Fry Solicitors, Tomkins IP and the University of Limerick. The series has been organised by Raymond Friel, Directors of the International Commercial and Economic Law Research Group, University of Limerick.



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