



ADVANCED ELECTIVES BROCHURE 2026



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Introduction

You are welcome to the advanced elective component of your training. You must complete four or more advanced electives as part of your overall training. Advanced electives can be completed at any point during your traineeship, including during the in-office training period. A programme of advanced electives will be provided by the Law School at the Law Society of Ireland, and some will be co-provided. External advanced electives will also be accredited by the Law Society. Representation of the Law School in a Moot Court or Skills Competition at international level is also considered to be the equivalent of an advanced elective.

You are welcome to register for and attend as many advanced electives as you wish but you must complete at least four.

Law School Advanced Electives 2026

This booklet sets out the advanced electives to be provided by the Law School at the Law Society of Ireland in 2026. Our commitment, as always, is to enhance the skills and career opportunities of trainee solicitors. We strive to do this by providing a diverse range of advanced electives that cover core areas for every solicitor's practice, together with more niche, innovative topics, including topics outside the strictly legal domain.

Law School advanced electives will be offered following the completion of the compulsory element of the Professional Practice Course (PPC), commencing on 27 April 2026 and running until end June 2026.

Micro-credentials leading to a Certificate in Advanced Legal Practice/ Diploma in Advanced Legal Practice

Each Law Society advanced elective will result in the award of a certified micro-credential. These micro-credentials will count towards a broader award of a Certificate or Diploma. For example, a trainee who successfully completes two advanced electives with the Law School, and as such has attained two micro-credentials, will be awarded an **Advanced Certificate in Legal Practice**. Trainees that successfully complete four advanced electives with the Law School, and as such having attained four micro-credentials, will be awarded an **Advanced Diploma in Legal Practice**. Such micro-credentials only apply to Law School advanced electives.

Furthermore, such micro-credentials may also provide prior credit towards a Diploma in a specific area of practice. A discount of 15% will apply if a trainee progresses from a Law School advanced elective to a Diploma course in the same subject area offered by the Society's Diploma Centre. This discount applies for up to two years after the completion of the

advanced elective. Further details of the relevant advanced electives and related Diplomas to which the discount applies are provided within the brochure.

Credit applications for advanced electives

You can be exempted from one or more advanced electives if you complete a course of academic study during your training period. Any course of legal education at Diploma or Masters level offered by an Irish University or by the Law Society will be recognised. Certain other courses are also recognised, such as the Institute of Tax examinations (level 2 or above). Applications for such credit must be made with a certified copy of proof of successful completion of the relevant course.

Trainees may also seek to claim elective credit for other activities, such as participation in the public legal education initiative or an access to justice project. If you are seeking to rely on such an activity for the purposes of advanced elective credit, please contact the PPC Team at advancedelectives@LawSociety.ie in advance to discuss the possibility of attaining advanced elective credit for such an activity.

When will I be expected to return to the office?

This depends on how you choose to complete your advanced electives and should be agreed between you and your firm. For example, if you choose to complete all four advanced electives with the Law Society in May/June 2026, then the expectation is that you would remain full-time with the Law School during that period and up until **the last teaching day** of those advanced electives. Alternatively, if you choose to only complete one or two advanced electives as part of the Law School's 2026 offering, then it may be that you agree with your firm that you will return to the office on a part-time basis once examinations on the core-PPC have been completed. If however, you choose not to complete any advanced electives in May/June 2026, but rather to complete the advanced electives at some other time during the training period, the expectation is that you will be available to return to the office on a full-time basis once the examinations on the core-PPC have been completed.

What are the fees for the Law School advanced electives?

The fee for advanced electives undertaken with the Law Society is €730 for each course. However, trainees choosing to take multiple advanced electives with the Law Society will benefit from discounts.

Fee Structure	1 Advanced Elective	2 Advanced Elective	3 Advanced Elective	4 Advanced Elective	Any further AE
Advanced Elective Fee (€730 each)	€730	€1,425	€2,075	€2,675	€670
Discount		€35	€115	€245	€60
Percentage Discount		2%	5%	8%	8%

How do I choose my advanced electives?

You will be required to access the advanced elective application form on the Hub. You will be required to make your selections by mid-February 2026, with payments due by end-March 2026. There will be a minimum requirement of 40 trainees for any advanced elective to run. This is to ensure an optimum learning experience and appropriate community of practice within the group.

When does my period of in-office training commence?

The in-office training period commences 14 days after the last exam on the core curriculum of the PPC and this is regardless of how you choose to complete the advanced elective component of your training.

Therefore, for example, even if you elect to complete all four advanced electives with the Law Society in May/ June 2026 and hence remain full-time in the Law School for that period, your period of in-office training will still commence 14 days after the last exam on the core PPC.

Attendance policy

Law School advanced electives are interactive, with lectures and tutorials/workshops designed to build on knowledge gained in previous sessions, thus providing a scaffolding learning experience. As such, those who miss teaching sessions will be at a serious disadvantage. This attendance policy applies to all Law School advanced electives and covers attendance requirements for both tutorials/workshops and lectures.

Lecture attendance

Trainees are required to attend all 'live' lectures including mixed mode lectures where trainees can attend the live lecture either onsite in the Lecture Theatre, or online via the live Panopto webcast. Trainees are also required to review any pre-recorded lectures in advance of the relevant tutorials/workshops.

Tutorial/workshop attendance

It is essential that all trainees fully prepare for and attend all tutorials/workshops as their effectiveness depends on the full participation of all trainees. Attendance at tutorials/workshops is accordingly compulsory and will be closely monitored, with at least 80% tutorial/workshop attendance required for each advanced elective. It is important that trainees are punctual when attending tutorials/workshops. Trainees are advised to arrive at their assigned tutorial/workshop location five minutes in advance of the scheduled commencement time. Trainees who are significantly late arriving for a tutorial/workshop will be recorded as absent.

If a trainee's attendance at tutorials/workshop falls below 50% for an advanced elective, then the trainee will not be eligible to take the assessment for that advanced elective and will be required to re-attend the entirety of the advanced elective on a subsequent PPC or else complete an alternative advanced elective. The trainee must discharge the fees for such reattendance.

In all other cases (i.e. where the trainee attends between 50 - 80 % of an advanced elective), failure to meet the requirements for tutorial/workshop attendance will have the following consequences:

- the trainee will be required to complete a series of exercises and produce a portfolio of this work within a specified timeframe ('completion work'), to reflect the work they have missed and to meet the tutorial/workshop attendance requirements.
- The trainee will not be eligible to be declared to have passed the advanced elective until they have satisfactorily completed such outstanding completion work. Please note that this applies even where the trainee has passed the assessment/ examination in the relevant advanced elective.

These tutorial/workshop attendance requirements apply regardless of the circumstances surrounding a trainee's absenteeism. It is the responsibility of each trainee to ensure that their attendance is recorded on each occasion.

At the conclusion of each advanced elective, the Head of the PPC, in consultation with the relevant Course Leaders, will undertake a tutorial/workshop attendance review to determine whether each trainee has met the attendance requirements for each advanced elective.

All tutorial/workshop absences should be notified as soon as possible to ppcattendance@lawsociety.ie. Absences cannot be excused, but where trainees are absent for reasons such as certified illness, this may be considered in borderline cases (i.e. where the trainee's attendance is close to either the 50% or 80% point).

Course Specific Requirements

In addition to this general attendance policy, some advanced electives may have specific compulsory attendance requirements for certain sessions. Relevant Course Leaders will advise you of those specific attendance requirements during the course delivery.

Online Lectures & Tutorials

For online sessions, there is an expectation that trainees have their camera turned on. This is to facilitate online interactions and to ensure that a real 'community of practice' emerges in the online setting.

AVIATION LEASING AND FINANCE



DATES: 30 April to 28 May 2026



COURSE LEADER: Claire O'Mahony
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ASSESSMENT METHOD: Assessment by way of continuous assessment (20%) and letter of advice to a client that will cover key areas of the course (80%).

- Analyse the key legal issues pertaining to the sale and leasing of aircraft.
- Assess the finance structures involved, understand how to finance an aviation transaction, and the funding available.
- Explain the key regulatory issues pertaining to aviation.
- Discuss the legal issues relating to key aviation matters such as engines, maintenance reserves, security, taxation, insurance, records, and repossession.
- Recognise the key legal and financial documents as well as structures in aviation leasing and finance transactions.
- Understand the career pathways in the aviation industry.

Programme overview

Ireland is internationally recognised as the global hub for aviation leasing and finance, with 14 of the top 15 global aircraft lessors enjoying a presence here. More than 60% of the world's fleet of leased aircraft is owned, leased, or managed in Ireland. The major industry players have been attracted by Ireland's stable political regime, membership of the EU, favourable time zone, and talented workforce – not to mention our legal and regulatory advantages. In addition, Ireland's network of over 70 double tax treaties, combined with the absence of withholding tax on aircraft lease rentals and a corporate tax rate of 12.5%, makes Ireland a commercially attractive place to set up and run an aircraft leasing company.

This advanced elective introduces the legal issues pertaining to the aviation leasing and finance industry. It provides coverage on the core legal and practical issues that parties typically encounter in aircraft leasing and finance transactions. It delivers a solid introduction to the regulatory environment and technical issues. It will also examine the impact of global events on the aviation sector (e.g. Covid-19, the war in Ukraine and in the Middle East), as well as career pathways in the aviation industry.

Programme structure, content and approach to learning

This advanced elective will provide lectures with accompanying presentations and a range of academic resources. The programme will feature a number of expert-led interactive practical workshops where trainees will consolidate their knowledge. Trainees will be in small working groups to facilitate collaboration. The teaching faculty will consist of lawyers from private law firms and aviation leasing companies. Following the successful completion of the advanced elective, trainees may wish to pursue the Diploma in Aviation Leasing & Finance offered by the Diploma Centre. A 15% discount will apply if the Diploma is commenced within the relevant time frame.

Learning outcomes

On completion of this advanced elective, participants will be able to:



Aviation Leasing and Finance

Date	From	To	Description	Format
30/04/2026	09:15	09:30	Initiation Session & Lec 01 - Aviation Leasing and Finance	Mixed Mode
30/04/2026	09:30	10:30	Lec 02 - Aviation Leasing and Finance	Mixed Mode
30/04/2026	10:30	11:30	Lec 03 - Aviation Leasing and Finance	Mixed Mode
30/04/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 04 - Aviation Leasing and Finance	eLecture Release
30/04/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 05 - Aviation Leasing and Finance	eLecture Release
05/05/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 06 - Aviation Leasing and Finance	eLecture Release
05/05/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 07 - Aviation Leasing and Finance	eLecture Release
06/05/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 08 - Aviation Leasing and Finance	eLecture Release
06/05/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 09 - Aviation Leasing and Finance	eLecture Release
12/05/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 10 - Aviation Leasing and Finance	eLecture Release
12/05/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 11 - Aviation Leasing and Finance	eLecture Release
12/05/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 12 - Aviation Leasing and Finance	eLecture Release
12/05/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 13 - Aviation Leasing and Finance	eLecture Release
21/05/2026	14:30	15:30	WK/Shop 01 - Aviation Leasing and Finance	Onsite
21/05/2026	15:30	16:30	WK/Shop 02 - Aviation Leasing and Finance	Onsite
21/05/2026	16:00	17:00	Assignment Release	Online
21/05/2026	16:30	17:30	WK/Shop 03 - Aviation Leasing and Finance	Onsite
21/05/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 14 - Aviation Leasing and Finance	eLecture Release
21/05/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 15 - Aviation Leasing and Finance	eLecture Release
28/05/2026	12:00	13:00	WK/Shop 04 - Aviation Leasing and Finance	Onsite
28/05/2026	13:00	14:00	WK/Shop 05 - Aviation Leasing and Finance	Onsite
28/05/2026	14:00	14:45	Career Discussion	Onsite
16/06/2026	15:00	16:00	Assignment Submission Deadline	Online

BANKING AND FINANCE



DATES: 07 May to 04 June 2026



COURSE LEADER: Joanne Cox
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ASSESSMENT METHOD: Participation workshop (20%) and a drafting exercise in the form of a letter of advice (80%)

Programme overview

Advising on the financing of corporate transactions and understanding the legal and regulatory parameters applicable to banking and finance is a key part of the practice of any firm undertaking corporate, banking, and finance work. This advanced elective will help trainees develop a practical and in-depth understanding of the key steps, clauses, documentation, and central issues involved in the financing of transactions in the corporate world, including loan documentation, security documentation, guarantees, legal opinions, financial assistance, as well as transactions with directors and connected persons. The steps, documentation, and substantive law involved in a transaction of this nature remain the same irrespective of the size of the deal. This elective is therefore relevant to trainees from all types of firms who have an interest in banking and finance law.

Programme structure, content and approach to learning

The advanced elective will be taught in a way that is realistic and relevant, with an emphasis placed on experiential learning. Trainees will focus on transaction and problem-based exercises which will reflect/mimic the real-life tasks that practitioners

would undertake in this field. The trainees will engage in role plays, presentations, and drafting exercises which will incorporate peer-to-peer learning and tutor feedback. This integrated approach to learning is designed to better equip trainees for the in-office training period and to ensure a smoother transition into practice.

Learning outcomes

The course is designed to equip trainees with the necessary legal skills to undertake and advise clients on banking and finance transactions. A strong emphasis will be placed on the role of a trainee/newly-qualified solicitor in these scenarios. By the end of this advanced elective, trainees will be able to:

- Explain the distinction between a facility letter and a loan agreement.
- Discuss different types of loans and key clauses in a loan agreement.
- Demonstrate an understanding of different types of finance.
- Describe different forms of security.
- Discuss the effect of acceleration and enforcement provisions.
- Outline mortgagee's rights and powers and receiver's rights and powers.
- Demonstrate an understanding of what a guarantee is.
- Assess restrictions on transactions set out in sections 82, 238, and 239 of the Companies Act 2014.
- Determine necessary post-completion requirements for a secured lending transaction.
- Identify law and regulations relevant to consumer and SME lending.
- Discuss the banking authorisation process in Ireland.
- Outline the steps in a security review and understand and discuss basic restructuring options.
- Describe the key features and documents in an asset finance and a project finance transaction.



Banking and Finance Law

Date	From	To	Description	Format
07/05/2026	10:30	11:00	Initiation Session - Banking and Finance	Onsite
07/05/2026	11:00	12:00	Lec 01 - Banking and Finance	Onsite
07/05/2026	12:15	13:15	Lec 02 - Banking and Finance	Onsite
07/05/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 03 - Banking and Finance	eLecture Release
07/05/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 04 - Banking and Finance	eLecture Release
07/05/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 05 - Banking and Finance	eLecture Release
07/05/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 06 - Banking and Finance	eLecture Release
07/05/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 07 - Banking and Finance	eLecture Release
07/05/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 08 - Banking and Finance	eLecture Release
07/05/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 09 - Banking and Finance	eLecture Release
07/05/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 10 - Banking and Finance	eLecture Release
07/05/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 11 - Banking and Finance	eLecture Release
07/05/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 12 - Banking and Finance	eLecture Release
21/05/2026	09:15	10:45	Tut 01 - Banking and Finance	Onsite
21/05/2026	11:00	12:30	Tut 02 - Banking and Finance	Onsite
28/05/2026	09:00	10:30	Tut 03 - Banking and Finance	Online
28/05/2026	10:45	11:45	Tut 04 - Banking and Finance	Online
04/06/2026	09:15	10:45	Tut 05 - Banking and Finance	Onsite
04/06/2026	11:00	12:00	Tut 06 - Banking and Finance	Onsite
04/06/2026	16:00	17:00	Assignment Release	Online
18/06/2026	15:00	16:00	Assignment Submission Deadline	Online



BEYOND THE BRIEF: DRIVING PURPOSE, PERFORMANCE AND PROFITABILITY



DATES:

27 April to 27 May 2026



COURSE LEADER:

Amanda Zahringer, Former Law Firm Partner | Dual Qualified Solicitor (NP) | International Keynote Speaker | Executive Mentor & Coach | Non-Executive Board Director



ASSESSMENT METHOD:

Participants' progress will be evaluated through their active, ongoing engagement and completion of a personalised action plan. Completion of all modules is required to meet the assessment criteria.

Programme overview

This innovative programme is designed to equip trainees with essential business and client-focused skills that underpin exceptional performance in the legal profession. By integrating advanced business insights with critical legal skills, participants will gain a thorough understanding of **law firm economics**, **client service**, and **business development strategies**. These core competencies are vital for immediate career impact and for cultivating future leaders who can drive sustainable growth and client satisfaction. The programme ensures that trainees are fully prepared to excel within their firms and throughout their careers.

Note: places are strictly limited to 25 participants on this advanced elective to ensure an interactive, exceptional learning experience.

Ideal for trainees who want to strengthen their commercial awareness, accelerate confidence and stand out from day 1.

"The most practical and confidence building elective I have taken. Every trainee should do this." - 2025 participant

Programme structure, content and approach to learning

The course is led by Amanda Zahringer, a highly regarded Non-Executive Director with over 25 years of international experience in corporate law and executive management. As a former partner at major law firms in London, Madrid, and Dublin, Amanda has led high-stakes transactions and strategic initiatives as General Counsel and Executive Director for top global financial institutions. Her expertise spans board governance, business strategy, fintech, and risk management, positioning her as a leading authority in the field.

The programme is delivered through a dynamic combination of live online lectures, interactive workshops, and peer-to-peer discussions to ensure practical application of key business and legal skills. Trainees engage in hands-on exercises, group discussions, and pre-course readings to maximise workshop effectiveness.

To personalise learning, each participant develops an individual action plan focused on a specific growth area. Additionally, a virtual alumni coaching and mentoring call, scheduled post-course, will offer participants the chance to reconnect with peers, review progress, address challenges, and receive continued guidance, ensuring sustained development and practical application of skills.

This course empowers trainees to become commercially aware, impactful lawyers who excel in their roles and contribute meaningfully to the performance and success of their firms.

Learning outcomes

- **Master Law Firm Economics:** Gain a clear understanding of financial management and economic drivers essential to improving profitability and influencing critical firm decisions.
- **Enhance Client-Centric and Business Development Skills:** Develop techniques for building long term client relationships and implementing authentic business development strategies aligned with firm objectives.
- **Apply Strategic Business and Risk Management:** Integrate business strategy with legal practice, enabling participants to identify and mitigate risks while driving firm resilience and growth.
- **Take Ownership of Personalised Career Development:** Cultivate leadership skills and a proactive approach to career progression through an individually tailored plan, with practical tools to shape future success and achieve personalised professional goals.
- **Build a Lasting Professional Network:** Establish meaningful connections with peers, mentors, and industry leaders, ensuring continued growth and collaboration beyond the course.

"Amanda's legal, strategy, fintech, financial and philanthropic expertise has enabled her to have a profound social and economic impact on communities and organisations both nationally and globally" – Irish Legal News, 2024

Beyond the Brief

Date	From	To	Description	Format
27/04/2026	14:30	17:30	Practical Session Day 01 - Beyond the Brief	Onsite
27/04/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 01 - Beyond the Brief	eLecture Release
27/04/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 02 - Beyond the Brief	eLecture Release
27/04/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 03 - Beyond the Brief	eLecture Release
27/04/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 04 - Beyond the Brief	eLecture Release
27/04/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 05 - Beyond the Brief	eLecture Release
06/05/2026	11:30	13:30	Wk/Shop 01 - Beyond the Brief	Online
13/05/2026	13:15	16:15	Practical Session Day 02 - Beyond the Brief	Onsite
20/05/2026	11:45	13:15	Wk/Shop 02 - Beyond the Brief	Online
27/05/2026	16:45	19:15	Practical Session Day 03 - Beyond the Brief	Onsite

CHILD LAW



DATES: 18 May to 15 June 2026



COURSE LEADER: Cian Monahan
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ASSESSMENT METHOD: Assessment by way of a 2,500 word assignment with a problem-based scenario that will cover key areas of the course (70%) together with a reflective writing task (20%) attendance at onsite and online tutorial (10%)

Programme overview

This advanced elective will provide an overview of the key changes in legislation and the implications of same on the child law landscape in Ireland. The Children First Act has impacted a truly enormous range of organisations and individuals who deal with or have access to children, including schools, health and social care facilities, An Garda Síochána, faith-based organisations, sports and youth clubs, as well as arts and leisure organisations. This advanced elective is designed to help trainees gain an understanding of the scope and implications of the legislative requirements imposed on such organisations and individuals. Covering every aspect of child law, from the basic legal status of the child through to the various systems of alternative care, this advanced elective examines those developments from the different perspectives of those advising

the various organisations affected and those advising the child or parents.

Programme structure, content and approach to learning

This advanced elective is based on the below themes.

- Course introduction and the Children First Act: Duties of the State; international obligations; jurisdiction; case conferences; the Children First Act, 2015: to whom does it apply and in respect of what?; best practice principles; reporting abuse and standard reporting procedures; the legal status of the child under the Constitution; constitutional amendments.
- Options for care: Systems of alternative care under the Child Care Act, 1991 (as amended); foster care; placement with relatives; residential care; and children's residential centres.
- Practice, procedure, and the involvement of children in the court process: Children giving evidence; making a child party to proceedings; representing children with special needs and mental health issues; the guardian ad litem; representing the child in administrative procedures; practice and procedure in the District Court, Circuit Court, and High Court; protecting the welfare of the child in family disputes.

Learning outcomes

On completion of this course, trainees will have:

- A comprehensive understanding of the relevant constitutional and legislative structures pertaining to child law in this jurisdiction.
- A detailed knowledge of the options for care that apply and the systems of alternative care under the Child Care Act, 1991 (as amended).
- A detailed understanding of the practice and procedure issues that arise during the involvement of children in the court process.



Child Law

Date	From	To	Description	Format
18/05/2026	12:15	13:30	Initiation Session & Lec 01 - Child Law	CANCELLED
18/05/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 02 - Child Law	CANCELLED - eLecture Release
18/05/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 03 - Child Law	CANCELLED - eLecture Release
18/05/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 04 - Child Law	CANCELLED - eLecture Release
18/05/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 05 - Child Law	CANCELLED - eLecture Release
18/05/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 06 - Child Law	CANCELLED - eLecture Release
18/05/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 07 - Child Law	CANCELLED - eLecture Release
18/05/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 08 - Child Law	CANCELLED - eLecture Release
18/05/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 09 - Child Law	CANCELLED - eLecture Release
18/05/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 10 - Child Law	CANCELLED - eLecture Release
18/05/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 11 - Child Law	CANCELLED - eLecture Release
18/05/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 12 - Child Law	CANCELLED - eLecture Release
18/05/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 13 - Child Law	CANCELLED - eLecture Release
18/05/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 14 - Child Law	CANCELLED - eLecture Release
08/06/2026	13:30	15:00	Tut 01 - Child Law	CANCELLED
08/06/2026	15:15	16:45	Tut 02 - Child Law	CANCELLED
15/06/2026	13:30	15:00	Tut 03 - Child Law	CANCELLED - Online
15/06/2026	16:00	17:00	Assignment Release	CANCELLED - Online
06/07/2026	15:00	16:00	Assignment Submission Deadline	CANCELLED - Online

COMMERCIAL AND COMPLEX PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS



DATES: 30 April to 11 June 2026



COURSE LEADER: Dr Rachael Hession
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ASSESSMENT METHOD: The assessment method will consist of two elements, one oral and one written: Submit a first registration application, including the statement of title. Record and upload a short video to the Hub setting out the potential legal and physical structure of an allocated scheme

Programme overview

The aim of this programme is to equip trainees with the knowledge and skills to act in commercial and complex property transactions. The programme will be delivered against a backdrop of how to manage the increasingly complex nature of property transactions and how a conveyancer can mitigate against the inherent liability and risk in such transactions.

Programme structure, content and approach to learning

The concepts and processes covered on the core PPC will be revisited in greater depth and more complex titles and dealings will be examined. Commercial and investment property transactions, commercial leases and lending, different types of developments, and complex registered and unregistered dealings will be addressed. The programme will also examine the tax obligations of a conveyancer and insolvency issues in property transactions. A good understanding of core land law

principles is required and conveyancing or landlord and tenant law office experience is strongly recommended. Following the successful completion of the advanced elective, trainees may wish to pursue the Diploma in Commercial Property offered by the Diploma Centre. A 15% discount will apply if the Diploma is commenced within the relevant time frame.

Learning outcomes

On successful completion of this advanced elective, trainees will be able to:

- Examine and assess complex unregistered titles and complete title research.
- Appraise problems on title and recommend possible solutions.
- Draft a first registration application including the statement of title.
- Lodge applications to the Land Registry.
- Address property issues that arise in an insolvency.
- Assess tax issues and the conveyancer's obligations in relation to tax.
- Explain the life cycle of a commercial property transaction.
- Advise a developer on an appropriate legal and physical structure for a scheme of development.
- Demonstrate an awareness of the types of legal issues arising for different types of developments e.g. apartments, multi-unit, mixed use, and new developments.
- Advise, in general terms, in relation to legal issues on site purchase, development, and management of schemes of development.
- Demonstrate an awareness of issues which may arise in commercial drafting, including drafting the contract for sale in a commercial property transaction.
- Evaluate a draft lease from the point of view of either a landlord or a tenant and appraise the impact of various clauses on either a landlord or a tenant.
- Explain issues arising when acting for companies and in commercial lending transactions.
- Illustrate an awareness of issues that arise in dealing with rural and agricultural land



Commercial and Complex Property Transactions

Date	From	To	Description	Format
30/04/2026	11:45	12:15	Initiation session & Intro Lecture - CCPT	Zoom LIVE
30/04/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 01 - CCPT	eLecture Release
30/04/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 02 - CCPT	eLecture Release
30/04/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 03 - CCPT	eLecture Release
30/04/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 04 - CCPT	eLecture Release
30/04/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 05 - CCPT	eLecture Release
30/04/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 06 - CCPT	eLecture Release
07/05/2026	14:45	16:15	Panel Discussion / Q&A - Part 01 (Wk/Shop attendance status)	Onsite
07/05/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 07 - CCPT	eLecture Release
07/05/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 08 - CCPT	eLecture Release
07/05/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 09 - CCPT	eLecture Release
07/05/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 10 - CCPT	eLecture Release
07/05/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 11 - CCPT	eLecture Release
07/05/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 12 - CCPT	eLecture Release
21/05/2026	12:45	14:15	Panel Discussion / Q&A - Part 02 (Wk/Shop attendance status)	Onsite
11/06/2026	09:30	11:00	Wk/Shop 01 - CCPT	Onsite
11/06/2026	12:00	13:30	Wk/Shop 02 - CCPT	Onsite
11/06/2026	16:00	17:00	Assignment Release	Online
02/07/2026	15:00	16:00	Assignment Submission Deadline	Online

COMMERCIAL CONTRACTS



DATES: 01 May to 29 May 2026



COURSE LEADER: Geraldine Rafferty
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ASSESSMENT METHOD: Assessment by way of a 2,500-word assignment with a problem-based scenario that will cover all key areas of the course.

Programme overview

This course provides an understanding of the fundamental competencies required by the commercial lawyer when drafting, reviewing, and negotiating commercial agreements. It includes guidance on the structure and format of commercial contracts and emphasises the importance of using clear and concise language when drafting such agreements.

Experienced practitioners provide drafting tips and best practice recommendations on how to ensure that a commercial contract provides legal and commercial certainty.

The course begins with general drafting advice, examining standard boilerplate provisions, before considering issues pertinent to specific practice areas in more depth, such as technology, IP, software, and consumer agreements, while also covering the important area of public procurement.

Programme structure, content and approach to learning

This advanced elective will provide lectures with accompanying presentations and a range of academic resources. The programme will feature a number of expert-led, interactive, practical workshops where trainees will consolidate their

knowledge. The teaching faculty will consist of industry experts in the public and private spheres.

This course will be delivered through blended learning, incorporating both online and in-person lectures and workshops, offering flexibility with the opportunity to interact with fellow trainees and lecturers. Delivery is by way of a series of live lectures, online releases and interactive workshops, which incorporate discussions, group work sessions, and case studies.

Learning outcomes

On successful completion of this advanced elective, trainees will be able to:

- Review commercial contracts and provide guidance on specific sections therein.
- Draft, structure, and advise on a wide array of commercial contracts across numerous industry sectors.
- Adapt and amend commercial contracts in order to tailor them to a client's specifications.
- Recognise potential loop-holes or risks in a contract.
- Examine relevant boilerplate clauses in a contract and explain their implications.



Commercial Contracts

Date	From	To	Description	Format
01/05/2026	10:45	12:00	Initiation Session & Lec 01 - Commercial Contracts	Mixed Mode
01/05/2026	12:15	13:15	Lec 02 - Commercial Contracts	Mixed Mode
01/05/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 03 - Commercial Contracts	eLecture Release
01/05/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 04 - Commercial Contracts	eLecture Release
08/05/2026	09:15	10:15	Lec 05 - Commercial Contracts	Zoom LIVE
08/05/2026	10:30	11:30	Lec 06 - Commercial Contracts	Zoom LIVE
08/05/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 07 - Commercial Contracts	eLecture Release
08/05/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 08 - Commercial Contracts	eLecture Release
15/05/2026	09:15	10:15	Lec 09 - Commercial Contracts	Zoom LIVE
15/05/2026	10:30	11:30	Lec 10- Commercial Contracts	Zoom LIVE
15/05/2026	16:00	17:00	Assignment Release	Online
15/05/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 11 - Commercial Contracts	eLecture Release
15/05/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 12 - Commercial Contracts	eLecture Release
22/05/2026	09:15	10:15	WK/Shop 01 - Commercial Contracts	Onsite
22/05/2026	10:15	11:15	WK/Shop 02 - Commercial Contracts	Onsite
22/05/2026	11:15	12:15	WK/Shop 03 - Commercial Contracts	Onsite
29/05/2026	13:30	14:30	WK/Shop 04 - Commercial Contracts	Onsite
29/05/2026	14:30	15:30	WK/Shop 05 - Commercial Contracts	Onsite
29/05/2026	15:30	16:30	WK/Shop 06 - Commercial Contracts	Onsite
12/06/2026	15:00	16:00	Assignment Submission Deadline	Online

CONSTRUCTION LAW



DATES: 22 May to 24 June 2026



COURSE LEADER: Sarah McCarthy
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ASSESSMENT METHOD: Assessment by way of continuous assessment, participation in workshops and a drafting exercise.

Programme overview

This advanced elective aims to develop knowledge, practical skills, and competencies in the area of construction law, including project finance and project security. Construction law is an area of growth and change as the industry adapts to the consequences of the pandemic, construction cost inflation, changes to the insurance market, new case law and regulatory change.

Programme structure, content and approach to learning

This advanced elective is delivered through a blend of online on-demand lectures, case studies and practical, in-person, interactive workshops with leading experts. Preparation will be required prior to the workshops. All case studies and materials are available on the Hub.

The course comprises eleven modules. The modules are:

- Review of law of obligations part one – contract law.
- Review of law of obligations part two – tort case law.
- Typical construction project procurement/standard form contracts.
- Overview of the RIAI Building Agreement.
- Defects.
- Statutory requirements: duties and obligations.
- Development finance and project security.
- Dispute resolution: mediation, conciliation, and arbitration.
- Dispute resolution: the Construction Contracts Act 2013 and adjudication.
- Expert evidence and procedure.
- Construction law recent developments.

The lecturers and tutors are leading experts in their field – Martin Cooney, Partner Byrne Wallace and Mary Liz Mahony, Of Counsel, Maples Group.

Learning outcomes

On completion of this course, trainees will have:

- An understanding of the relevant law of obligations including building defects and subsequent issues.
- Knowledge and understanding of the practicalities and laws of procurement, standard form building contracts in Ireland, the key principles and typical amendments of the RIAI Building Agreement and development finance.

- An understanding of methods of dispute resolution and the Construction Contracts Act 2013.
- An awareness of the most recent developments, case law and practical issues in the arena of construction law.



Construction Law

Date	From	To	Description	Format
22/05/2026	14:30	15:30	Initiation Session - Construction Law Masterclass	Zoom LIVE
27/05/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 01 - Construction Law	eLecture Release
27/05/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 02 - Construction Law	eLecture Release
27/05/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 03 - Construction Law	eLecture Release
27/05/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 04 - Construction Law	eLecture Release
27/05/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 05 - Construction Law	eLecture Release
10/06/2026	09:15	12:15	Wk/Shop 01 - Construction Law	Onsite
10/06/2026	16:00	17:00	Assignment Release	Online
10/06/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 06 - Construction Law	eLecture Release
10/06/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 07 - Construction Law	eLecture Release
10/06/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 08 - Construction Law	eLecture Release
10/06/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 09 - Construction Law	eLecture Release
10/06/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 10 - Construction Law	eLecture Release
10/06/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 11 - Construction Law	eLecture Release
24/06/2026	13:00	16:00	Wk/Shop 02 - Construction Law	Onsite
08/07/2026	15:00	16:00	Assignment Submission Deadline	Online

CORPORATE TRANSACTIONS



DATES: 01 May to 03 June 2026



COURSE LEADER: Joanne Cox
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ASSESSMENT METHOD: Participation in a negotiation exercise (20%) and a drafting exercise in the form of a letter of advice to a client (80%).

Programme overview

Transactions involving the acquisition of private companies or businesses are commonplace in any firm undertaking commercial/corporate work. This advanced elective will help trainees develop a practical and in-depth understanding of the key steps, documentation and issues involved in buying and selling a company/business. The steps, documentation, and substantive law involved in a transaction remain the same irrespective of the size of the deal. This advanced elective is therefore relevant to trainees from all types of firms who have an interest in corporate and business law.

Programme structure, content and approach to learning

An emphasis on sub-group work within tutorials will encourage a student-focused approach to learning, with exercises designed to encourage participation rather than passive listening. The advanced elective will be taught in a way that is realistic and relevant with an emphasis placed on experiential learning. Trainees will focus on transaction and problem-based exercises

which will reflect/mimic the real-life tasks that practitioners would undertake in this field. The trainees will engage in role-plays, presentations and drafting exercises which will incorporate peer-to-peer learning and tutor feedback. The development of trainees' legal skills is therefore a core element of the advanced elective. This integrated approach to learning is designed to better equip trainees for the in-office training period and to ensure a smoother transition into practice.

Learning outcomes

This advanced elective will provide trainees with an opportunity to build on their knowledge of mergers and acquisitions, gained on the PPC Business Law Course. Trainees will follow a realistic case study that will take them, step-by-step, through the legal, commercial, and practical aspects of a transaction. By the end of this advanced elective, trainees will be able to:

- Explain the legal and practical differences between a share purchase and an asset purchase.
- Describe the different valuation methods.
- Advise on the key processes and documentation involved in an acquisition.
- Analyse the risks for both vendors and purchasers in the context of an acquisition.
- Negotiate and draft suitable protections to mitigate such risks.
- Discuss the different ways that consideration can be structured.
- Determine how different types of assets will be transferred in an asset purchase.
- Assess any employee issues arising in the context of an asset sale and describe the impact of TUPE.
- Outline the structure of an MBO.
- Address company law restrictions on private companies including financial assistance.
- Identify notifiable transactions.



Corporate Transactions

Date	From	To	Description	Format
01/05/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 01 - Corporate Transactions	eLecture Release
06/05/2026	10:15	10:30	Initiation Session - Corporate Transactions	Onsite
06/05/2026	10:45	11:45	Lec 03 - Corporate Transactions	Onsite
06/05/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 02 - Corporate Transactions	eLecture Release
06/05/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 04 - Corporate Transactions	eLecture Release
06/05/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 05 - Corporate Transactions	eLecture Release
06/05/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 06 - Corporate Transactions	eLecture Release
06/05/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 07 - Corporate Transactions	eLecture Release
06/05/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 08 - Corporate Transactions	eLecture Release
06/05/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 09 - Corporate Transactions	eLecture Release
06/05/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 10 - Corporate Transactions	eLecture Release
13/05/2026	09:15	10:45	Tut 01 - Corporate Transactions	Onsite
13/05/2026	11:00	12:30	Tut 02 - Corporate Transactions	Onsite
27/05/2026	11:30	13:30	Tut 03 - Corporate Transactions	Onsite
27/05/2026	13:45	14:45	Tut 04 - Corporate Transactions	Onsite
03/06/2026	09:15	10:45	Tut 05 - Corporate Transactions	Online
03/06/2026	11:00	12:30	Tut 06 - Corporate Transactions	Online
03/06/2026	16:00	17:00	Assignment Release	Online
17/06/2026	15:00	16:00	Assignment Submission Deadline	Online

CRIMINAL LITIGATION



DATES: 06 May to 17 June 2026



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ASSESSMENT METHOD: (i) Preparation of written reflection on visit to CCJ (20% of total mark), and (ii) completion of end-of-course written assignment (80% of total mark).

Programme overview

This programme will provide a comprehensive overview of criminal litigation and will build on the content of the 'Introduction to Specialisms: Criminal Law' module covered as part of the core PPC curriculum. The programme will examine case law and legislation applicable to the various stages of the criminal litigation process (from the initiation of a criminal investigation to appeals and judicial review). There will also be a detailed consideration of specific categories of offences which are particularly relevant to practice.

Programme structure, content, and approach to learning

The criminal litigation advanced elective is structured so that trainees are given the requisite knowledge and training in order to apply relevant legal principles correctly in a criminal litigation context.

There will be a strong emphasis placed on practical examples so that trainees can augment their knowledge by seeing how the law has been applied in scenarios which they will likely encounter during their professional careers. In addition, the trainees' learning experience will be enhanced by the provision of access to relevant resources via the Hub. This platform also supports a course forum which enables trainee questions (thus promoting greater engagement).

Following the successful completion of the advanced elective, trainees may wish to pursue the Diploma in Criminal Litigation offered by the Diploma Centre.

Learning outcomes

Upon the successful completion of this course, participants will have:

- A comprehensive understanding of the law applicable to the criminal litigation process.
- A detailed understanding of the practical application of criminal law to particular areas, including those relating to a detainee's rights in custody, the reasons influencing choice of venue in criminal proceedings, and sentencing.
- An understanding of the appeals and judicial review processes in criminal proceedings.

- A comprehensive knowledge of the different categories of criminal offences under Irish law.
- An awareness of the relevant process and procedure applicable to the commencement and disposal of proceedings.



Criminal Litigation

Date	From	To	Description	Format
06/05/2026	13:45	14:15	Lec 01 - Criminal Litigation	Onsite
06/05/2026	14:30	15:30	Lec 02 - Criminal Litigation	Onsite
06/05/2026	15:45	16:45	Lec 03 - Criminal Litigation	Onsite
20/05/2026	09:15	10:15	Lec 04 - Criminal Litigation	Onsite
20/05/2026	10:30	11:30	Lec 05 - Criminal Litigation	Onsite
20/05/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 06 - Criminal Litigation	eLecture Release
27/05/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 07 - Criminal Litigation	eLecture Release
27/05/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 08 - Criminal Litigation	eLecture Release
27/05/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 09 - Criminal Litigation	eLecture Release
27/05/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 10 - Criminal Litigation	eLecture Release
27/05/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 11 - Criminal Litigation	eLecture Release
03/06/2026	12:45	14:15	Tut 01 - Criminal Litigation	Onsite
03/06/2026	15:00	16:00	Assignment Release	Online
10/06/2026	12:30	14:00	Tut 02 - Criminal Litigation	Onsite
10/06/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 12 - Criminal Litigation	eLecture Release
10/06/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 13 - Criminal Litigation	eLecture Release
10/06/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 14 - Criminal Litigation	eLecture Release
17/06/2026	12:30	14:00	Tut 03 - Criminal Litigation	Onsite
24/06/2026	16:00	17:00	Assignment Submission Deadline	Online

DATA PROTECTION



DATES: 28 April to 26 May 2026



COURSE LEADER: Nadia Bhatti
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ASSESSMENT METHOD: Assessment by way of continuous assessment (20%) and letter of advice to a client that will cover key areas of the course (80%).

Programme overview

The General Data Protection Regulation (Regulation 2016/679) changed the data protection landscape significantly. In this advanced elective, experienced data protection practitioners and privacy consultants will bring participants through the application of the law. There is a strong focus on how to apply the legislation. This course will ensure that participants are equipped to deal with the compliance issues that arise in practice.

The programme will bring trainees through the principles of data protection as they apply to data access requests, data retention, data sharing and data processing. Trainees will understand the key timelines involved and will recognise when a data protection breach has occurred and the notification requirements for same. The role of the Data Protection Commissioner will be explored, as will the role and responsibilities of a Data Protection Officer

in each organisation. Trainees will understand how to conduct a data privacy impact assessment and how to draft data protection policies. Finally, the key area of international data transfers and recent changes in this sphere will be examined. Lecturers will be drawn from private practice, the public sector, and from large multinationals.

Programme structure, content and approach to learning

This advanced elective will provide lectures with accompanying presentations and a range of academic resources. The programme will feature a number of expert-led, interactive, practical workshops where trainees will consolidate their knowledge. Trainees will be in small working groups to facilitate collaboration.

Learning outcomes

On successful completion of this advanced elective, trainees will be able to:

- Develop a comprehensive knowledge of Regulation 2016/679 (the GDPR) and relevant data protection legislation.
- Apply that knowledge, with confidence, to a range of data protection issues such as subject access requests, legitimate processing and retention of data.
- Examine the role and responsibilities of the Data Protection Officer.
- Recognise data breaches and notification requirements.
- Assess the role of the Data Protection Commissioner.
- Conduct a data privacy impact assessment.
- Understand the rules that surround international data transfers.
- Examine data protection challenges in the Employment Law Context.



Data Protection

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28/04/2026	13:30	13:45	Initiation Session - Data Protection	Mixed Mode
28/04/2026	13:45	14:45	Lec 01 - Data Protection	Mixed Mode
28/04/2026	14:45	15:45	Lec 02 - Data Protection	Mixed Mode
28/04/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 03 - Data Protection	eLecture Release
28/04/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 04 - Data Protection	eLecture Release
28/04/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 05 - Data Protection	eLecture Release
28/04/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 06 - Data Protection	eLecture Release
05/05/2026	14:45	15:45	Lec 07 - Data Protection	Zoom LIVE
05/05/2026	16:00	17:00	Lec 08 - Data Protection	Zoom LIVE
05/05/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 09 - Data Protection	eLecture Release
05/05/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 10 - Data Protection	eLecture Release
12/05/2026	15:15	16:15	WK/Shop 01 - Data Protection	Onsite
12/05/2026	16:30	17:30	WK/Shop 02 - Data Protection	Onsite
12/05/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 11 - Data Protection	eLecture Release
12/05/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 12 - Data Protection	eLecture Release
19/05/2026	14:45	15:45	Lec 13 - Data Protection	Mixed Mode
19/05/2026	16:00	17:00	Lec 14 - Data Protection	Mixed Mode
19/05/2026	17:00	18:00	Assignment Release	Online
26/05/2026	12:45	13:45	WK/Shop 03 - Data Protection	Onsite
26/05/2026	14:00	15:00	WK/Shop 04 - Data Protection	Onsite
09/06/2026	15:00	16:00	Assignment Submission Deadline	Online

ADVANCED DISPUTE RESOLUTION



DATES: 27 April to 25 May 2026



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ASSESSMENT METHOD: Participation in workshops including a written reflection (20%) and a written assignment (80%)

Programme overview

The emphasis of the Dispute Resolution advanced elective is on developing and honing the ability to provide legal dispute resolution and litigation advice/services in a professional, effective, and ethical manner across a range of discrete areas.

Reflecting the broad sweep of modern dispute resolution practice, the course will examine in depth specific types of disputes, areas of litigation, and forms of resolution. These will include commercial disputes, disputes pertaining to probate matters, professional negligence, product liability, land, defamation, personal injury, and cross-border issues. It will also address the resolution of these disputes through mediation, expert determination, arbitration and litigation, as well as the recovering of costs.

Programme structure, content and approach to learning

The Dispute Resolution elective is designed to help trainees to expand and deepen their knowledge and understanding of

Dispute Resolution. It will consider recent developments in substantive law, practice and procedure through lectures from experienced practitioners in a range of areas with supporting materials provided electronically on the Hub.

Using a scaffolding approach, learning from lectures will be supported and enhanced by interactive small group sessions (tutorials and workshops) which provide the opportunity to analyse and discuss the lecture material. These sessions will integrate the topics, related skills, and forms of resolution (e.g. mediation of a probate dispute) in order to support trainees in developing and interrogating their knowledge and understanding of the topics covered on this advanced elective.

Learning outcomes

On successful completion of this course, participants will have:

- A comprehensive understanding of the current substantive law and practice in a range of discrete areas of dispute, encompassing commercial law, defamation, property, land, and probate, amongst others.
- The ability to identify issues and advocate on behalf of clients in a variety of types of dispute.
- A detailed understanding of the role of various forms of dispute resolution.
- The knowledge and skill to advise and represent clients in various forms of litigation.
- The knowledge and skill to advise and implement various forms of dispute resolution.
- Demonstrate a good level of knowledge and understanding of the relationship between substantive law, procedure, and practice, in addition to how this impacts the client.
- Demonstrated a commercial understanding and a strategic, client-centred approach to dispute resolution.



Advanced Dispute Resolution

Date	From	To	Description	Format
27/04/2026	09:45	10:15	Initiation Session - Adv Dispute Resolution	Onsite
27/04/2026	11:15	12:15	Lec 01 - Adv Dis Resolution (joint Lecture with HL)	Onsite
27/04/2026	12:30	13:30	Lec 02 - Adv Dis Resolution (joint Lecture with HL)	Onsite
27/04/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 03 - Adv Dispute Resolution	eLecture Release
27/04/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 04 - Adv Dispute Resolution	eLecture Release
27/04/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 05 - Adv Dispute Resolution	eLecture Release
11/05/2026	09:15	10:45	Tut 01 - Adv Dispute Resolution	Onsite
11/05/2026	11:00	12:30	Tut 02 - Adv Dispute Resolution	Onsite
11/05/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 06 - Adv Dispute Resolution	eLecture Release
11/05/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 07 - Adv Dispute Resolution	eLecture Release
11/05/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 08 - Adv Dispute Resolution	eLecture Release
11/05/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 09 - Adv Dispute Resolution	eLecture Release
11/05/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 10 - Adv Dispute Resolution	eLecture Release
18/05/2026	10:15	10:45	Assessment Briefing	Mixed Mode
25/05/2026	09:15	10:45	Tut 03 - Adv Dispute Resolution	Onsite
25/05/2026	11:00	13:00	Tut 04 - Adv Dispute Resolution	Onsite
25/05/2026	16:00	17:00	Assignment Release	Online
25/05/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 11 - Adv Dispute Resolution	eLecture Release
25/05/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 12 - Adv Dispute Resolution	eLecture Release
29/06/2026	15:00	16:00	Assignment Submission Deadline	Online

EMPLOYMENT LAW



DATES: 01 May to 22 May 2026



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ASSESSMENT METHOD: Participation workshop followed by a reflective writing task (30%) and drafting of written submission (70%).

Programme overview

A comprehensive understanding of employment law, covering all aspects of the employer/employee relationship from recruitment through to termination. This advanced elective is designed around areas of employment law practice most relevant to newly qualified solicitors, together with areas of particular current interest such as the mandatory retirement age/ age discrimination and protected disclosures. This is a highly practical course involving drafting of written submissions and participation in mock employment-related hearings.

Programme structure, content and approach to learning

The employment law advanced elective is specifically designed to help trainees develop the skills necessary to apply the law in the employment context. We focus on the duties and obligations owed by the respective parties during each stage of the employment relationship, from recruitment through to termination. All e-Lectures and related lecture papers will be available on the Hub for trainees to view in their own time. Taken together, the e-Lectures and lecture papers will set out the law, albeit from a very practical perspective. We intend to provide a type of 'scaffolded' learning experience, moving from an understanding of the law to an understanding of how best to then apply the law in a given scenario. This culminates in seven onsite tutorials. This learning experience is further supported by the tutor-monitored peer-to-peer discussion forum. Following the successful completion of the advanced elective, trainees may wish to pursue the Diploma in Employment Law offered by the Diploma Centre. A 15% discount will apply if the Diploma is commenced within the relevant time frame.

Learning outcomes

On successful completion of this course, participants will have:

- A comprehensive understanding of the practice of employment law in this jurisdiction.
- Detailed knowledge of the impact on employment practice of recent judicial decisions and legislative developments.
- The ability to identify issues and advocate on behalf of clients in employment-related disputes.
- A detailed understanding of the role of mediation and negotiation in the employment context.
- The confidence to use effective speaking and advocacy skills in the employment context.



Employment Law

Date	From	To	Description	Format
01/05/2026	13:30	13:45	Initiation Session - Employment Law	Mixed Mode
01/05/2026	13:45	14:45	Lec 01 - Employment Law	Mixed Mode
01/05/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 02 - Employment Law	eLecture Release
01/05/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 03 - Employment Law	eLecture Release
01/05/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 04 - Employment Law	eLecture Release
01/05/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 05 - Employment Law	eLecture Release
01/05/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 06 - Employment Law	eLecture Release
01/05/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 07 - Employment Law	eLecture Release
01/05/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 08 - Employment Law	eLecture Release
01/05/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 09 - Employment Law	eLecture Release
01/05/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 10 - Employment Law	eLecture Release
08/05/2026	11:45	13:15	Tut 01 - Employment Law	Onsite
08/05/2026	13:30	15:00	Tut 02 - Employment Law	Onsite
15/05/2026	11:45	13:15	Tut 03 - Employment Law	Onsite
15/05/2026	13:30	15:00	Tut 04 - Employment Law	Onsite
15/05/2026	16:00	17:00	Assignment Release	Online
22/05/2026	12:30	14:00	Tut 05 - Employment Law	Onsite
05/06/2026	15:00	16:00	Assignment Submission Deadline	Online

FAMILY LAW



DATES: 18 May to 15 June



COURSE LEADER: Judith Tedders
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ASSESSMENT METHOD: 2,500 word assignment with a problem-based scenario that will cover key areas of the course (80%) together with a reflective writing task (20%)

separation and divorce. It will also examine the legal concepts underpinning family law, such as proper provision and the voice of the child, as well as the legal complexities surrounding second relationships and 'blended' families. It will cover the financial aspects of relationship breakdown and the importance of disclosure. It will also deal with civil partnerships and the rights of cohabiting couples. The course will also examine the impact of domestic, sexual and gender-based violence on family relationships and the intersection of family and criminal law. The changing statutory landscape will also be considered, with a focus on the most recent legislation and developments in court practice and procedure. The tutorials will consider typical family law scenarios and give practical application to the legal concepts learned in the lectures.

Learning outcomes

On successful completion of this course, participants will have a detailed understanding of:

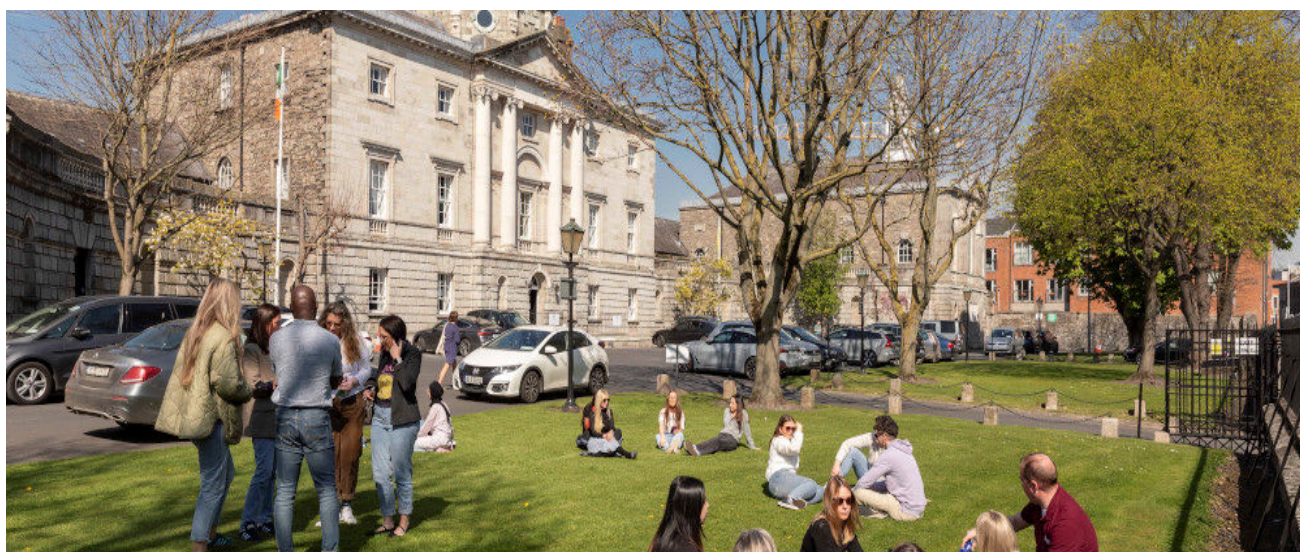
- The statutory and constitutional framework governing Irish family law.
- The statutory and ethical duties of the family law solicitor.
- Alternatives to litigation.
- The legal concepts underpinning separation and divorce.
- The principle of proper provision.
- The voice of the child in family law proceedings.
- The rights of cohabitants and civil partners.
- The impact of domestic, sexual, and gender-based violence on family relationships.
- Recent legislative developments in family law.
- Recent development in court practice and procedure.

Programme overview

Family law is a uniquely sensitive area of legal practice, involving the restructuring of intimate relationships, safeguarding the welfare of children, and navigating the emotional, financial and legal implications of relationship breakdown. This advanced elective provides a comprehensive, practice-focused understanding of Irish family law as it operates in both adversarial and non-adversarial contexts, providing participants with the legal knowledge, professional skills, and ethical awareness required for contemporary family law practice.

Programme structure, content and approach to learning

A series of lectures will cover key issues unique to family law, from taking instructions to dissolution of the marriage/relationship, as well as the statutory and ethical obligations unique to family law practitioners. There will be a focus on alternatives to litigation, such as mediation and collaborative practice. The course will examine the main statutory reliefs available to separating couples, such as judicial



Family Law

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18/05/2026	13:45	14:00	Initiation Session - Family Law	Mixed Mode
18/05/2026	14:00	15:00	Lec 01 - Family Law	Mixed Mode
18/05/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 02 - Family Law	eLecture Release
18/05/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 03 - Family Law	eLecture Release
18/05/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 04 - Family Law	eLecture Release
18/05/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 05 - Family Law	eLecture Release
18/05/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 06 - Family Law	eLecture Release
18/05/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 07 - Family Law	eLecture Release
18/05/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 08 - Family Law	eLecture Release
18/05/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 09 - Family Law	eLecture Release
18/05/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 10 - Family Law	eLecture Release
18/05/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 11 - Family Law	eLecture Release
29/05/2026	10:45	12:15	Lec 12 - Family Law	Zoom LIVE
08/06/2026	10:00	11:30	Tut 01 - Family Law	Onsite
08/06/2026	11:45	13:15	Tut 02 - Family Law	Onsite
15/06/2026	10:00	11:30	Tut 03 - Family Law	Onsite
15/06/2026	11:45	13:15	Tut 04 - Family Law	Onsite
15/06/2026	16:00	17:00	Assignment Release	Online
06/07/2026	15:00	16:00	Assignment Submission Deadline	Online

HEALTHCARE LAW



DATES: 27 April to 25 May 2026



COURSE LEADER: Colette Reid
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ASSESSMENT METHOD: Participation workshop including a written reflection (20%) and an essay of between 1750 and 3000 words (80%).

Programme overview

The Healthcare Law Advanced Elective recognises the broad ambit of the medico-legal landscape. It addresses key areas including regulation of the healthcare professions; clinical negligence; product liability; consent; confidentiality; and inquests. It also addresses mediation, settlement, and litigation as modes of resolving clinical negligence claims. It is designed to equip trainees with the knowledge and skills to provide advice to both healthcare providers and healthcare recipients.

Programme structure, content and approach to learning

The healthcare law advanced elective is designed to help trainees to develop their knowledge and understanding of healthcare law as well as related practice and procedure. It addresses recent developments in substantive law, practice, and

procedure through lectures from experienced practitioners with supporting materials provided electronically on the Hub.

Using a scaffolding approach, learning from lectures is supported and enhanced by interactive small group workshops which provide the opportunity to actively participate in analysing and discussing the lecture material and exercising their critical thinking, mediation, and problem solving skills.

Learning outcomes

On successful completion of this course, participants will have:

- A comprehensive understanding of the current substantive law and practice in key facets of healthcare law.
- The ability to identify issues and advocate on behalf of clients in a variety of healthcare matters.
- A detailed understanding of the role of various forms of dispute resolution.
- The knowledge and skill to represent a variety of clients in relation to clinical negligence claims.
- An understanding of the regulation of healthcare professionals.
- Demonstrate a good level of knowledge and understanding of the relationship between substantive law, procedure and practice, and how this impacts the client.



Healthcare Law

Date	From	To	Description	Format
27/04/2026	10:30	11:00	Initiation Session - Healthcare Law	Onsite
27/04/2026	11:15	12:15	Lec 01 - Healthcare Law (joint lecture with ADR)	Onsite
27/04/2026	12:30	13:30	Lec 02 - Healthcare Law (joint lecture with ADR)	Onsite
27/04/2026	18:00	18:30	Lec 03 - Healthcare Law	Online
27/04/2026	18:00	18:30	Lec 04 - Healthcare Law	Online
04/05/2026	18:00	18:30	Lec 05 - Healthcare Law	Online
04/05/2026	18:00	18:30	Lec 06 - Healthcare Law	Online
04/05/2026	18:00	18:30	Lec 07 - Healthcare Law	Online
04/05/2026	18:00	18:30	Lec 08 - Healthcare Law	Online
04/05/2026	18:00	18:30	Lec 09 - Healthcare Law	Online
11/05/2026	13:15	15:15	Workshop 01 - Healthcare Law	Onsite
11/05/2026	15:30	17:30	Workshop 02 - Healthcare Law	Onsite
11/05/2026	18:00	18:30	Lec 10 - Healthcare Law	Online
11/05/2026	18:00	18:30	Lec 11 - Healthcare Law	Online
11/05/2026	18:00	18:30	Lec 12 - Healthcare Law	Online
18/05/2026	18:00	18:30	Lec 13 - Healthcare Law	Online
18/05/2026	18:00	18:30	Lec 14 - Healthcare Law	Online
20/05/2026	13:00	14:00	Assessment Briefing	Zoom LIVE
25/05/2026	13:15	15:15	Workshop 03 - Healthcare Law	Onsite
25/05/2026	15:30	17:30	Workshop 04 - Healthcare Law	Onsite
25/05/2026	18:00	19:00	Assignment Release	Online
29/06/2026	16:00	17:00	Assignment Submission Deadline	Online

HUMAN RIGHTS



DATES: 05 June to 26 June 2026



COURSE LEADER: Paul Breslin
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ASSESSMENT METHOD: Assessment will be by way of a 2,500-word written assignment.

Programme overview

This programme will provide a comprehensive overview of the subject of human rights law, including the domestic, regional, and international human rights law frameworks. Once the foundational principles underlying these areas have been discussed, there will be an emphasis on specific discrete topics of relevance to solicitors practising in this area, providing trainees with an understanding of the key concepts, legal instruments, and case law which applies.

Programme structure, content and approach to learning

This advanced elective is designed to enable trainees to develop the skills needed to apply the law in a human rights context. The first module will be introductory in nature and will provide trainees with an understanding of human rights law within the jurisdiction in a broad sense and will also encompass substantive constitutional rights (in addition to the pertinent practical issues which may arise in respect of litigation). The second module will focus on selected regional human rights mechanisms of relevance to a solicitor practising within the area, while the third module will provide a grounding in international human rights law so that trainees will understand the key actors operating within this system. The fourth module will focus on specific niche areas of law relevant to the work of a human rights practitioner in Ireland.

The course will be mainly lecture-based. The expert practitioners delivering the lectures will formulate lecture papers on their topics which will act as a resource for the participants. Trainees will also be afforded the opportunity to augment their understanding by participating in onsite tutorials.

Learning outcomes

On successful completion of this course, participants will have:

- An understanding of the key domestic, European, and international mechanisms relevant to the protection of human rights within this jurisdiction.
- A knowledge of the particular legal issues that pertain to the practice of human rights law in specific contexts, encompassing relevant domestic and international developments where applicable.
- The ability to research human rights law matters.

- An understanding of the issues which arise when advising vulnerable clients in a human rights context.



Human Rights

Date	From	To	Description	Format
05/06/2026	12:45	13:45	Lec 01 - Human Rights	CANCELLED
05/06/2026	14:00	15:00	Lec 02 - Human Rights	CANCELLED
05/06/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 03 - Human Rights	CANCELLED - eLecture Release
05/06/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 04 - Human Rights	CANCELLED - eLecture Release
12/06/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 05 - Human Rights	CANCELLED - eLecture Release
12/06/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 06 - Human Rights	CANCELLED - eLecture Release
12/06/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 07 - Human Rights	CANCELLED - eLecture Release
19/06/2026	10:30	12:30	Wk/Shop 01 - Human Rights	CANCELLED - Onsite
19/06/2026	16:00	17:00	Assignment Release	CANCELLED - Online
19/06/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 08 - Human Rights	CANCELLED - eLecture Release
19/06/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 09 - Human Rights	CANCELLED - eLecture Release
19/06/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 10 - Human Rights	CANCELLED - eLecture Release
19/06/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 11 - Human Rights	CANCELLED - eLecture Release
26/06/2026	10:45	12:45	Wk/Shop 02 - Human Rights	CANCELLED - Onsite
26/06/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 12 - Human Rights	CANCELLED - eLecture Release
26/06/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 13 - Human Rights	CANCELLED - eLecture Release
26/06/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 14 - Human Rights	CANCELLED - eLecture Release
26/06/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 15 – Human Rights	CANCELLED - eLecture Release
10/07/2026	16:00	17:00	Assignment Submission Deadline	CANCELLED - Online

INSOLVENCY



DATES: 05 May to 02 June 2026



COURSE LEADER: Paul Breslin
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ASSESSMENT METHOD: Assessment by way of continuous assessment (20%) and letter of advice to a client that will cover key areas of the course (80%).

Programme overview

This advanced elective will delve into the many aspects of insolvency that solicitors face in practice. The programme will cover all insolvency issues such as: company insolvency; court liquidations; voluntary liquidations; receiverships; alternatives to winding up; personal insolvency and international insolvency. The teaching team are experts in their field and will impart the knowledge necessary to practice in this area. It will provide the legal foundation necessary to advise and act for: liquidators; receivers; examiners; directors and shareholders of insolvent entities; companies and third parties (such as creditors); banks and employees of insolvent entities. Following the successful completion of the advanced elective, trainees may wish to pursue the Diploma in Insolvency Law offered by the Diploma Centre.

Programme structure, content and approach to learning

The advanced elective will be taught in a way that is realistic and relevant, with an emphasis placed on experiential learning. Trainees will focus on transaction and problem-based exercises which will reflect/mimic the real-life tasks that practitioners undertake in this field.

Learning outcomes

On completion of this course, participants will have a comprehensive understanding of:

- The process for appointment of a liquidator, including the relevant powers, functions and duties.
- The realisation and distribution of assets.
- The effect of winding-up on creditors & third parties.
- Proof of debts/rules as to priorities.
- Directors' duties/liabilities including reckless and fraudulent trading/preferences, as well as restriction and disqualification of directors.
- Issues for shareholders of insolvent companies including demand letters and petitions.
- A members' voluntary winding-up.
- Completing a Declaration of Solvency and a Statement of Affairs.
- Creditors' meetings, including advising the company and convening the meeting.
- The role of the receiver, including eligibility, appointment, powers and duties/resignation.
- The position of directors, shareholders, and employees in a receivership.
- The role of the examiner, including the petition, appointment, duties, and powers.
- Schemes of arrangement and compromises.
- International regulation of cross-border insolvency.
- The EU Insolvency Regulation.
- Bankruptcy proceedings.
- The Scheme of the Personal Insolvency Act 2012.



Insolvency

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05/05/2026	11:30	12:00	Introduction and Module Overview	Onsite
05/05/2026	12:15	13:15	Lec 01 - Insolvency	Onsite
05/05/2026	13:30	14:30	Lec 02 - Insolvency	Onsite
05/05/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 03 - Insolvency	eLecture Release
05/05/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 04 - Insolvency	eLecture Release
05/05/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 05 - Insolvency	eLecture Release
05/05/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 06 - Insolvency	eLecture Release
12/05/2026	11:45	13:15	Tut 01 - Insolvency	Onsite
12/05/2026	13:30	15:00	Tut 02 - Insolvency	Onsite
12/05/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 07 - Insolvency	eLecture Release
12/05/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 08 - Insolvency	eLecture Release
12/05/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 09 - Insolvency	eLecture Release
12/05/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 10 - Insolvency	eLecture Release
12/05/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 11 - Insolvency	eLecture Release
02/06/2026	12:00	13:30	Tut 03 - Insolvency	Onsite
02/06/2026	13:45	15:15	Tut 04 - Insolvency	Onsite
02/06/2026	16:00	17:00	Assignment Release	Online
16/06/2026	15:00	16:00	Assignment Submission Deadline	Online

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS NEGOTIATIONS



DATES: 20 May to 05 June 2026



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ASSESSMENT METHOD: 80% of the overall grade is assessed on a completed reflective journal and 20% of the overall grade is allocated for active and competent participation.

Programme overview

This course is structured around a simulated negotiation exercise in which half of the trainees in this class will represent a multi-national pharmaceutical company (KJH Pharmaceutical Corporation) and the other half of the trainees will represent an African agricultural production company (Malundian Cassava Corporation). The two companies are interested in working together to exploit a new technology developed by KJH Pharmaceutical Corporation that uses the cassava produced by Malundian Cassava Corporation. The form of their collaboration could be a joint venture, a licensing agreement or a long-term supply contract. The negotiations will take place through written exchanges and through live negotiations.

Programme structure, content and approach to learning

The focus of this course is on class participation and active involvement in the negotiations process. Trainees are expected to spend time outside of class, working in teams, to prepare for class discussions involving the written exchanges as well as to prepare for the live negotiations. Class discussions will focus on the strategy for, and progress of, the negotiations, as well as the substantive legal, business, and policy matters that impact on the negotiations.

The lead tutors will be Jay Gary Finkelstein, a partner at DLA Piper LLP (US), who has practised corporate and securities law for over 30 years and Walter W. Bardenwerper, who was for 25 years the Vice President, General Counsel & Secretary of Towers Watson & Co. (now Willis Towers Watson; NYSE: WLTW).

*Note: numbers on this elective are limited.

Learning outcomes

The purpose of the course is to provide trainees with an opportunity to:

- Experience the sequential development of a business transaction over an extended negotiation.
- Study the businesses, legal issues, and strategies that impact the negotiation.
- Gain insight into the dynamics of negotiating and structuring international business transactions.

- Learn about the role that lawyers and law play in these negotiations.
- Give trainees experience in drafting communications.



Jay and Walter were exemplary instructors. Their teachings went beyond the theoretical, offering us practical tools and insights that we can readily apply in our professional lives. The course content itself was delivered in an engaging and thought-provoking manner and it fostered critical thinking, teamwork, problem-solving and a myriad of other skills. Overall a thoroughly enjoyable elective.

I really enjoyed the IBN course and I found the experience invaluable. It has really created an interest for me in transactional work and negotiations.

The course was fantastic, a different type than is usually offered in legal education. Walter and Jay were excellent and everyone was engaged with the simulation.

With this course, I was given the opportunity to move from the backseat of a business transaction and into the driving seat – analysing facts, identifying key objectives, determining a negotiation strategy and negotiating a business transaction.



International Business Negotiations

Date	From	To	Description	Format
20/05/2026	16:00	17:30	Session 01 - International Business Negotiations	Zoom LIVE
27/05/2026	09:15	11:15	Session 02 - International Business Negotiations	Onsite
28/05/2026	15:00	17:30	Session 03 - International Business Negotiations	Onsite
29/05/2026	11:00	13:00	Session 04 - International Business Negotiations	Onsite
02/06/2026	09:15	11:45	Session 05 - International Business Negotiations	Onsite
03/06/2026	15:30	18:00	Session 06 - International Business Negotiations	Onsite
04/06/2026	14:30	17:00	Session 07 - International Business Negotiations	Onsite
05/06/2026	09:30	12:30	Session 08 - International Business Negotiations	Onsite

INVESTMENT FUNDS



DATES: 28 April to 26 May 2026



COURSE LEADER: Deirdre Flynn
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ASSESSMENT METHOD: Assessment by way of continuous assessment (20%) and letter of advice to a client that will cover key areas of the course (80%).

Programme overview

At the global level, Ireland is the third largest fund domicile and holds the second largest market share in Europe. Ireland provides full market access to the EU and is the only English speaking common law jurisdiction in the Eurozone thereby providing access to a European market of 500 million consumers. This is a large and important industry for Ireland with lots of career opportunities for lawyers.

The aim of this advanced elective is to provide an overview of the system of regulation, compliance, supervision, and enforcement affecting investment funds from a national and international perspective. The course will focus principally on the Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities (UCITS), alternative investment funds (AIF) products and the regulatory framework which applies to managers of such products. Allied to this will be a review of the principal legal structures used for Irish fund products and the service providers involved in the day-to-day operation of the fund. The course will also cover other issues such as taxation, exchange traded funds, money market funds and corporate governance.

Programme structure, content and approach to learning

This advanced elective will provide lectures with accompanying presentations and a range of academic resources. The programme will feature a number of expert-led interactive practical workshops where trainees will consolidate their knowledge. Trainees will be in small working groups to facilitate collaboration. The teaching faculty will consist of lawyers from funds practices in law firms, from the Central Bank of Ireland and the asset management industry.

Learning outcomes

On completion of this course, participants will have:

- A comprehensive understanding of the legal structures commonly used to establish investment funds and the different fund products provided for by law and regulation.
- Familiarity with the roles played by each of the service providers and advisers in the establishment and operation of fund products.
- An awareness of the process whereby funds obtain regulatory approval and the documentation required for a fund launch.
- An insight into fund structuring and typical fund strategies followed by asset managers and how they relate to regulatory investment restrictions and product rules.
- An introduction to related topics that arise for funds, such as how they are sold, taxation, compliance, and regulatory supervision and enforcement.
- An insight into career pathways for lawyers in the funds industry.



Investment Funds

Date	From	To	Description	Format
28/04/2026	09:15	09:30	Initiation Session - Investment Funds	Mixed Mode
28/04/2026	09:30	10:15	Lec 01 - Investment Funds	Mixed Mode
28/04/2026	10:15	11:15	Lec 02 - Investment Funds	Mixed Mode
28/04/2026	11:15	13:15	Lec 03 - Investment Funds	Mixed Mode
05/05/2026	09:15	10:15	Lec 04 - Investment Funds	Zoom LIVE
05/05/2026	10:15	11:15	Lec 05 - Investment Funds	Zoom LIVE
05/05/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 06 - Investment Funds	eLecture Release
12/05/2026	09:15	10:15	Lec 07 - Investment Funds	Zoom LIVE
19/05/2026	09:15	10:30	Tut 01 - Investment Funds	Onsite
19/05/2026	10:45	12:00	Tut 02 - Investment Funds	Onsite
19/05/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 08 - Investment Funds	eLecture Release
19/05/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 09 - Investment Funds	eLecture Release
19/05/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 10 - Investment Funds	eLecture Release
19/05/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 11 - Investment Funds	eLecture Release
19/05/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 12 - Investment Funds	eLecture Release
19/05/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 13 - Investment Funds	eLecture Release
19/05/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 14 - Investment Funds	eLecture Release
26/05/2026	09:15	10:15	Tut 03 - Investment Funds	Onsite
26/05/2026	10:15	11:15	Tut 04 - Investment Funds	Onsite
26/05/2026	16:00	17:00	Assignment Release	Online
23/06/2026	15:00	16:00	Assignment Submission Deadline	Online

ADVANCED LEGAL PRACTICE IRISH



DATES: 30 April to 02 July 2026



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ASSESSMENT METHOD: Assessment will encompass the testing of trainee knowledge of grammar, drafting as well as presentation skills through Irish.

Programme structure, content and approach to learning

The Advanced Legal Practice Irish elective is designed to assist participants in developing the skills required to utilise and apply the law through the medium of Irish. The introductory lectures focus on the background legal framework/concepts pertaining to the language and also afford trainees the opportunity to hear a practitioner's perspective in terms of the opportunities/challenges presented. The remainder of the course is skills-oriented in nature and includes an augmented grammar offering which aims to assist participants in accurately expressing themselves through Irish. The course is largely workshop-based and seeks to facilitate participant engagement with the language in the context of specific practice areas of relevance (such as probate, land law, business law and criminal litigation) thereby affording valuable opportunities for language development.

Programme overview

This programme has been designed in order to meet the statutory requirement contained within section 40(2A)(d) of the Solicitors Act 1954 (as inserted by the Legal Practitioners (Irish Language) Act 2008)) which mandates the Law Society to "...provide an advanced course for the practice of law through the Irish language as an optional subject for those pursuing the Professional Practice Course". It is very practical in its application and places an emphasis on the key skills required of a practitioner who wishes to utilise the Irish language in his/her work (such as grammatical accuracy, legal research and drafting). The majority of the course will be delivered by way of practitioner-led workshops. These are streamed (where practicable) and enable participants to enhance their learning through exposure to general practice scenarios which they could potentially encounter in an Irish-speaking context.

Learning outcomes

On successful completion of this course, participants will have:

- An enhanced ability to understand and utilise Irish language legal terminology across a range of general practice areas.
- A grounding in core elements of Irish grammar and orthography with the view to facilitating the generation of coherent and comprehensible texts.
- A comprehensive understanding of how to conduct legal research in Irish.



Advanced Legal Practice Irish

Date	From	To	Description	Format
30/04/2026	16:45	17:30	Initiation Session - ALPI	Zoom LIVE
30/04/2026	17:30	17:45	Open ALPI - Entry Grammar Tasks	Online
06/05/2026	15:00	15:15	Close ALPI - Entry Grammar Tasks	Online
07/05/2026	18:00	19:00	Lec 01 - ALPI	Zoom LIVE
07/05/2026	19:00	20:00	Lec 02 - ALPI	Zoom LIVE
07/05/2026	20:15	20:30	Open ALPI - Grammar Tasks 01	Online
13/05/2026	15:00	15:15	Close ALPI - Grammar Tasks 01	Online
14/05/2026	18:00	19:00	Lec 04 - ALPI	Zoom LIVE
14/05/2026	19:00	19:15	Lec 03 - ALPI	eLecture Release
14/05/2026	20:15	20:30	Open ALPI - Grammar Tasks 02	Online
16/05/2026	10:00	11:30	ALPI Workshop - Criminal Litigation	Online
16/05/2026	11:45	13:15	ALPI Workshop - Probate	Online
16/05/2026	14:15	15:45	ALPI Workshop - Business Law	Online
16/05/2026	16:00	17:30	ALPI Workshop - Land Law	Online
20/05/2026	15:00	15:15	Close ALPI - Grammar Tasks 02	Online
21/05/2026	18:00	19:00	Wk/shop 01 - ALPI	Online
21/05/2026	19:15	20:15	Wk/shop 02 - ALPI	Online
21/05/2026	20:15	20:30	Open ALPI - Grammar Tasks 03	Online
28/05/2026	18:30	19:30	Lec 05 - ALPI	Zoom LIVE
28/05/2026	19:30	21:00	ALPI Collaborative Group Work	Zoom LIVE
03/06/2026	15:00	15:15	Close ALPI - Grammar Tasks 03	Online
04/06/2026	18:00	19:00	Wk/shop 03 - ALPI	Onsite
04/06/2026	19:15	20:15	Wk/shop 04 - ALPI	Onsite
04/06/2026	19:30	19:45	Open ALPI - Grammar Tasks 04	Online
10/06/2026	15:00	15:15	Close ALPI - Grammar Tasks 04	Online
10/06/2026	18:00	19:00	Wk/shop 05 - ALPI	Onsite
10/06/2026	19:15	20:15	Wk/shop 06 - ALPI	Onsite
10/06/2026	20:15	20:30	Open ALPI - Grammar Tasks 05	Online
17/06/2026	15:00	15:15	Close ALPI - Grammar Tasks 05	Online
18/06/2026	18:00	19:30	Wk/shop 07 - ALPI	Onsite
25/06/2026	18:00	19:00	Lec 06 - ALPI	eLecture Release
25/06/2026	19:00	20:30	ALPI Collaborative Group Work	Zoom LIVE
02/07/2026	17:00	20:00	Oral Presentations	Onsite

MEDIATION LAWYERING



DATES: 18 May to 12 June 2026



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ASSESSMENT METHOD: Assessment comprises an online quiz (20%), Task completion (20%) and role-play simulation (60%)

Programme overview

This course is tailored to the role and skills of a solicitor in mediation. Participants on the course will develop their mediation advocacy skills and learn how to manage clients through the mediation process. The course considers the Mediation Act 2017, and its objective to promote mediation as a viable, effective and efficient alternative to court proceedings, thereby reducing legal costs, speeding up the resolution of disputes and relieving the stress involved in court proceedings.

Programme structure, content and approach to learning

This course is structured around three separate learning blocks.

Block 1. Trainees take an online Certificate in Mediation Lawyering provided through the Mediator Academy. This online course enables participants to complete the workload in a self-paced manner and covers 5 units (10 hours learning).

1. Preparing for Mediation
2. Lawyer-Client Teamwork
3. Skills and Strategies
4. Process Management
5. Mediation Law

Block 2. A short series of online discussions (via Zoom) with leading Irish mediation experts on contemporary issues in mediation practice

Block 3. Participation in simulated mediation role-plays. Participants will have the opportunity to engage in the roles of mediator, advocates, and client. Trainees are expected to spend time outside of class, working in teams, to prepare for these live simulations.

***Note:** that there are limited places available on this elective due to the focus on simulated role-plays.

Learning outcomes

The purpose of the course is to provide trainees with an opportunity to:

- Learn about the role that lawyers play in mediation.
- Support clients through the mediation process.
- Understand a solicitor's legal obligations in mediation.
- Gain insight into the essential skills of a mediator.

- Develop mediation experience in a context that replicates legal practice.



The mediation advanced elective was highly effective in simulating real world problems that required 'out-of-the-box' thinking to solve. The problem-solving skills developed in this module will prove valuable to future legal professionals in a legal landscape moving towards collaborative resolutions to disputes.

I really enjoyed this advanced elective as it offered the opportunity to expand my problem-solving and communication skills. The various elements of the course and the different learning styles offered meant everyone will take something from this course. The competition at the end was a fantastic opportunity to get to know colleagues and put what we learned into practice. This practice was invaluable and being able to get feedback at the end of each round was equally fantastic.



Mediation Lawyering

Date	From	To	Description	Format
18/05/2026	11:00	12:00	Lec 01 - Mediation Lawyering	Mixed Mode
18/05/2026	17:00	17:30	Online Module Opens	Online
21/05/2026	17:45	18:45	Lec 02 - Mediation Lawyering	Zoom LIVE
26/05/2026	17:45	18:45	Lec 03 - Mediation Lawyering	Zoom LIVE
28/05/2026	17:30	18:30	Lec 04 - Mediation Lawyering	Zoom LIVE
02/06/2026	11:45	12:15	Online Module Closes	Online
02/06/2026	17:30	18:30	Lec 05 - Mediation Lawyering	Zoom LIVE
04/06/2026	17:15	18:15	Lec 06 - Mediation Lawyering	Zoom LIVE
11/06/2026	16:30	19:00	Mediation Role Plays	Onsite
12/06/2026	09:00	17:00	Mediation Role Plays	Onsite

SPORTS LAW



DATES: 03 June to 17 June 2026



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ASSESSMENT METHOD: Assessment by way of continuous assessment (20%) and letter of advice to a client that will cover key areas of the course (80%).

Programme overview

This advanced elective will provide participants with an insight into the dynamic area of sports law. Modules will address practical issues, which practitioners from the smallest to the largest firms can advise on. The course begins with a look at the regulation and governance of the sport sector. It outlines the key issues for running a club – child protection, data protection and liability.

This advanced elective will also provide a detailed examination of the commercialisation of sport, including sponsorship agreements, broadcasting, ticketing and merchandising. Key issues such as corruption in sport, violence, gambling, and discipline will be considered, followed by an in-depth look at the WADA anti-doping code. It will also provide trainees with information on career pathways in sports law.

Programme structure, content and approach to learning

This advanced elective will provide lectures with accompanying presentations and a range of academic resources.

The programme will feature a number of expert-led interactive practical workshops where trainees will consolidate their knowledge. Trainees will be in small working groups to facilitate collaboration. The teaching faculty will consist of sports lawyers in private practice and in-house roles, together with a number of professionals working in the area of sports. The course will cover the following modules:

- Regulation of sports bodies
- Commercialisation of sports
- Liability in sports
- Disciplinary Procedures
- Anti-doping

Following the successful completion of the advanced elective, trainees may wish to pursue the Diploma in Sports Law offered by the Diploma Centre. A 15% discount will apply if the Diploma is commenced within the relevant time frame.

Learning outcomes

On completion of this course, participants will have:

- A comprehensive understanding of sports law.
- Acquired the skills to deal with a number of sports law issues in practice.
- An insight into the key legal issues when setting up a sports club and running a sports club.
- An understanding of the key issues to address when representing an amateur/ professional sports person.
- An excellent grasp of the technical areas of anti-doping, liability and discipline in sport.
- An insight into the career pathways for lawyers who have an interest in sports law.



Sports Law

Date	From	To	Description	Format
02/06/2026	15:30	16:30	Initiation Session & Lec 01 - Sports Law	CANCELLED
02/06/2026	16:30	17:30	Lec 02 - Sports Law	CANCELLED
02/06/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 03 - Sports Law	CANCELLED - eLecture Release
02/06/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 04 - Sports Law	CANCELLED - eLecture Release
02/06/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 05 - Sports Law	CANCELLED - eLecture Release
02/06/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 06 - Sports Law	CANCELLED - eLecture Release
02/06/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 07 - Sports Law	CANCELLED - eLecture Release
09/06/2026	10:00	11:00	Lec 08 - Sports Law	CANCELLED
09/06/2026	11:15	13:15	WK/Shop 01 - Sports Law	CANCELLED
09/06/2026	16:00	17:00	Assignment Release - Sports Law	CANCELLED
09/06/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 09 - Sports Law	CANCELLED - eLecture Release
09/06/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 10 - Sports Law	CANCELLED - eLecture Release
09/06/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 11 - Sports Law	CANCELLED - eLecture Release
09/06/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 12 - Sports Law	CANCELLED - eLecture Release
09/06/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 13 - Sports Law	CANCELLED - eLecture Release
09/06/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 14 - Sports Law	CANCELLED - eLecture Release
16/06/2026	12:15	13:45	WK/Shop 02 - Sports Law	CANCELLED
30/06/2026	15:00	16:00	Assignment Submission Deadline - Sports Law	CANCELLED - Online

TAXATION FOR SOLICITORS



DATES: 20 May to 26 June 2026



COURSE LEADER: Padraic Courtney
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ASSESSMENT METHOD: Assessment by way of a 2,500-word assignment based on a letter of advice to a client that will cover key areas of the course.

Programme overview

This advanced elective, as the title suggests, follows on from the Introduction to Taxation module of the core-PPC. While that module covered the very basics of Stamp Duty, Capital Gains Tax and VAT in relation to conveyances, and introduced students to Capital Acquisitions Tax, this advanced elective goes into each of these taxes in more detail as they relate to general practice.

The advanced elective is in two parts, commencing with Taxation on Inheritances and then moving on to Taxation of Transactions.

Following on from the Introduction to Taxation module on the core PPC, this advanced elective deals with taxation on inheritances in greater detail, including different types of interests in property. It provides necessary background for any student considering taking the Wills, Probate & Estates Advanced Elective.

The advanced elective then goes on to deal with the Taxation of Transactions, providing detail on each of the applicable taxes, and the reliefs and exemptions available.

Programme structure, content and approach to learning

The advanced elective is broken into two parts:

Taxation on Inheritances:

This module covers Capital Acquisitions Tax, reviewing those areas covered briefly in the Introduction to Taxation module of the core-PPC and then focuses on limited and other interests in property including rights to reside, exclusive rights to reside, life interests, interests for a period certain, and remainder interests. Students will be provided with instruction on how to deal with the valuation of different types of benefit, and anti-avoidance measures introduced by Revenue. Finally, the module covers the reliefs and exemptions available and the tax treatment of those reliefs and exemptions.

It is recommended that students taking the Wills, Probate & Estates advanced elective also take this advanced elective.

Taxation on Transactions:

This module covers leases and transfers of leasehold interests and the tax treatment of same across the tax heads, in particular, Stamp Duty, Capital Gains Tax and Value Added Tax.

Students will also be provided with instruction on the taxation implications of selling a business, either selling the shares in a limited company or selling the assets of that business.

Income Tax and Corporation Tax are also covered, focusing in particular on how these taxes arise in relation to property ownership and transfer.

Lectures and tutorials will be provided by leading practitioners in the area.

Learning outcomes

On successful completion of this course trainees will be able to advise a client on the tax implications of a variety of transactions, both for value and voluntary across the tax heads, taking into account any reliefs or exemptions that might apply. They will also be able to advise a testator on the tax consequences of their proposed will and on any tax avoidance measures available.

Trainees will be fully aware of their professional responsibilities to their clients and will be able to comply with those obligations.



Taxation For Solicitors

Date	From	To	Description	Format
20/05/2026	13:30	14:30	Lec 01 - Taxation	CANCELLED - Onsite
20/05/2026	14:45	15:45	Lec 02 - Taxation	CANCELLED - Onsite
27/05/2026	15:00	16:30	Tut 01 - Taxation	CANCELLED - Onsite
27/05/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 03 - Taxation	CANCELLED - eLecture Release
27/05/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 04 - Taxation	CANCELLED - eLecture Release
10/06/2026	14:15	15:45	Tut 02 - Taxation	CANCELLED - Onsite
10/06/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 05 - Taxation	CANCELLED - eLecture Release
10/06/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 06 - Taxation	CANCELLED - eLecture Release
12/06/2026	09:15	10:15	Catch up Session 01 - Taxation	CANCELLED
17/06/2026	10:45	12:15	Tut 03 - Taxation	CANCELLED - Onsite
17/06/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 07 - Taxation	CANCELLED - eLecture Release
17/06/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 08 - Taxation	CANCELLED - eLecture Release
17/06/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 09 - Taxation	CANCELLED - eLecture Release
24/06/2026	09:15	10:45	Tut 04 - Taxation	CANCELLED - Onsite
24/06/2026	11:00	12:30	Tut 05 - Taxation	CANCELLED - Onsite
24/06/2026	16:00	17:00	Assignment Release	CANCELLED - Online
26/06/2026	09:30	10:30	Catch up Session 02 - Taxation	CANCELLED - Zoom LIVE
15/07/2026	15:00	16:00	Assignment Submission Deadline	CANCELLED - Online

WILLS, PROBATE AND ESTATES



DATES: 19 May to 23 June 2026



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ASSESSMENT METHOD: Assessment is by way of a 2,500-word assignment based on a letter of advice to a client that will cover key areas of the course.

Programme overview

This advanced elective, as the title suggests, follows on from the Wills, Probate & Estates module on the core-PPC. While that module covers the basics of will drafting, applying for a typical grant of representation and administering estates, this advanced elective delves into the detail that often arises in practice.

The advanced elective commences with a review the law of trusts, the most common types of will trusts and the circumstances where these apply. Students will have an opportunity to review the process of taking instructions from a client and drafting the appropriate clauses for inclusion in a will, particularly where minors could potentially inherit significant assets.

The advanced elective then covers probate applications and litigation in more detail, initially dealing with applications 'outside the norm', such as *De Bonis Non* or subsequent grants, when an application has to be made to the Probate Officer or to the High Court before the solicitor can apply for a grant. Students will also consider in detail contentious probates and the different types of probate litigation that can arise.

Finally, the advanced elective deals with taxation in the context of both wills and estate planning and the tax issues that could potentially arise in the administration of estates. While tax is covered extremely briefly on the Introduction to Taxation module of the core-PPC, it is recommended that students taking this course also take the Taxation for Solicitors Advanced Elective.

Trainees intending to practice in this area need to be able to advise clients in detail about the options open to them when drafting wills involving significant business or farming assets where minors may inherit. They also need to be able to advise those clients about potential tax reliefs and their applicability. Furthermore, trainees require the skills and knowledge to be able to advise the Legal Personal Representative when disputes arise and on potential taxation issues in the course of administering the estate.

While the Wills, Probate & Estates module on the core-PPC covers the basic elements of probate practice, this advanced

elective provides trainees with the knowledge to practice in the area at a higher level.

Programme structure, content and approach to learning

The advanced elective is broken into three parts:

Wills and Will Trusts:

The advanced elective commences with a review of trust law and drafting an appropriate trust to incorporate into a will.

Probate Applications and Litigation:

While the Wills, Probate and Estates module on the core-PPC covers grants of probate, letters of administration both intestate and with will annexed, the advanced elective deals with those rarer, more obscure types of applications including where a grant has issued but the legal personal representative has died, where a minor or some other person without capacity is the person entitled to apply for a grant, where there is a foreign dimension to the application, and other non-contentious probate applications.

This part of the advanced elective also deals with contentious probate applications and with probate litigation, including challenging a will and applications under S. 117 of the Succession Act, 1965.

Taxation Issues:

This module initially looks at estate planning, where in addition to drafting a will in accordance with a client's informed instructions, the solicitor also provides tax planning advice. An example of such advice would be ascertaining whether an intended beneficiary would qualify for any of the significant tax reliefs or exemptions available depending on the asset passing and/or their relationship to the testator.

Students will also be provided with instruction on the solicitor's responsibilities across a range of tax heads when acting for the Legal Personal Representative in the administration of an estate.

Lectures and tutorials will be provided by leading practitioners in the area, the Probate Officer, and Counsel.

Learning outcomes

On successful completion of this course trainees will be able to advise a client on all probate and taxation aspects of making their will. They will be able to advise the Legal Personal Representative of a deceased person through the process of applying for a grant and the administration of that estate, including any litigation arising. They will be able to advise on the taxation responsibilities of the Legal Personal Representative across a number of tax heads.

Trainees will be fully aware of their professional responsibilities to their clients and will be able to comply with those obligations.

Wills Probate and Estates

Date	From	To	Description	Format
19/05/2026	12:15	13:15	Lec 01 - Wills Probate and Estates	Zoom LIVE
19/05/2026	13:30	14:30	Lec 02 - Wills Probate and Estates	Zoom LIVE
26/05/2026	15:30	17:00	Tut 01 - Wills Probate and Estates	Onsite
26/05/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 03 - Wills Probate and Estates	eLecture Release
26/05/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 04 - Wills Probate and Estates	eLecture Release
29/05/2026	13:00	13:45	Catch up/Q&A Session 01	Zoom LIVE
09/06/2026	13:30	15:00	Tut 02 - Wills Probate and Estates	Onsite
09/06/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 05 - Wills Probate and Estates	eLecture Release
09/06/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 06 - Wills Probate and Estates	eLecture Release
09/06/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 07 - Wills Probate and Estates	eLecture Release
16/06/2026	14:15	15:45	Tut 03 - Wills Probate and Estates	Onsite
16/06/2026	16:00	17:30	Tut 04 - Wills Probate and Estates	Onsite
16/06/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 08 - Wills Probate and Estates	eLecture Release
16/06/2026	17:00	18:00	Lec 09 - Wills Probate and Estates	eLecture Release
19/06/2026	13:00	13:45	Catch up/Q&A Session 02	Zoom LIVE
23/06/2026	13:30	15:00	Tut 05 - Wills Probate and Estates	Onsite
23/06/2026	15:15	16:45	Tut 06 - Wills Probate and Estates	Onsite
23/06/2026	16:00	17:00	Assignment Release	Online
14/07/2026	15:00	16:00	Assignment Submission Deadline	Online

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