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SCHOOL OF LAW NEWSLETTER

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Welcome from the Head of School

Dear colleagues,

I am really pleased to introduce you to the latest edition of the UL School of Law Newsletter. As always, I am very grateful to Dr Laura Cahillane for coordinating its production, and for presenting us with such a splendid publication.

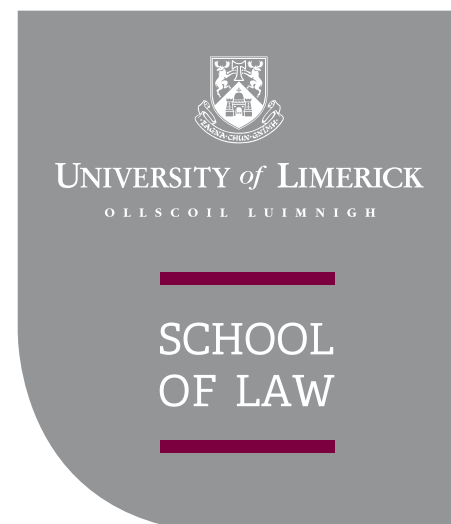
It has been another very busy year for the School, the highlight of which was the historic visit of the Supreme Court of Ireland to Limerick and the School in March. Their visit to UL was coordinated by Dr Cahillane. Members of the Court were very generous with their time, permitting staff and students to benefit from their knowledge and experience. The visit also allowed for excellent interaction with members of the South Western Circuit and the Limerick Solicitors Bar Association.

The refurbishment of the School of Law and the opening of the new law library and the Appeal Court were also important landmarks in our development. These infrastructural initiatives will provide a great home for all law-related activities, and will help to foster a strong sense of identity for the community of Law staff and students, and for practitioners working in the region.

I was also very heartened to see the School presented with a DELTA award in June. The award recognises excellence in teaching and learning and preparing graduates for the working world. The School of Law at UL is the only law school in Ireland to be recognised at national level for Disciplinary Excellence in Learning Teaching and Assessment. Our Director of Teaching and Learning, Eddie Keane, coordinated our submission and received the award on behalf of the School from the Minister for Higher Education, Mary Mitchell O'Connor, T.D.

Following up on this great news, Dr Kathryn O'Sullivan, a lecturer in the School, won this year's UL award for excellence in teaching. We have known for some time that Kathryn is an outstanding lecturer – but it was nice to see it formally recognised in the form of a university award. Our LLM Master of Laws LLM (General) also won the Postgraduate Course of the Year in Law 2018 at the GradIreland Higher Education Awards. The submission for the award was co-authored by Dr Kathryn O'Sullivan and Dr Alan Cusack. The School also received a Government of Ireland International Education Scholarship for its MA in Human Rights and Criminal Justice.

It was exciting too to see the range of scholarly exchanges initiated or facilitated by staff in the School. This is evident in the numerous national/international conferences, cpd events, visiting lecturers, seminars and workshops that have been organised over the year. These exchanges included conferences such as the Constitution at 80, the criminal justice conference celebrating twenty years of criminal justice scholarship at the School of Law, Contemporary Issues in Family Formation, the Bar Council Conference for the South Western Circuit; Medical Error and the Healthcare Profession; and Minority Religions under Irish Law. Seminars that were held related to white collar crime, victims with disabilities, vulnerable adults and the law, Roma rights, the legal implications of concussion in sport, and



the Victims Directive. The International Commercial and Economic Law Research Group (ICEL), in collaboration with Sweeney McGann solicitors, also hosted a very successful breakfast seminar on Managing Information as part of the Business and Employment Law, Top Tip Series 2017/18.

It is also wonderful to see so much external recognition for staff in the School. Dr. Eimear Spain has been appointed by the Minister for Health to the Psychologists Registration Board following her nomination by the Minister for Education and Skills. Dr Lydia Bracken has been appointed by the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs to the Board of the Gaisce Council. Jennifer Schweppe was presented with the Eva Lassman Take Action Against Hate Award by the Gonzaga Institute for Hate Studies at Gonzaga University, Washington. Staff also undertook visiting fellowships at the University of Canterbury the, University of Cape Town, the University of Victoria, and as a Dobbin Atlantic Scholar at the Schulich School of Law in Dalhousie University, Canada.



The REPPP project continues to grow. It seeks to significantly contribute to the scientific evidence base and evidence informed decision making in the area of youth crime in Ireland. The project, directed by Professor Sean Redmond who is seconded from the Department of Children and Youth Affairs, involves four full time researchers, Dr John Reddy, Dr Deirdre Fullerton, Dr Catherine Naughton, and Eoin O'Meara Daly.

On the international front, the School of Law was delighted to secure recognition of UL Law programmes by the Bar Council of India in February 2018. The School of Law was pleased to welcome Dean Strang to the faculty for a short term appointment. Dean spent two months with it us, lecturing Jurisprudence and giving many wonderful talks. It was a real privilege to have him in the School, and he quickly became a great colleague and friend. We are also delighted to welcome Dr Fernando Ballester from the Universidad de Alicante who will be joining us as a Visiting Scholar for the academic year, and Professor Steve Morreale, University of Worcester, who will visit on a Fulbright scholarship.

Staff have also been very research active, with excellent publication outputs, and books in the areas of victimology, child law, medical law, criminal law, criminal justice and Islamic law. Staff featured frequently on national and local radio programmes and have written and contributed to numerous newspaper articles.

Our students have also performed very well this year. They continue to make us proud in their clinical experiences with employers. They also impressed in the A & L Goodbody and Cambridge mooted competitions, in the UL40 Scholarships, the Kate Fleming Memorial Competition, the President's Volunteer Awards, in

internships with the Irish Superior Courts, and in immersion and exchange programmes in Sichuan and Los Angeles. Congratulations also to Dr Mary Tumelty, Dr Michelle Stevenson and Dr Erin Brannigan who were all conferred with their PhDs in the School of Law.

There have also been exciting developments in relation to curriculum development. The new online Bachelor of Arts in Applied Policing and Criminal Justice was launched last September. We were also delighted to welcome fourteen senior-ranking members of An Garda Síochána onto the School's newest postgraduate programme – a Master of Arts in Serious Crime Investigation.

Internally, Jennifer Schweppe was appointed as a senior lecturer and Dr John Lombard was appointed over the bar, which is another excellent endorsement of the work we do in the School. We also made two new teaching appointments, Dr Jon McCarthy and Hope Davidson, and two new administrative appointments with Josephine Conway, senior administrator, and Adrienne Horan, educational technologist, joining the team. Finally, we would like to extend a warm welcome back to Professor Paul McCutcheon who returns to the School of Law having spent two terms as Vice President Academic and Registrar of the University. They will add immensely to the very strong team which we have in the School.

Warm wishes

Shane Kilcommins

Professor, Head of School



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Events in the School of Law



The visit of the Supreme Court to the University of Limerick

On 5th to 7th March the Supreme Court of Ireland undertook a historic visit to Limerick. It was only the second time the Court has ever sat outside Dublin. The new courthouse in Limerick was officially opened on the Monday evening by the Minister for Justice in the presence of the Supreme Court and the judges sat in the new Court rooms to hear 3 cases over the course of the visit. As part of the visit, members of the Court visited UL and took part in some activities.

On Tuesday 6th March, the judges were given a tour of the Munster Rugby facilities on campus and then had lunch with the President. The Judges then held an exclusive seminar on criminal and evidence cases with PhD and postgraduate students from the School of Law. Later the judges were given a tour of the refurbished School of Law and Mr Justice Donal O'Donnell declared the refurbishment officially open in a small ceremony.

On Tuesday night, the School of Law co-hosted a dinner in Adare, together with the South Western Circuit and the Limerick Solicitors Bar Association, in honour of the historic visit. On Wednesday at 9 am, Mr Justice O'Donnell gave a fascinating talk on the legal connections involved in the

Howth Gun Running. He then had to rush back to the Courthouse for the televising of the much anticipated judgment on the rights of the unborn.

Later at 11 am, he returned to UL, joined by colleagues Ms Justice O'Malley and Ms Justice Dunne to hold a unique session with the undergraduate law student population. The judges discussed their reasoning on various constitutional cases including the case on the unborn which they had just decided. The event offered undergrads a unique and rare chance to discuss important legal issues with

Ireland's pre-eminent judicial figures – it was a fantastic opportunity to gain an insight into the thinking of Supreme Court Judges as well as a deeper understanding of their role.

The visit, organised by Dr Laura Cahillane, was a huge success and provided further opportunities for engagement with the legal community in general.

Members of the Court were very generous to take time out of their busy schedule to engage with our students and the School of Law is very grateful for their kindness



CCJVS 20th Anniversary Conference

On Friday 20th October the Centre for Crime, Justice & Victim Studies held its 20th Anniversary Conference, celebrating twenty years of criminal justice scholarship at the School of Law. The conference took place in the Analog Devices Building at the University of Limerick and was kindly sponsored by the School of Law, the Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences and Kiely McCarthy Solicitors. Papers presented at the conference traced developments in the Irish criminal justice system, past, present and future, and shone a spotlight on some of the innovative research specialities within the Centre such as, Offending and Desistance and Victims of Crime. The conference boasted a wonderfully diverse range of speakers, affording an exciting opportunity for the CCJVS to facilitate debate and discussion of contemporary criminal justice issues, amongst academics, practitioners, researchers and stakeholders in the field. The conference was organised by Dr. Susan Leahy (co-director of the CCJVS) and Dr. Margaret Fitzgerald O'Reilly.



The Constitution at 80 Conference

The Constitution at 80 – a conference to mark the 80th anniversary of Bunreacht na hÉireann, took place at the University of Limerick on Saturday 11th November. The Conference was opened by the President of UL, Dr Des Fitzgerald and the opening keynote address was provided by Emily Logan, Chief Commissioner of the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission, who sounded a note of caution about thinking Constitutions can do too much in the face of administration and reality of day-to-day governance. The Hon. Mr Justice Donal O'Donnell, Judge of the Supreme Court of Ireland in his closing address gave a tour de force on constitutional interpretation throughout the years and advocated for a policy of judicial restraint.



Other highlights included fascinating papers by Mr Justice Gerard Hogan of the Court of Appeal, Mr Justice Richard Humphreys of the High Court, and retired Supreme Court Judge Hugh O'Flaherty, as well as many absorbing and penetrating papers from established academics and up-and-coming researchers. The event sold out and the many practitioners and academics who couldn't make it followed the updates on social media.

A collection of the papers will form the basis of a special anniversary edition of the Dublin University Law Journal. The Conference was organised by Dr Laura Cahillane from the University of Limerick and Dr David Kenny from TCD



Medical Error and the Healthcare Profession Conference



On the 19th of May, the School of Law and Graduate Entry Medical School hosted an interdisciplinary conference 'Medical Error and the Healthcare Profession: Perspectives and Lessons from Practice', which united a range of medico-legal experts on key areas of the law, and attracted both legal and medical practitioners.

The conference saw speakers provide detailed insights into the civil, criminal, and regulatory

responses to medical error. Dr. Ciaran Craven SC and Asim Sheikh considered ongoing developments in medical negligence litigation in the first panel of the day, whilst the second panel explored the response of the criminal law to medical error, with Dr. Danielle Griffiths (University of Sussex), Dr. Alexandra Mullock (University of Manchester), and Dr. Eimear Spain (UL) highlighting the problematic nature of the offence of gross negligence manslaughter in a medical context. The third panel provided insights into the regulation of error and the role of sanctions, wherein Dr. Anthony Breslin (Vice President, Medical Council), William Kennedy (Legal Advisor, Medical Council), and Patrick Leonard SC spoke to their experiences of the phenomenon. The final panel discussed the impact of medical error from the perspective of the patient and the medical practitioner. Here, Melissa Redmond (Patients for Patient Safety), Dr. Andree Rochfort (Director of Doctor's Health, ICGP) and Dr. Mary Tumelty (UL) spoke to the physical and psychological impact of medical error.

The conference was organised by Dr. Eimear Spain and Dr. Mary Tumelty, and was graciously supported by the School of Law and Graduate Entry Medical School

Bar Council Conference



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The Law Library

The School of Law hosted a Bar Council Conference for the South Western Circuit in the University of Limerick's Glucksman Library on Saturday the 23rd of September 2017. The event was coordinated by Dr Catriona Moloney in collaboration with members of the Bar Council. The conference itself was a great success and was followed by a library tour for the attendees. The tour was facilitated by Pattie Punch and included information on the accessibility of library resources for the legal profession

White Collar Crime Seminar



On the evening of 18th January, the School of Law hosted an event on white collar crime, in the Glucksman Library Boardroom. Professor Liz Campbell from Durham University and Dr Joe McGrath from University College Dublin, each delivered thought-provoking papers on the subject of corporate criminal liability. The seminar was chaired by His Honour Judge Thomas E. O'Donnell, pictured above with Professor Campbell, Dr McGrath and Head of School Professor Shane Kilcommins.

Minority Religions Symposium

On Thursday 30th November, 2017, the School of Law hosted a symposium entitled: 'Minority Religions under Irish Law: Islam in National and International Context'. The event which was organised by Dr Kathryn O'Sullivan drew both national and international experts to discuss issues surrounding the accommodation or integration of minority religions in Ireland with a specific focus on the ever growing Muslim community.



Visiting national speakers included Professor Neville Cox (TCD), Dr Máire Ní Shúilleabháin (UCD), Dr Claire Hogan (Barrister-at-law) and Dr Edana Richardson (University of Maynooth). An international perspective was provided by Prof. M. Christian Green (Emory University), Prof. Jørgen S. Nielsen (University of Birmingham & University of Copenhagen), Dr Samia Bano (SOAS University of London), Prof. Oliver Scharbrodt (University of Birmingham) and Dr Amin Al-Astewani (University of Lancaster). Dr James Carr (Dept. of Sociology, UL) and Dr Norah Burns (School of Law, UL) chaired sessions focusing on 'Muslim marriage recognition' and 'Religion and the Irish Constitution' respectively. Papers delivered at the symposium will now go forward towards an edited collection to be published in 2018.

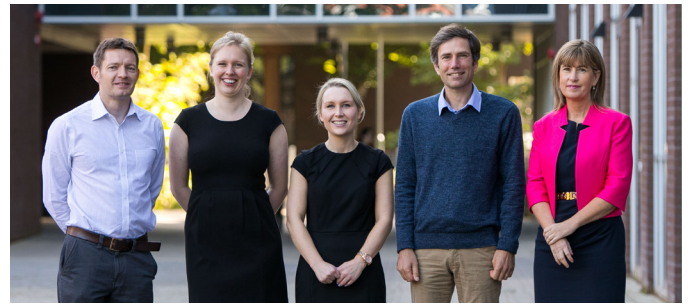
The symposium was kindly sponsored by the School of Law and the International Activity Challenge Fund, University of Limerick.

Contemporary Issues in Family Formation Conference

On Friday 1st September 2017, Dr Lydia Bracken of the School of Law convened a conference on Contemporary Issues in Family Formation. The conference was funded by the Irish Research Council New Foundations Scheme, Strand 4: Knowledge exchange for impact

The conference was designed as a knowledge-exchange event to share perspectives and expertise on issues and challenges facing “non-traditional” families in Ireland and to identify best practice for any future reform of Irish law. It was an inter-disciplinary conference addressing legal issues, social challenges and health and social care considerations. Over 100 people registered to attend the conference. The attendees came from a wide range of backgrounds and included legal practitioners, healthcare professionals, representatives of NGOs, parents and prospective parents, academics, students, and many more.

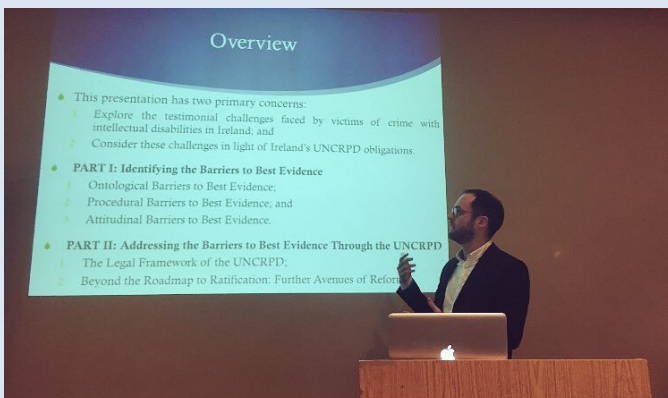
Speakers included: Professor Jonathan Herring, University of Oxford, Professor Deirdre Madden, University College Cork, Dr Lydia Bracken, University of Limerick, Dr Lucy Blake, Edge Hill



University, Dr Conor O’Mahony, University College Cork, Moninne Griffith, Executive Director of BeLonGTo and Dr Fergus Ryan, Maynooth University.

The conference provided much thoughtful debate and discussion on possible future developments in child and family law in Ireland and allowed for networking and connections to be made between a number of interested stakeholders.

CCJVS and ICJDN Seminar



On Wednesday, 21 February 2018, the School of Law hosted an evening CPD seminar entitled ‘Towards Compliance with the UNCRPD: The Role of Criminal Justice Professionals’. The event was co-ordinated by Dr. Alan Cusack of the School of Law and it was co-hosted by the Centre for Crime, Justice and Victim Studies (CCJVS) and the Irish Criminal Justice and Disability Network (ICJDN).

Three engaging papers were presented on the night by Dr. Alan Cusack, Dr. Gillian McNamee (ICJDN) and Mr. Brian McDonald (Ability West). Each of the papers explored the implications which Ireland’s expected ratification of the UNCRPD will pose for criminal justice professionals. Dr. Susan Leahy of the School of Law chaired the seminar and led a Questions and Answers session.

Vulnerable Adults and the Law Seminar

On Monday, 12 March 2018, the School of Law hosted a special evening seminar entitled ‘Vulnerable Adults and the Law’. The objective of the seminar was to explore the invisible challenges that vulnerable members of society face when confronted with modern criminal justice systems.

The keynote speaker for the event was Mr. Dean Strang, Attorney-of-Law, who is best known for his involvement in the Netflix series, ‘Making A Murderer’. Mr Strang was joined on the night by Dr. Alan Cusack and Dr. Gill Harold of School of Applied Social Sciences, University College Cork. The proceedings were chaired by Adjunct Professor, his Honour, Judge Thomas E. O’Donnell who led a very engaging Questions and Answers session following the three presentations.

The event was co-ordinated by Dr. Alan Cusack and it was hosted by the Centre for Crime, Justice and Victim Studies (CCJVS) at the University of Limerick.





School of Law/Sweeney McGann Breakfast Seminar

The School of Law and the International Commercial and Economic Law Research Group in collaboration with Sweeney McGann solicitors, were delighted to host a very successful breakfast seminar on Managing Information as part of the Business and Employment Law, Top Tip Series 2017/18'. The seminar, which was held in the UL Pavilion, was attended by over 120 delegates from businesses interests such as the IDA, Regeneron and Vistakon, as well as legal and other professionals from the mid-west region. The attendees heard presentations from: Professor Raymond J Friel from the School of Law on 'The Changing Environment for Information Management'; Eddie Keane, from the UL School of Law, on 'Trade Secrets: whose secret is it?'; and Aoife Hennessy from Sweeney McGann on 'Keeping a Lid on It: an employer's guide to protecting their business'. The organisers were delighted with the positive response from the attendees and are looking forward to the next event in the series.



Seminar on Implementation of the EU Victims Directive in Ireland and The Criminal Justice (Victims of Crime) Act 2017

A Seminar on the Victims Directive was presented by Dr Andrea Ryan on 30th January 2018. The Seminar presented the findings of an EU funded project on Directive Compatible Practices which the Centre has been engaged in since 2016. The event was attended by over 40 participants made up of invited guests from the Courts Service, Garda Síochána, Office of the DPP Victim Liaison Section, the Prison Service, Probation Service, victim support organisations, legal practitioners, Health Service, doctoral students and law faculty members.



Roma Rights Seminar

On Tuesday 17th April Dr Norah Burns convened a Roma Rights Seminar in the School of Law. The seminar featured presentations from students in the UL Engage Roma Rights Practicum supervised by Dr Burns. Four fourth year Law Plus students: Jack Ryan, Susan Gleeson, Evana Lyons and Patrick Brennan presented their reports based on the recently published Pavee Point and Department of Justice Roma in Ireland: A National Needs Assessment. Following the student's presentations Professor Colin Clark of the University of the West of Scotland and Dr Bernard Rorke of the European Roma Rights Centre in Hungary both gave papers on their recent work. Franz Amin of the Department of Politics presented an innovative paper on vulnerability and Sindy Joyce of the Department of Sociology presented her findings from an ethnographic study she has carried out that examines how anti-Traveller racism shapes young people's use of and movement through urban public space. Representatives from Pavee Point, Doras Luimní, the Psychology Department in UL and the Graduate Entry Medical School were also present on the day to participate in the seminar. The event was funded by the AHSS Faculty Teaching Board Fund.



Seminar on Legal Implications of Concussion in Sport

On Thursday, 5 July, Professor Jack Anderson, Director of Sports Law Studies, Melbourne Law School, and Adjunct Professor at the School of Law, UL, gave a seminar on Concussion in Sport: Legal Implications. Professor Anderson's talk examined the potential liability of clubs, referees and sports medics. With a focus on rugby, Professor Anderson spoke of the increased physicality of the game in the twenty-three years since its professionalization and the litigious nature of society now. Professor Anderson's talk generated a number of interesting questions from the attendees, which included medical doctors and members of the legal profession. The talk was chaired by The Hon. Mr. Justice David Barniville, also an Adjunct Professor at the School of Law, UL. The event was supported by the International Commercial and Economic Law (ICEL) group of the School of Law, UL and was organised by Laura Donnellan, who lectures in Sport and the Law and has published a number of books and articles on the relationship between law and sport.



Research and related activity in the School of Law



Appointment to the Psychologists Registration Board

The Law School is happy to announce that Dr. Eimear Spain has been appointed by the Minister for Health to the Psychologists Registration Board following her nomination by the Minister for Education and Skills. The Psychologists Registration Board at CORU has statutory responsibility for establishing and maintaining a Register of members of the profession; assessing, approving and monitoring training courses for the health and social care professions under the Act; and establishing the Code of Professional Conduct and Ethics and standards of performance to which psychologists must adhere. Dr. Spain's appointment is for a period of four years

Jennifer Schweppe Presented with Take Action Against Hate Award

Jennifer Schweppe of the School of Law and co-Director of the International Network for Hate Studies was presented with the Eva Lassman Take Action Against Hate Award by the Gonzaga Institute for Hate Studies at Gonzaga University, Washington on Friday 20th October 2017. Jennifer accepted the award with her colleague Dr Mark Walters of the University of Sussex on behalf of the International Network for Hate Studies.

Initiated in 2009, the award is given by the Gonzaga Institute to an organization and an individual for contributions to better understanding and combating hate in its many manifestations in honour of the life and memory of Holocaust survivor and educator Eva Lassman.

Accepting the award, Jennifer said, "I am both honoured and humbled to receive this award on behalf of the International Network for Hate Studies.

The philosophy underlying the Network is to break down disciplinary and practice silos in an effort to challenge and combat hate in partnership globally. We work with our Advisory Board which comprises of academics, practitioners, and policy makers across the globe to understand hate crime, as well as share practices across communities."



COST Action successes for the School of Law

The School of Law is represented on the Management Committee of two new EU funded COST Actions starting in 2018 and with a duration of 4 years. They are:

CA17135 *Constitution-making and deliberative democracy* - Dr Laura Cahillane

CA17102 *Police Stop and Search* - Prof. Sean Redmond



COST is supported by the EU Framework Programme Horizon 2020

COST is an EU-funded programme that enables researchers to set up their interdisciplinary research networks in Europe and beyond. COST provides funds for organising conferences, meetings, training schools, short scientific exchanges or other networking activities in a wide range of scientific topics. Reimbursement takes place for an individual researcher who participates in one of those activities. It is a unique means for them to jointly develop their own ideas and new initiatives across all fields in science and technology, including social sciences and humanities, through pan-European networking of nationally funded research activities. Based on a European intergovernmental framework for cooperation in science and technology, COST has been contributing - since its creation in 1971 - to closing the gap between science, policy makers and society throughout Europe and beyond.

Appointment to Gaisce Council



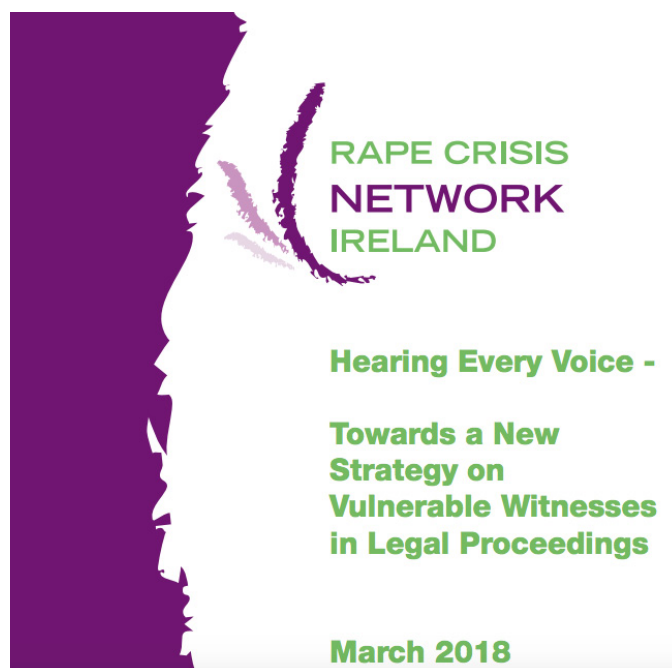
Dr Lydia Bracken, School of Law, has been appointed by the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs to the Board of the Gaisce Council. Gaisce – The President's Award is a self-development programme for young people aged 15-25. It encourages participants to dream big and realise their potential. There are three levels of award—bronze, silver and gold—and four challenge areas: community involvement, personal skill, physical recreation, and an adventure journey. Uachtaráin na hÉireann, Michael D. Higgins, is patron of the Award. Dr Bracken's appointment is for a period of three years

Dr Alan Cusack Contributes to Landmark Report on Vulnerable Witnesses

On Monday, 10 April 2018, the Rape Crisis Network Ireland published a report entitled, 'Hearing Every Voice - Towards a New Strategy on Vulnerable Witnesses in Legal Proceedings'.

The report, which took over a year to complete, was prepared by a 'Vulnerable Witnesses Multi-Agency Group' convened by Caroline Counihan of the Rape Crisis Network. Dr. Alan Cusack of the School of Law was a founding member of the Working Group, and played a central role in developing the report's primary findings. Other members of the Working Group included senior representatives from the Bar Council of Ireland, senior members of An Garda Síochána, individuals within the Courts Services as well as key stakeholders.

Following publication of the report, Dr. Alan Cusack, together with Dr. Conor Hanly (NUIG) and representatives from the Rape Crisis Network Ireland, Inclusion Ireland, CARI, the National Advocacy Service and members of the Bar Council of Ireland met with the Minister for Justice, Charlie Flanagan, who expressed his interest in pursuing avenues of reform intended to secure the best evidence of vulnerable witnesses in criminal proceedings. Dr. Cusack spoke to the Minister for Justice about Ireland's existing special measures framework and the need to explore the introduction of new accommodations within Irish courtroom proceedings.



Hate and Hostility Group invited to EU High Level Group

On, June 14, Jennifer Schweppe, Senior Lecturer at the School of Law, and co-Director of UL's Hate and Hostility Research Group (HHRG), was invited to the Fifth meeting of the EU High Level Group (HLG) on combating racism, xenophobia and other forms of intolerance to present the findings of the HHRG's 'Lifecycle of a Hate Crime: Comparative Report'. The HLG was set up by the European Commission following recommendations made at the 2015 first Annual Colloquium on Fundamental Rights. The purpose of the HLG is to exchange models of best practice between Member States to help combat hate crime. Along with Member State authorities the High Level Group brings together other key stakeholders involved in countering hate crime including civil society organisations and community representatives, the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA), the European Parliament, the Council of Europe, the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).



The findings presented to the HLG on combating racism, xenophobia and other forms of intolerance included recommendations at an EU-Level proposing a move to a common definition of hate crime that can be used throughout Europe. The report also proposes the development of an EU-wide Action Plan on hate crime that fosters improved monitoring, more expert justice practitioners and specialist training across institutions, as well as the collection of comparable hate crime data across the EU to ensure that all Member States of the EU are effectively tackling hate crime and supporting the needs of victims

The REPPP Project - REPPP highlights in 2018



2017/18 has been an extremely busy time for the Research Evidence into Policy Programmes and Practice [REPPP] project. The REPPP project seeks to significantly contribute to the scientific evidence base and evidence informed decision making in the area of youth crime in Ireland. The project involves four full time researchers, John Reddy, Deirdre Fullerton, Catherine Naughton, Eoin O'Meara Daly and a principal investigator, Sean Redmond, an official assigned to REPPP from the Department of Children and Youth Affairs. REPPP worked on five strategically important research projects in 2018

1. Improving data collection practices in the Irish Youth Justice System

John Reddy leads this project which compares data collection practices in Ireland with six leading jurisdictions across the world which characterise the main philosophical approaches to youth

justice; welfare-led; welfare/justice-led and justice-led. The data collected in these systems; Sweden, Scotland, England and Wales, Netherlands and U.S. states of Pennsylvania and Washington were examined to consider the extent to which any system could practically answer the question 'is the system working effectively?' Interesting findings from the study will be fed back to the Irish Youth Justice Service in the final part of 2018 and the report will be published.

2. How do we better describe effective professional relationships with young people who have committed offences?

Deirdre Fullerton leads this project which aims to provide a better description of using 'relationships' more effectively to help bring about pro-social change with young people. Like all REPPP projects, this is incredibly ambitious. 'Relationships' are the means by which youth professionals engage, challenge and

co-produce change with young people in Garda Youth Diversion Projects (GYDP). However, despite relationships accounting for the vast majority of time spent in GYDP- they remain enigmatic and have not been adequately described in terms of what constitutes effective and ineffective practice. Deirdre's work which commenced in May 2018 initially undertakes a systematic evidence review to identify effective practice and then (scheduled for 2019) will share with local practitioners on the ground before co-designing new evidence informed practice guidance.

3. Did the new bail supervision programme funded by the Department of Children and Youth Affairs work?

Catherine Naughton leads this project which has designed a new cutting edge evaluation methodology to determine whether an equally cutting edge bail supervision programme (incorporating Multi-Systemic Therapy) was effective. Bail supervision is intended to offer a judge an alternative to a remand in detention for a child who is denied bail. The programme has been piloted in the Dublin area since 2017. Catherine is evaluating whether the bail supervision was more effective than existing arrangements for a matched group of children [experimental design], what distinctive contribution it may have made [realist evaluation] and whether it was implemented in the way that it was intended [process evaluation]. Findings will be submitted to the Department of Children and Youth Affairs early in 2019 to inform its decision to expand, continue, reform or discontinue the programme.

4. What should we do about children caught up in crime networks?

Catherine Naughton and Eoin O'Meara Daly are leading this work to examine the effects of criminal networks on the offending and welfare trajectories of children caught up in them. REPPP's world leading research in this area has evidenced that up to

1,000 children in the state may be affected. This is a very small minority group of children. Most children do not commit crime and a small number who do offend do so infrequently before stopping altogether. Our findings suggest that children caught up in crime networks suffer significant adversity and may be responsible for a large amount of all youth crime. Three mixed methods case studies [Greentown, Bluetown and Redtown] were completed in 2018 in addition to a national survey to indicate the prevalence of the problem. These reports will be published later in 2018. In addition the REPPP project has been requested by senior government officials to design a radical new intervention programme to reduce the influence of criminal networks on children and help children who are caught up to escape their influence. This work will continue into 2019.

5. How do we increase the quality and quantity of evidence to support better decision making in the youth justice system in Ireland?

Much of the research output relating to youth justice in Ireland relates to system-critique. This is an extremely important role for independent academics and an equally important check on uncritical legal and policy development. However there is also a need for research to assist in problem-solving youth justice governance problems, be it; disclosing new phenomena such as the Greentown problem or better interventions such as bail supervision and more effective use of professional relationships. Over 2018 REPPP has contributed to a number of policy discussions on youth crime and has designed two new Masters teaching modules: 'Youth Crime' characterised by a problem solving approach to improving outcomes and; Using Evidence to Improve Societal Outcomes in the Real World which considers more generally why and how scientific evidence can contribute to better policy, programmes and practice. Both modules are on offer in the Spring semester of 2019.





Awards

DELTA Award

In June, the School of Law was presented with a DELTA award. The award recognises excellence in teaching and learning. The School of Law at UL is the only law school in Ireland to be recognised at national level for Disciplinary Excellence in Learning Teaching and Assessment. As Director of Teaching and Learning, Eddie Keane was delighted to accept a DELTA Award on behalf of the School of Law.

From an initial set of over fifty entries, across a broad spectrum of disciplines from all of Ireland's third level institutions, only eleven applicants were successful.

In announcing the winners, at a special event held in the Mansion House on March 21st, Professor Sarah Moore (Chair of the Forum for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning) said "DELTA

awards are major national level awards for Irish higher education teaching. The application process was challenging, and each submission was assessed rigorously by an expert panel of reviewers. Only the best submissions were shortlisted and only the most exceptional received awards".



LLM (General) wins Postgraduate Course of the Year in Law 2018



The Master of Laws LLM (General) at the School of Law, University of Limerick, has won the Postgraduate Course of the Year in Law 2018 at the Gradireland Higher Education Awards.

These awards, now in their seventh year, are the blue ribbon event for higher education professionals, postgraduate admissions officers and course providers across the island of Ireland.

The submission for the award was co-authored by Dr Alan Cusack and Dr Kathryn O'Sullivan (Course Director of the LLM General). At the core of this degree's success, is its accommodation, not only of a diverse suite of highly innovative, research-led law modules but also its incorporation of a unique practice-orientated, employer-led, 'Mastering Your Employability' (MYE) module.

In short, and as reflected in this award, the LLM Master of Laws (General) postgraduate degree at the University of Limerick is a model of excellence in preparing students for an enriching, challenging and rewarding career both within the legal profession and beyond.

Government of Ireland International Education Scholarship for the School of Law

The School of Law was also delighted to receive a Government of Ireland International Education Scholarship for its MA in Human Rights and Criminal Justice. This success for the School of Law comes on the back of increasing international student recruitment on all programmes and a growing list of international accreditations.

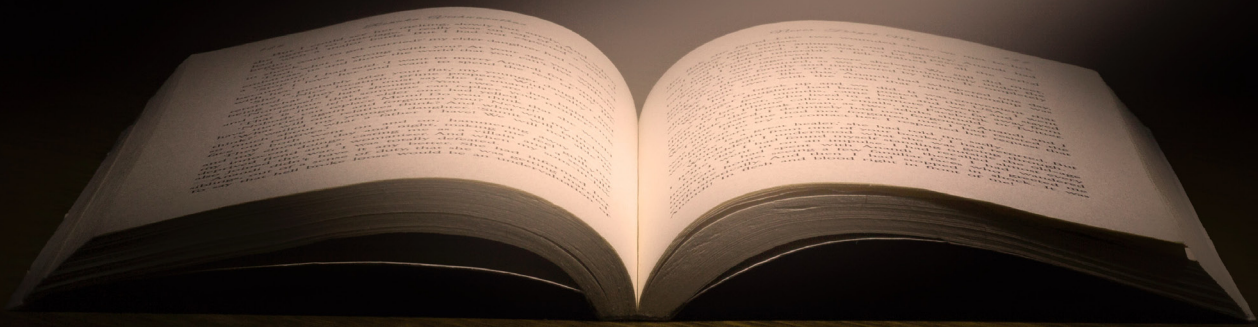
In total, the University of Limerick secured five Government of Ireland International Education Scholarships from the Higher Education Authority with three, including that for the School of Law, awarded to the Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Science.



UL Excellence in Teaching Award 2018



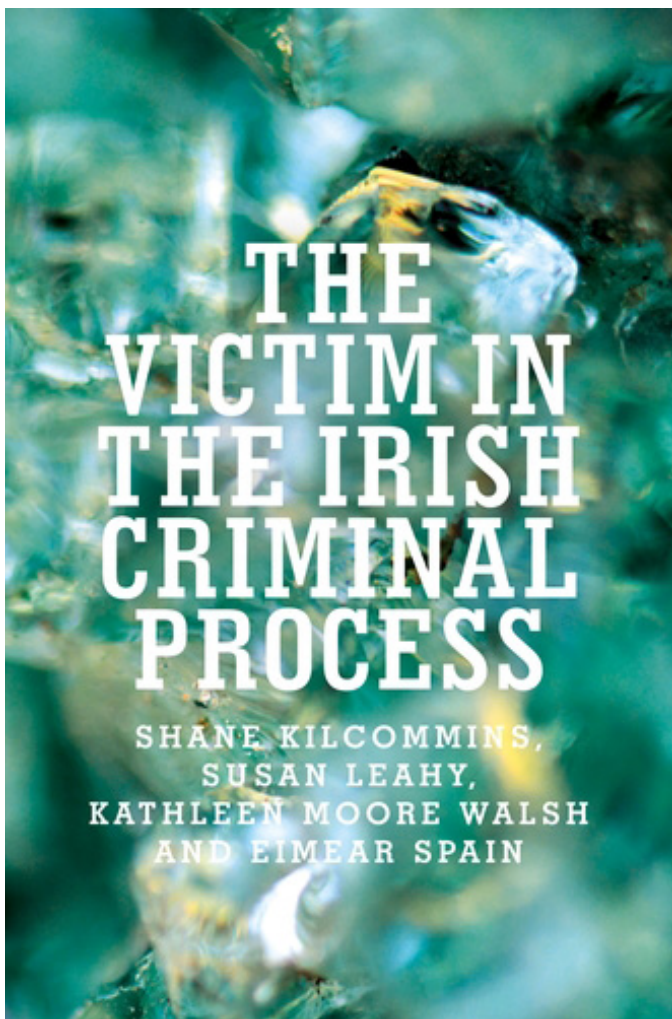
Dr Kathryn O'Sullivan won this year's UL award for excellence in teaching. Announcing the award, the President Dr Des Fitzgerald noted: "Over her relatively short career as a third level teacher, Kathryn has shown an exemplary commitment to enhancing the student learning experience, which has been wide reaching, substantial and impactful. She has been a key driver of curriculum development within her discipline and has led the internationalisation agenda within her school, resulting in a significant increase in international students coming to UL to study law. Her own passion for professional development is evident in her many local and national achievements in engaging in successful funding bids, and for receiving prestigious external awards as part of the School of Law team."



New Books

The Victim in the Irish Criminal Process (MUP 2018)

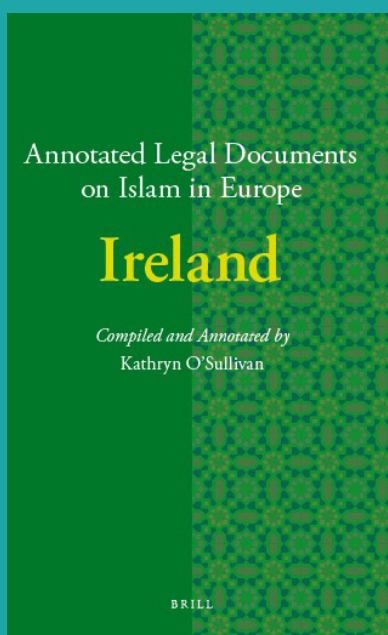
Shane Kilcommins, Susan Leahy, Kathleen Moore Walsh, Eimear Spain



Concern for crime victims has been a growing political issue in improving the legitimacy and success of the criminal justice system through the rhetoric of rights. Since the 1970s there have been numerous reforms and policy documents produced to enhance victims' satisfaction in the criminal justice system. The Republic of Ireland has seen a sea-change in more recent years from a focus on services for victims to a greater emphasis on procedural rights. The purpose of this book is to chart these reforms against the backdrop of wider political and regional changes emanating from the European Union and the European Court of Human Rights, and to critically examine whether the position of crime victims has actually ameliorated. The book discusses the historical and theoretical concern for crime victims in the criminal justice system, examines the variety of forms of legal and service provision inclusion, and concludes by analysing the various needs of victims which continue to be unmet.

The School of Law and the Centre for Crime, Justice and Victim Studies were delighted to host the launch of the book on Thursday, May 9th. The book was launched by Professor Helen Kelly-Holmes, Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences. The launch was attended by friends and colleagues of the authors, as well as Adjunct Professor Ellen O'Malley Dunlop who provided the foreword for the book.





**Annotated
Legal Documents
on Islam in
Europe: Ireland
(Brill, May 2018)
Kathryn O'Sullivan**

Annotated Legal Documents on Islam in Europe is a Series published by Brill (Leiden; Netherlands).

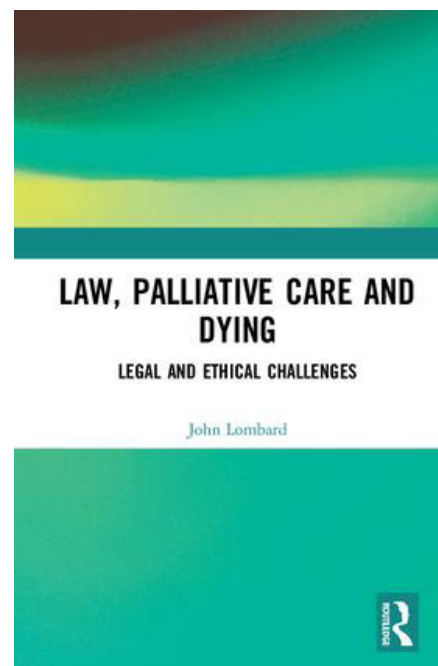
The project covers the 28 member states of the European Union, Norway and Switzerland plus the European Union and the European Court of Justice. This is the Irish contribution to the project. It consists of an annotated collection of currently valid legal documents affecting the status of Islam and Muslims in Ireland including legislation, regulations and significant court decisions. Each legal text is preceded by an introduction describing the historical, political and legal circumstances of its adoption, in addition to a summary of its content.

This is the first contribution to the market bringing together all the various strands of law that impact on minority religions such as the Muslim community in Ireland.

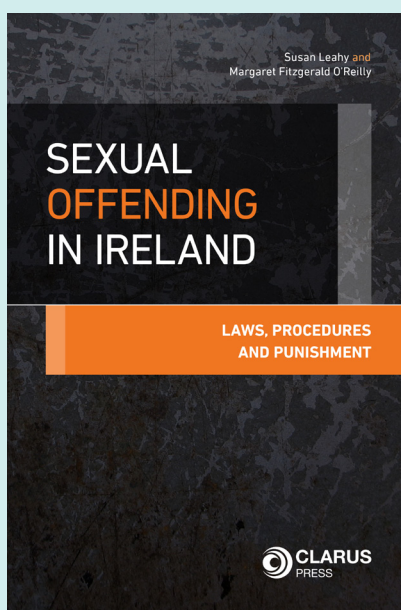
**Law, Palliative Care and Dying (Routledge 2018)
John Lombard**

Law, Palliative Care and Dying critically examines the role of the legal framework in shaping the boundaries of palliative care practice. The work underlines the importance of a distinct legal framework for specialist palliative care which can provide clarity for both the healthcare professional and the patient. It examines the legal and ethical justifications for specialist palliative care practices and, in doing so, it questions the legitimacy of the distinction between euthanasia and practices such as palliative sedation. Moreover, this work discusses the influence of a human rights discourse on palliative care and examines the contribution of autonomy, dignity, and the right to palliative care.

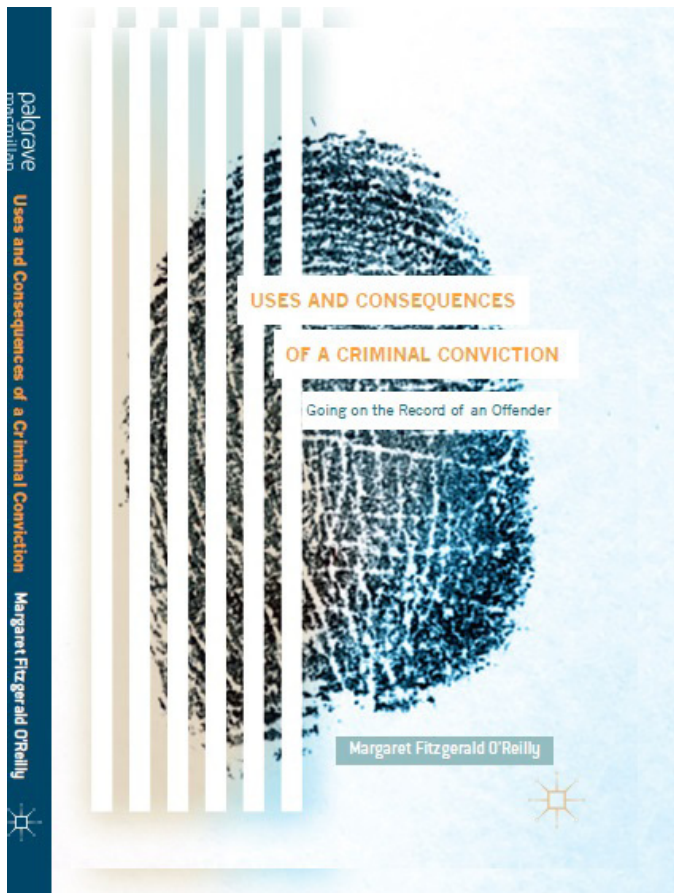
This book includes detailed comparative research on several European jurisdictions. The jurisdictions illustrate varied approaches to palliative care regulation and promotion. In this manner, the role of professional guidelines and legislation are drawn out and common themes in the regulation of palliative care emerge.



**Sexual Offending In Ireland: Laws, Procedures
and Punishment (Clarus Press 2018)
Susan Leahy & Margaret Fitzgerald O'Reilly**



The topic of sexual offending is a deeply complex and challenging one. In the past number of years, there has been a growing interest in sexual crime with a proliferation of cases provoking controversy surrounding sentencing and continuing questions about the adequacy of the current law. Sexual Offending in Ireland offers an accessible and comprehensive account of the relevant law in relation to sexual offending in Ireland. It incorporates an examination of developments in domestic legislation and case law, detailing the substantive and evidentiary rules, as well as sentencing practice and supervision of sexual offenders. The book also discusses the recent reforms introduced under the Criminal Law (Sexual Offences) Act 2017 and the Criminal Justice (Victims of Crime) Bill 2016, examining the implications these reforms will have upon the trial and punishment of sexual offences. It is a timely addition to commentary on the law in this unique area.



Uses and Consequences of a Criminal Conviction: Going on the Record of an Offender
 (Palgrave MacMillan, forthcoming, November 2018)
Margaret Fitzgerald O'Reilly

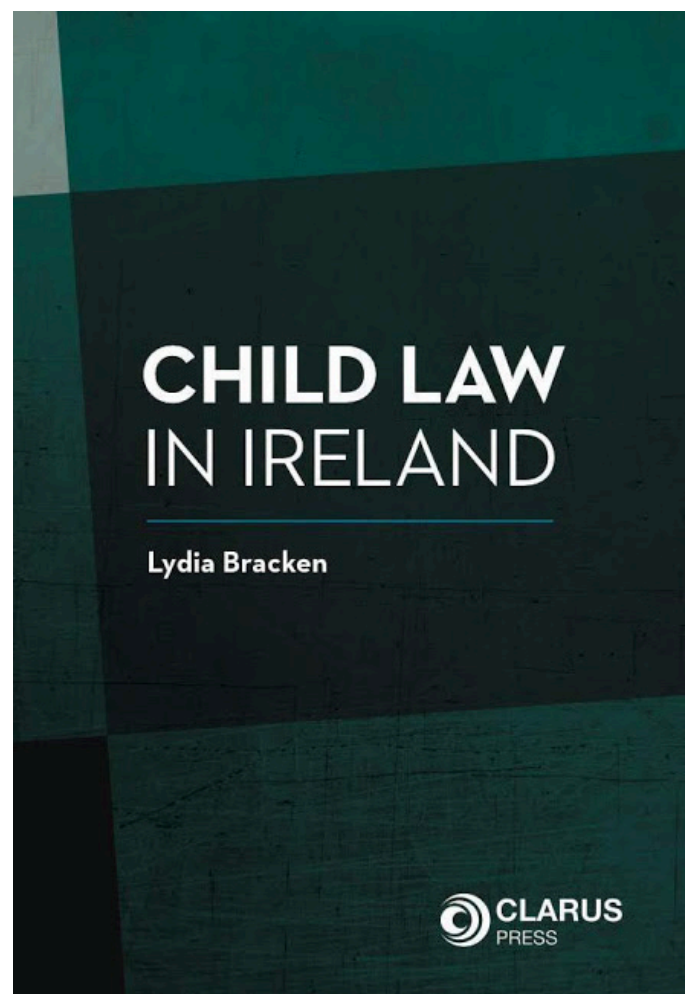
This book examines the increasing retention and use of previous criminal record information, within and beyond the criminal justice system. The impact of a criminal conviction extends far beyond the de jure sentence. Criminal records are relied upon by key decision makers at all stages of the formal criminal process, from the police to the judiciary. Convictions can affect areas of policing, bail, trial procedure and sentencing, which the author discusses. Furthermore, with the increasing intensifying of surveillance techniques in the interests of security, ex-offenders are monitored more closely post release and these provisions are explored here. Even beyond the formal criminal justice system, individuals can continue to experience many collateral consequences of a conviction whereby access to employment, travel and licenses (among other areas of social activity) can be limited as a consequence of disclosure requirements. Overall, this book examines the perpetual nature of criminal convictions through the evolution of criminal record use, focussing on the Irish perspective, and also considers the impact from a broader international perspective.

Child Law in Ireland
 (Clarus Press, 2018)
Lydia Bracken

Child Law in Ireland by Dr Lydia Bracken provides an accessible analysis of the Irish child law system. It incorporates examination of Ireland's international obligations in this area arising under the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) and the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR), as well as examination of the Irish Constitution and the domestic legislative framework. The book addresses a wide range of child law topics including children's rights; parentage; donor-assisted human reproduction and surrogacy; guardianship, custody and access; child protection; representation and participation; and education.

Child Law in Ireland examines current Irish law and addresses contemporary issues in a range of areas. This includes discussion of timely legal developments such as the General Scheme of the Assisted Reproduction Bill 2017; the Children and Family Relationships Act 2015; the Adoption (Amendment) Act 2017; the Adoption (Information and Tracing) Bill 2016; the Children First Act 2015; and the Education (Admission to Schools) Bill 2016, among others.

This book is an indispensable text for those who work with, or on behalf of, children and young people and for those studying the operation of Ireland's child law system, including practising lawyers and students of child and family law.





Visitors and Guest Lectures



Dean Strang

The School of Law was pleased to welcome Dean Strang to the faculty for a short term appointment in 2018. Dean Strang, who is well known from his time on the hit Netflix documentary series 'Making a Murderer', spent two months at the Law School where he contributed to the curriculum by teaching on a number of courses. Dean also contributed to several extra-curricular activities, including acting as the presiding judge at the A&L Goodbody Moot Court competition for students of the Law School.

At an event in Plassey House, Dean was welcomed by Professor Friel, Director of Research at the Law School, who spoke of the appreciation of the School and University that Dean would be able to share his expertise and practical knowledge with UL Law students. Responding, Dean thanked the Law School for making this opportunity available to him and that he believed that he would benefit as much as the students from his presence on campus and that he looked forward to learning as much about the Irish criminal justice

process as we would learn about the US system.

Dean gave a major public discourse about the challenges and importance of providing a criminal defence at the University Concert Hall on 1st March and

on Wednesday 14th March, there was an 'in conversation' event with Dean Strang in University Concert Hall Limerick where he delivered a paper titled 'How can you defend those people?' before being joined

on stage by Mark Nicholas SC. Mr Nicholas engaged Dean in discussion of the Making a Murderer documentary series, and drew out issues in criminal justice and criminal defence. The event was organised by Dr John Lombard.

Dean also gave a presentation on his forthcoming book 'Wobbly: America's Biggest Mass Trial, the Rise of the Justice Department, and the Fall of the IWW'. Dean's talk drew upon the founding of the IWW, the social context of the time, the impact of the First World War on the case and how the case was structured. The presentation attracted both staff and students of the university and was very well received.



The School of Law was delighted to welcome many other guests and speakers during the academic year

- Dr Jill McCorkel, Department of Sociology and Criminology, Villanova University, USA
- Mr Pádraig Mawe, State Solicitor for Limerick City
- Ms. Joanne O'Donnell, Solicitor and senior regulatory advisor from Compliance and Risks
- Patrick Shannon, Judge for the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe of Michigan
- Dr Kevin Sweeney
- Professor Antony Pemberton, Tilburg University, The Netherlands
- Gerry Greaney of Johnson & Johnson
- Professor Tim Kuhner, University of Auckland, New Zealand
- Dr Konstantinos Dimarellis, a lecturer with the Department of Law at the University of Nicosia
- Judge Mary Emer Larkin, Judge of the District Court.
- Judge Tom O'Donnell, Judge of the Circuit Court
- Dr Noelle Higgins (Senior Lecturer in Law, NUI Maynooth)
- Mr Justice John Edwards, Judge of the Court of Appeal
- Ms. Eithne McCarthy, Deputy Director at the Competition and Markets Authority, London
- Dr Anthony O'Dwyer, UCC,
- Dr Seán Ó Conaill, UCC,
- Ruadhán Mac Cormaic Irish Times

We are also delighted to welcome Dr Fernando Ballester from the Universidad de Alicante who will be joining us as a Visiting Scholar for the academic year.





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Appointments

The School of Law is delighted to welcome two new teaching assistants this year:



Hope Davidson

Hope is a former solicitor and an Irish Research Council Scholar in UL. She has a BA in History from Trinity College, an LLM in Health & Care Law from University College Cork, and is currently completing her doctoral research on decision-making in dementia care under the supervision of Dr Spain and Jennifer Schweppe in the School of Law at the University of Limerick. Hope has presented and published nationally and internationally on dementia and in the areas of children and medical treatment, research ethics, and involuntary detention. She sits on the AHSS research ethics committee and is on the course board for Law as the PhD representative.



Dr Jonathan McCarthy

Jonathan is a BCL and LLM graduate of University College Cork, and was conferred with his PhD degree at UCC in 2018. His doctoral thesis was entitled 'An analysis of the implications of the law of company rescue for small and medium-sized enterprises in Ireland'. The research involved numerous interviews with representatives of business organisations and leading insolvency practitioners. The thesis advanced an empirically-based argument for alternative procedures of SME company rescue under Irish law. In undertaking this research, he was awarded an Irish Research Council Government of Ireland Postgraduate Scholarship. Jonathan's research interests are primarily in corporate law, financial law and commercial law. His most recent publications have been on topics of SME credit provision initiatives and the efficacy of reforms to the company examinership process. At present, his research particularly focuses on the legal issues surrounding legacy indebtedness and non-performing loans among businesses, the development of rules for a European banking union, and the challenges relating to the use of technological innovations in the financial sector. Prior to joining the School of Law, Jonathan lectured and examined modules in banking law and English land law at UCC, in addition to teaching in contract law and property law. He was a recipient of the Ronan Daly Jermyn Scholarship at UCC. During his time at UCC, he carried out research assistance for projects with Professor Mary Donnelly and Dr. Fidelma White, and assisted in the design and establishment of the LLM programmes in maritime law and business law.

Josephine Conway

We are delighted to announce the appointment of Josephine Conway as Senior Administrator.

Josephine provides admin support to the Postgraduate Course directors in relation to taught postgraduate and online programmes as well as facilitating with the Moodle online induction team and providing support for the accreditation of An Garda Síochána programmes. She is also point of contact for all large events, in particular CPD events.



Adrienne Horan

We are also delighted to announce the appointment of Adrienne Horan as online support administrator.

Adrienne is part of University of Limerick support staff for blended learning development, working with Ulearning and the School of Law. Blended learning programmes are those courses which consist of both face to face teaching and online learning. Adrienne’s role supports UL faculty in the development and delivery of online educational programmes, as well as technical support for mature students enrolled in online courses on the Moodle learning management system. Other tasks include research into new educational technologies, liaising with companies when customising online courses, website design, marketing, and administrative support.

Welcome Back Professor Paul McCutcheon

Finally, we would like to extend a warm welcome back to Professor Paul McCutcheon who returns to the School of Law in September 2018 having spent two terms as Vice President Academic and Registrar of the University. In his VP role, Paul held overall responsibility for the academic affairs of the University. On completion of his term of office Paul was awarded a University Fellowship by the University of Canterbury, New Zealand where he taught the Law and Sport module. On his return to UL, Paul will devote his energies to teaching and research in criminal law, sports law and jurisprudence



Staff in the Media

Our staff have been very busy this year contributing to important debates in the media. There are too many to list individually but our staff have featured on radio programmes such as, RTE's Morning Ireland, Drivetime with Mary Wilson, The Sean O'Rourke Show, News at One, Newstalk's Pat Kenny Show, Newstalk Breakfast, Newstalk Drive, Newstalk between the lines, Ivan Yates on Newstalk, Lunchtime Live with Ciara Kelly on Newstalk, Newstalk News roundup, Joe Nash on Limerick 95 FM, and have written and contributed to numerous newspapers including the Irish Times, Irish Examiner, Irish Independent and more.

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 Hate crimes in Ireland: exhausting, normalised and unacceptable
 Violence on the basis of ethnicity or race is a real challenge for both parts of the island. A new book documents victims' experiences and government responses
 By Lisa O'Connell
 Published: 16 Dec 2017 06:00

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 By Lisa O'Connell
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 Why reform of Seanad Éireann should start with the electorate
 Updated: Tuesday, 29 May 2018 12:40
 By Laura Cahillane
 School of Law
 Opinion: The 7th amendment of the Constitution allows all graduates in Ireland to vote in Seanad elections, but the enabling legislation has never been enacted
 Seanad Éireann has a very complicated electoral process. There are 60 members: 11 are nominated by the Taoiseach, six are elected by the Universities panel and the remaining 43 are selected from a complex series of panels by an electorate which includes the members of the new Dáil, the outgoing Seanad, and county councillors.
 Apart from the awkward electoral process, there are many problems associated with the Seanad, from questions on the purpose of the institution to claims that it is undemocratic. It is universally acknowledged that reforming the Seanad is a need of reform and, following the *leasú* referendum to

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 Putting a legal and regulatory shape on MMA
 Updated: Friday, 8 Feb 2018 08:43
 By Laura Donnellan
 School of Law
 Opinion: The huge growth in interest in MMA has not been matched by regulation and universally accepted rules within the sport
 Mixed martial arts (MMA) is a hybrid unarmed combat sport, which combines traditional martial arts sports with non-traditional ones. It's an ancient sport, but its modern inception dates back to 1993 when the Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC) was established.
 MMA has few rules and permits wrestling holds, punching, martial arts throws and kicking. Unlike boxing, MMA appears to have little regulation and there is a lack of universally accepted standardised rules. That is not to say that it is devoid of rules: the UFC has its own well-defined rules and regulations.

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 Shaggy dog stories
 Updated: Friday, 24 Nov 2017 08:39
 By Laura Donnellan
 School of Law
 Opinion: recent stories about the hitland race in Alaska and greyhound racing in Ireland put the focus on the rules around doping and animals in sport
 Described as the great race, the Iditarod is a 2000-mile race which takes place in Alaska each year in March. The winner is decided by the nose of the lead dog reaching the finish line, while the person riding the sled, who is called a musher, must meet a number of criteria in order to be permitted to approach a qualifier and have completed 750 miles in total. The musher may have a maximum of 12 sleds, at least 12 mushers and a minimum of five most complete the race.

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 The kids are not alright: why some children are in a legal bind
 Updated: Friday, 25 May 2018 14:23
 By Lydia Swales
 School of Law
 Opinion: Failure to enact provisions of the Children & Family Relationships Act 2015 means the family relationships of some children are not recognised in law
 As we mark the third anniversary of the successful marriage equality referendum, Ireland has a lot to applaud. In May 2015, Ireland became the first country in the world to legislate same-sex marriage by popular vote, signalling that we are a nation that is committed to equality and acceptance.
 Our status as a progressive and inclusive state was further enhanced by the introduction of the Children and Family Relationships Act 2015 prior to the referendum. This legislation made provision for the recognition of a diverse range of family forms for the first time.

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 How does a judge decide on the length of a prison sentence?
 Updated: Tuesday, 12 Dec 2017 09:00
 By Laura Cahillane
 School of Law
 Opinion: Sentencing is not something taken lightly by judges and involves a complicated process fraught with difficulties
 Every few months, a high profile court case provokes the ire of the public due to the perceived leniency of the sentence. In many cases, public anger is directed at the fact that sentencing appears to be entirely down to the magpie-bait eye exercise to decide upon punishment. But sentencing is not fraught with difficulties.
 Under Irish constitutional law, it is the job of the Oireachtas to decide on the limits of sentences and on the amount of scope to be given to judges. The Oireachtas can decide on mandatory sentences (for example a life sentence

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 Report on Garda rights criticised by employment law expert
 By Carmel O'Keefe
 Senior Lecturer
 An employment law expert has criticised the findings of the Government body which recommended granting Garda associations the right to take industrial action or to be considered as trade unions.
 The group was comprised of senior civil servants and Garda management, but did not include Garda associations, legal experts of the Policing Authority.
 "I disagree with the report's central findings for many reasons, primarily because the report is somewhat contradictory," said Eddie Keane of the School of Law at University of Limerick. "For example, it states that the public are 'uniquely' and hence should not have the same industrial relations rights as other public servants, yet when it comes to wage negotiations the

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 How Irish crime gangs are a hidden threat to child well-being
 The Brainstorm long read: the existence of criminal networks in Irish neighbourhoods are a threat to public health and a slippery phenomenon to detect and understand
 By Sean Desmond
 School of Law
 In the 1850s, cholera visited the residents of Golden Square, a poor urban neighbourhood in London. In addition to its cruel and subliminal quality, cholera had an insidious and appeared to spread randomly from household to household with devastating effects.
 The phenomenon is captured superbly in Steven Johnson's *The Ghost Map* (2006), which tells the story of two unlikely heroes, Dr John Snow and a cleric, Henry Whitehead. In spite of scientific consensus at the time, both accurately diagnosed the public health threat to residents so that effective preventative treatment to cholera could follow.
 Prior to their intervention, the hypothesis for the occurrence, transfer and spread in a miasma or cloud of infection. The medical effort for treatment of cholera, and in particular control of infection, was deployed to relentlessly clearing of bed linen within individual dwellings. Of course, such aseptic patient-focused solutions seem obvious given the diagnostic start point.
 However this approach, notwithstanding its eminent expert support, was largely useless.

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 We need to talk about a woman's life within the home
 The subtlety of constitutional provision deserves a proper debate before any
 By Laura Cahillane
 School of Law
 Article 41.4, commonly referred to as the "woman in the home" provision, is a particularly controversial provision in the Irish Constitution. It seeks to reinforce the work done by women in the home and ensure mothers are not forced to work outside the home due to economic necessity.
 While the sentiment may have been honourable, the language used in its modern (even in its original) wording – particularly the reference to a woman's "life within the home" rather than work in the home, and the desire to prevent mothers from engaging in the labour force "to the neglect of their duties in the home". A further problem is that while this was described originally in the Dáil as a protective guarantee for women, it has never operated in this way.
 "We have never had a case on the direct issue of a woman being forced into employment out of economic necessity"



Student Successes and Events

A and L Goodbody Moot Court Competition 2018



The School of Law’s Internal Moot Court Competition, kindly sponsored by A&L Goodbody solicitors, took place on Wednesday 14 February 2018. The preliminary rounds took place on Wednesday morning, followed by the Grand Final at 3.30pm in the moot court room. The preliminary rounds were judged by Dr Lydia Bracken, Dr John Lombard, Dr Norah Burns and Sinead Eaton. All judges commented on the high standard of mooting displayed by students throughout the morning sessions.

The Grand Final of the competition commenced at 3.30pm and was adjudicated by Dean Strang, Dr Margaret Fitzgerald O’Reilly, and Dr Stephen King of

A&L Goodbody solicitors. The judges found in favour of the appellants on the legal argument but declared the respondents to be the winners of the moot based on their advocacy and persuasion.

Congratulations to the winning team of Mairead O’Regan and Dominique Alves de Lima, the runner up team of Stephen Linnane, Joseph Kiely and Sarah Whyte, and to the best speaker Joseph Kiely.

The moot court competition was organised and co-ordinated by Dr Lydia Bracken, Director of Clinical Legal Education at the School of Law, and Clodagh Dunne, UL Law Society Mooting Officer.

3 Minute Thesis Competition - Lucy Davis

Congratulations to PhD candidate, Lucy Davis who won the 3 Minute Thesis Competition on Wednesday 15 November (judged by Eoin Quill). She gave a concise and interesting presentation on the legal status of Do Not Attempt Resuscitation Orders.

Volunteer Awards for Law Students



The School of Law warmly congratulates each of our 14 Law students who received a President's Volunteer Award last September in recognition of their outstanding contribution in serving the Presidents Volunteer Awards campus and wider community in a voluntary capacity over the past 12 months. The Award ceremony has been introduced to harness, acknowledge and support the extraordinary contribution that students at the University of Limerick make to their communities. The students were honoured for their engagement in a wide range of volunteer activities such as working with UL's Community Liaison Office and UL's Student Union Clubs and Societies. Initiatives were organised through Enactus UL, the Law Society, International Education, Limerick's Gateway to Education, Youth Suicide Prevention, Mark Pollock Trust, and the Irish Red Cross, among others. The guest speaker at the ceremony was Aoibheann O'Brien, co-founder of not-for-profit social enterprise FoodCloud, which connects businesses with too much food with charities that can redistribute. Aoibheann is a former Law and Accounting student at UL. It is a remarkable achievement that so many law students were honoured at the award ceremony and is a wonderful testament to the volunteering spirit of our students and former students.

Congratulations to:

- Mairead O'Regan
- Ruhi Anand
- James Crotty
- Ciara Downes
- Thomas Etherington
- Croistóir Hasty
- Stephen Linnane
- Amy Beck
- Christina Foley Ellis
- Ciaran Sheehan
- Margaret Ann Cusack
- Marina Barone
- Sharmila Rahman
- Louise McNeil

Holmes O Malley Sexton Scholarship



Every year Holmes O'Malley Sexton Solicitors hosts a reception to award their scholarship to a final year law student at UL. The prize was won this year by Law and Accounting student Ciara Murphy from Dooradoyle and was presented by Mr. John A Moran, Director of the European Investment Bank and former Secretary General of the Department of Finance. The Hon Mr Justice Don Binchy and The Hon Ms. Justice Eileen Creedon also attended the event, as did Senator Kieran O'Donnell and members of School of Law Faculty. This is an extremely generous and significant scholarship sponsored by Holmes O'Malley Sexton and again founder Partner Mr. Gordon Holmes was fondly remembered.



Matheson Contract Law Prizes

This premier international firm, with headquarters in Dublin, provides a great opportunity for first year UL Law students who can win a monetary amount. There are student prizes for the highest marks over two Contract Law modules and both first and second prizes are awarded. Pictured receiving their prizes, with Professor Shane Kilcommins on the left, are Eliza Geelan and Ruhi Anand with Carmel Hannon of Matheson, Solicitors.



A and L Goodbody Solicitors Prize

The law student in UL who completes first year with the highest academic grades can win a very useful prize of an iPad, or similar tablet. This prize is very generously sponsored by A&L Goodbody Solicitors and the winner based on his summer results last year was Mr. Senan Lynch from Valentia Island, Co. Kerry. Senan is pictured here receiving his prize with A & L Goodbody trainee Hilary Griffin, Sarah Murray , Solicitor of A & L and Prof Shane Kilcommins.



BA Criminal Justice Student Prize

The School of Law wishes to congratulate Torai Ni Fhionnlaioich (second year, BA (Criminal Justice) who was awarded the School of Law Criminal Law Prize this week. This award is presented to the first year BA (Criminal Justice) student who achieves the highest grades across the Criminal Law 1 and Criminal Law 2 modules.



Eversheds Sutherland Solicitors Scholarship

The international corporate law firm offers a very generous scholarship to the student registering for the LLM in International Commercial Law in September 2017 with the highest undergraduate degree award. Annie Keane was the winner this year and she is pictured here with Mr. Gavin O'Flaherty , Partner in Eversheds Sutherland. Annie graduated with a law degree from UCD and is currently undertaking the LLM in International Commercial Law at UL.

Arthur Cox Participation Prize



Zara Murphy, a third year Law with Spanish student, is this year's winner of the prestigious Arthur Cox Participation Prize. Students are eligible to apply for the prizes on the basis of their QCA and evidence of a significant contribution to UL life. The contribution should have some commercial, organisational or legacy element. Zara's contribution to life in the University of Limerick was evident in her work with the President's Volunteer Award (PVA) programme. She worked with both Novas (a charity that supports people who are homeless or at risk of being homeless) and Accord, a marriage counselling service. She was a volunteer on the 'Soup Run' for Novas and a 'Sitter' for Accord.

Zara is pictured with Aaron Boyle, a partner in Arthur Cox's Infrastructure, Construction and Utilities Practice Group.

Law students receive scholarship awards

Students from across the country were presented with scholarships totalling nearly €280,000 at the 2017 University of Limerick Scholarship Awards ceremony held on Monday, November 27. This year, more than 110 scholarships were presented, including over 30 UL Sports Scholarships.

Forty students were awarded UL40 Scholarships, introduced in 2012 to mark UL's 40th anniversary and valued at €2,000 each. The scholarships are awarded to incoming students based on their performance in the Leaving Certificate determined by their CAO points. Law students who were awarded these scholarships included Evan Ashton (Law Plus), Patrick Brennan (Law Plus), Aine Cooke (Law Plus), Erica McMorrow (Law Plus), Katelin King (Law and Accounting) and Marissa Molyneux (Law and Accounting).

Thirty-three outstanding sportspeople received UL Sports scholarships in 2017, including Alan Murphy (Law and Accounting) who received one for soccer.



Kate Fleming Memorial Competition



The fourth annual Kate Fleming Mediation Competition was held on Thursday April 5th 2018 in UL. The event, hosted by the School of Law and the Graduate Entry Medical School, saw nineteen students from law and medicine come together in interdisciplinary teams to settle a claim of medical negligence. Many congratulations to the members of the winning team: Ravenna Patel (Medicine); Bridget Howard (Law); Clodagh Dunne (Law) and Evana Lyons (Law).

The event was judged by Mr. Jack Nicholas, (Barrister, Mediator and Adjunct Lecturer in the School of Law); Prof. James O'Hare (Dr. James O'Hare, Consultant Endocrinologist and lead of Professional Competencies in Year 3 and 4, GEMS); Dr. Mary Tumelty (expert in medical negligence litigation and mediation); and Eimear Spain (Senior Lecturer in Medical Law). This competition provided a fantastic opportunity for interdisciplinary learning and proved to be an extremely enjoyable event.

UL v Cambridge Moot Court Competition

On Monday 6th of November, two students from UL, Niamh Shanahan and Bridget Howard (4th year Law Plus) competed against Meredith Philips and Isaac Freckleton of the University of Cambridge in the annual UL v Cambridge Moot Court competition. This year the event was kindly sponsored by Holmes O'Malley Sexton Solicitors.

The moot problem focused on issues of ECHR law, in particular, privacy and freedom of expression. The moot was presided over by Mr Pat McInerney (Holmes O'Malley Sexton), Mr Jack Nicholas (BL) and Dr Norah Burns (School of Law).

In his judgment, Mr McInerney addressed the issues raised and ultimately found in favour of the Respondents (Cambridge). The judges were very impressed with the extremely high level of advocacy demonstrated by all participants. The Best Speaker Prize was awarded to Miss Niamh Shanahan of UL.

The event was co-ordinated by Clodagh Dunne, Mooting Officer for the UL Law Society and Dr Lydia Bracken, Director of Clinical Legal Education for the School of Law.



PhD Conferings

Congratulations to Dr Mary Tumelty who graduated with a PhD at the Winter Confering. The title of Mary's thesis was: 'The spiralling costs, delays, and emotional burdens of medical negligence litigation: a socio-legal analysis of the current dynamic in Ireland.'

Pictured with Mary are her supervisors: Jennifer Schweppe and Dr Eimear Spain.

Congratulations also to Dr Michelle Stevenson, who graduated at the Autumn Confering. The title of her thesis was: 'The Risks Posed by Mixed DNA Evidence to the Presumption of Innocence in Ireland'. Dr Erin Brannigan was also conferred in absentia. Erin was supervised by Eoin Quill.

Pictured with Michelle are her supervisor Dr Andrea Ryan and Head of School Professor Shane Kilcommins.





International Links

Staff Visits



Dr Kathryn O'Sullivan, recently spent three weeks as a Dobbin Atlantic Scholar at the Schulich School of Law in Dalhousie University, Canada. The visit was supported by the Ireland Canada University Foundation and the title of the research project was 'Spousal Support Advisory Guidelines & the Experience of Nova Scotia: Lessons for Ireland?'. During her time there, Kathryn met with the co-creator of the Spousal Support Advisory Guidelines, Professor Rollie Thompson, as well as various members of the judiciary in Nova Scotia and other Canadian provinces.



Dr John Lombard recently completed a two-week research visit to the Faculty of Law at the University of Cape Town, South Africa. John was hosted by the Intellectual Property Unit. This research centre focuses on IP issues around innovation, and the development of public policy both nationally and internationally. During his visit, John

engaged with members of the IP Unit on tobacco control measures and geographical indications. John also spent time researching the right to healthcare as provided for in the South African Constitution. The research visit was supported by the International Activity Challenge Fund 2017/18.

Dr Lydia Bracken recently undertook a two-week research visit to the Faculty of Law at the University of Victoria, British Columbia. During her visit, Dr Bracken conducted research on the topic of multiple parent families with

a particular focus on the recognition of multiple parenting arrangements under British Columbia's Family Law Act 2011. The research visit was supported by the International Activity Challenge Fund 2017/18.

Student Visits



Shanghai Internship

In partnership with CRCC Asia, each year the School of Law selects one student to undertake a 2-3 month work placement in a top Chinese law firm in Shanghai, Beijing or Shenzhen. The internship is supported with a generous School of Law scholarship to the value of almost €2,000. This year's participant was Niamh Shanahan, a 4th year Law Plus student. This was Niamh loved her experience in Shanghai: *'I found the city very vibrant, with a great ex-pat community. I found it a very affordable city and quite safe. Throughout my internship, CRCC Asia organised weekly cultural and business development classes for us, after work and on the weekends. This is part of their five key learning objectives: Employability, Cultural Agility, Country Knowledge, Sector Specific Knowledge, and Global Connections. Overall, I found working in Shanghai both challenging and enjoyable, professionally and personally. It is undoubtedly a once in a lifetime opportunity that I would recommend to all law students.'*

Masters students Trip to ICJ and ICC



On Friday the 11th of May, students on the LL.M./M.A. Human Rights in Criminal Justice and LL.M. General programmes travelled to Den Haag in the Netherlands. The touring party caught the early bus from Amsterdam to visit the International Court of Justice and the International Criminal Court. While there, students gained access to the Visitors Centre of the International Court of Justice in the morning, wherein an audio and visual presentation of the foundation of the Court, its history and its operational scope was proffered to students. After this, students were able to witness the World Court and enjoy its scenic surroundings. After lunch and a quick tram journey across town, students arrived at the International Criminal Court. While there, students received an informative presentation on the workings of the International Criminal Court. Via Amsterdam, students returned home to Ireland with first-hand knowledge of and interaction with two international courts; there is no doubt that this educational experience will provide fresh impetus and inspiration to students before starting their summer dissertations.

Thank you to Dean Lillis, Class Representative for Human Rights in Criminal Justice, and Cliodhna Murphy, Master of Laws General, who, with the guidance of Dr. Ger Coffey, Course Director, Human Rights in Criminal Justice, organised this wonderful international educational trip for their classmates.

Externship in the State Superior Court and the United States District Court, Los Angeles.



Each year, the UL School of Law sends one third year or final year student to the USA to complete the Los Angeles Federal District Court Externship with the support of the Irish American Bar Association. This year, summer 2017, the School selected Ms Katie Matthews, who had the following to say about the experience: *'Although the work was extremely challenging, I cannot recommend this experience enough. I was expected to prepare case memos advising the Judge on the correct course to take in line with US law. As a result, I gained an in depth insight into the American State and Federal Legal systems and learned a great deal from the staff and the Judge in chambers who were very helpful. This externship is an incredible opportunity, both educationally and culturally. The standard of work required is high, but the benefits are more than returned.'*

Study Exchange in Texas



The School of Law enjoys links with a number of prestigious universities in North America, none more so than with Texas Law at the University of Texas, Austin. Some of students who recently spent a semester in Austin, share their experience:

'The chance to go on exchange to the law school at the University of Texas (UT) at Austin was a once in a lifetime opportunity. UT Law is one of the best public law schools in the United States and was a wonderful environment to study in. In my opinion, my time at the University of Texas has been one of the most enjoyable parts of my law degree so far. While the workload was challenging, it was a tremendously enjoyable experience and gave you an insight into both American student life and Texan culture.' (Daniel Lynch, Law Plus)

'It was one of the best experiences of my life and gave me the chance to study subjects I never would have been exposed to otherwise, such as Capital Punishment and International

Arbitration. The people in Texas were all welcoming from the beginning, and being an international student exposed me to a lot of other cultures than just that of the US. I would recommend all law students thinking of studying abroad to consider a semester in UT for a completely different experience that I guarantee you will love!' (Sarah McCarthy, Law Plus)

'Although the classes were very challenging I'd be lying if I said I didn't also find them extremely interesting. Classes were specific and diverse, taught by some of the top lecturers. Students are given the opportunity to study almost any subject of law they are interested in. There really is something for everyone in Austin and you will never have to travel far to find something to do. I could not recommend studying abroad in UT Austin enough.' (Brigid Howard, Law Plus)

International students in the School of Law



International Students Graduate with Law Masters

A large number of international students from Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, China, Nigeria and France graduated with Master of Law degrees from the University of Limerick in the past year. Our international postgraduate Law students were awarded with taught Master degrees in areas such International Commercial Law and Human Rights in Criminal Justice. Several more students graduated from the award-winning Master of Laws (General) course – the Gradireland Postgraduate Course of the Year in Law for 2018.

Irish Aid Roger Casement Fellow undertaking Masters at School of Law

The School of Law was delighted to extend a warm welcome onto its Masters in Human Rights in Criminal Justice to Mr Aliyu Usman. Aliyu was the first Nigerian Police Officer selected to participate in the Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders in 2017 and came to the University of Limerick, School of Law, as the first Nigerian to receive Irish Aid Fellowship Award. He emerged as the inaugural fellow of Irish Aid Roger Casement Fellowship in Human Rights after an extremely competitive process that attracted a large number of highly qualified candidates in Nigeria. He was, moreover, chosen from over 22,000 Nigerian candidates that competed for 100 slots in the 2017 Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders. He studied Public Management at Syracuse University, New York and participated in Summit organized for the 100 Mandela Washington Fellows at Washington D.C.



Terrorism, Crime & Justice Summer School Field Trip

Students on the Terrorism, Crime & Justice Summer School went on a field trip to Spike Island on Tuesday June 5th. These American students are undertaking an intensive three-week programme on criminal justice, with lectures delivered by faculty and researchers at the Centre for Crime, Justice and Victim Studies. They were accompanied on their trip by Lorraine Barron, PhD candidate at the School of Law. The Terrorism, Crime & Justice Summer School is directed by Dr Susan Leahy and Dr Margaret Fitzgerald-O'Reilly.



Brazilian students complete Winter School in Family Law at UL

The School of Law, was delighted to host a group of visiting students from Brazil in January 2018 for a four week 'Winter School in Family Law'. The students, who are all studying Law in Maringá, Brazil, studied a wide range of Family Law issues including marriage, divorce, domestic violence, surrogacy, children's rights and cohabitants' rights. Lectures were delivered by Dr Kathryn O'Sullivan, Dr Lydia Bracken, Dr Susan Leahy and Ms Dara O'Dwyer, School of Law. The students also undertook English classes each morning with the Language Centre, UL.

The Winter School – which was co-ordinated by Dr Kathryn O'Sullivan along with colleagues in the Language Centre – arose from collaborations between the School of Law, UL and the School of Law, UniCesumar. The visiting students were led by their lecturer, Mr Luiz Geraldo do Carmo Gomes, a former visiting Family Law researcher at the School of Law.

Institutional links



Visit to India

From 5 to 10 November a delegation from the Faculty of Arts Humanities and Social Sciences undertook a visit to Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi to participate in a series of events that included an Irish Studies Lecture Series and the signing of an Agreement of Cooperation. The delegation included Dr Ciara Breathnach, who coordinated activities, Dr Máiréad Moriarty, Professor Shane Kilcommins and Professor Anthony McElligott. The visit included meetings with Brian McElduff, the Irish ambassador to India, Peter McIvor, Deputy Head of Mission, Irish Embassy, India; Professor M. Jagadesh Kumar, Vice Chancellor, JNU, Prof. Girish Nath Jha, Director International Collaboration, JNU; and Professor Jyoti Atwal, lecturer in the History Department, JNU.



School of Law Secures Bar Council of India Recognition

The School of Law was delighted to secure recognition of UL Law programmes by the Bar Council of India in February 2018. The School of Law, University of Limerick, is only the second law school in Ireland to achieve such recognition. The approval process saw a week-long visit of a high level delegation of the Bar Council of India to Limerick in August 2017. During this visit, the delegation met with staff and students of the School of Law as well as with key stakeholders and representatives of the wider University, including the President of UL and senior staff from the Library, Language Centre, International Education Division, Writing Centre etc. The recognition process was co-ordinated by Dr Kathryn O'Sullivan. The School has attracted many Indian students with one recent graduate, Pavan Ramaswamy,

explaining the attraction of UL law programmes for visiting international students:

'The campus is awe-inspiring and of course, the Law School's reputation precedes it. But what pulled me here was the 'eight-months cooperative education' opportunity in the third year that Limerick University has to offer, alongside the employment opportunities for law graduates. In addition to this, University of Limerick also offers Erasmus and exchange programmes, with more than 40 destinations to choose from, and options as varied as Belgium and Australia. UL's opportunities were unparalleled and it was where I was going to go!

New Partnership with the University of Padua, School of Law, Italy

The School of Law, University of Limerick, is delighted to announce it has signed a new collaboration with the University of Padua's School of Law in Italy. This new agreement will allow students and staff from both law schools to complete Erasmus exchanges and mobility going forward, further strengthening our links. The University of Padua was founded in 1222 as a School of Law and is one of the oldest law schools in the world.





Curriculum Development and Engagement with External Stakeholders

First Gardaí graduate from UL BA in Applied Policing Level 7 programme



More than 180 Gardaí graduated on Wednesday October 18th with a Bachelors of Arts in Applied Policing, accredited by University of Limerick (UL), at a special conferring ceremony at the Garda Síochána College, Templemore, County Tipperary. The 188 Gardaí, from two classes recruited in 2014, are the first cohort to graduate from this new degree programme. Acting Garda Commissioner Dónall Ó Cualáin and UL's Acting Vice President, Academic and Registrar Dr Pat Phelan attended the ceremony in Templemore.

Addressing the ceremony Dr Pat Phelan, Acting Vice President, Academic and Registrar at UL said: "When University of Limerick partnered with the Garda Síochána College on this degree course two and a half years ago, we had a vision to deliver best practice in education and this programme, in essence, has allowed a 'community of scholars' at UL and a 'community of practice' in An Garda Síochána to pool their resources to build a challenging and innovative curriculum delivered by UL's award-winning Law faculty and supported by strict academic regulations."

"This partnership between UL and An Garda Síochána is a pioneering one. It is very unusual for a criminal justice agency to engage in a collaboration of this kind, but it is in keeping with the national strategy for higher education, which calls on universities to engage more widely with business, industry, training colleges and communities," Dr Phelan continued.

The School of Law is delighted to continue to work with An Garda Síochána to educate the Gardaí of the future.

Launch of BA in Applied Policing and Criminal Justice (Level 8)



The launch of the new Bachelor of Arts in Applied Policing and Criminal Justice took place at the University of Limerick on Wednesday 4 October 2017. The new BA is a two-year, part-time, blended learning programme specifically designed for those who have completed the level 7 BA in Applied Policing, delivered at An

Garda Síochána Training College in Templemore, or equivalent. The BA forms part of the School of Law's diverse catalogue of pioneering, student-centred initiatives. This programme provides a unique opportunity for learners to capitalise on their current expertise and to develop further skills and competencies to upskill to a level 8 qualification.

The launch of the BA was attended by members of An Garda Síochána, the Garda Representative Association, faculty from UL's School of Law and Continuing & Professional Education, other staff from the University of Limerick involved in the programme, as well as students enrolled on the programme. Speaking at the launch were Professor Shane Kilcommins, Head of the School of Law; Dr Lydia Bracken, Course Director of the new BA; Chief Superintendent Margaret Nugent, Director of Training and Development at An Garda Síochána Training College; and Seamus Moriarty, Garda Representative Association.

The launch was preceded by two on-campus workshops for students enrolled on the programme. The first workshop was delivered by Professor Shane Kilcommins on the Law of Evidence and the second workshop was delivered by Dr Johnny Connolly and Dr Ger Coffey on Crime and Criminal Justice.

First Graduation for Postgraduate Diploma in Serious Crime Investigation

The first students to complete the Postgraduate Diploma in Serious Crime Investigation were conferred with their awards in a ceremony in Templemore on Thursday, December 14th. Prof. Kilcommins and Dr. Spain represented the Law School on the day and were delighted to recognise the achievements of the students including the winners of the distinguished performance awards, Superintendent Fearghal Pattwell, Superintendent Kevin Daly and Superintendent Paul Cleary. This programme is delivered in the Garda College, Templemore and accredited by the University of Limerick and offered to senior officers within An Garda Síochána and other investigative bodies including GSOC and the Revenue Commissioners. The Postgraduate Diploma in Serious Crime Investigation programme is designed to develop the expert knowledge and leadership and management skills of individuals and to equip them with the knowledge and skills necessary to investigate serious crime in Ireland.



Launch of MA in Serious Crime Investigation



On Tuesday, 30 January 2018, the School of Law was delighted to welcome fourteen senior-ranking members of An Garda Síochána onto the School's newest postgraduate programme- a Master of Arts in Serious Crime Investigation. The programme was launched by Professor Helen Kelly-Holmes, Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences at the University of Limerick and by Sergeant Andrew Lacey, Course Director of the Postgraduate Diploma in Serious Crime Investigation at the Garda College in Templemore.

Representing the first programme of its kind in Ireland, this new MA degree is a one-year, full-time course specifically designed

for graduates of the level 9 Postgraduate Diploma in Serious Crime Investigation, delivered at An Garda Síochána Training College in Templemore. By interrogating modern investigative policing practice in light of contemporary legal debates, the programme allows learners to capitalise on their existing expertise and to develop a range of additional analytical skills that are essential in navigating the challenges associated with modern crime investigation. Learners are expected to develop these skills by completing a dissertation of approximately 15,000 words on an aspect of serious crime investigation under the supervision of a faculty member with expertise in the area of criminal justice.

Congratulations

Mr Justice John Edwards appointed President of the Association of Judges of Ireland

The School is delighted to announce that Mr Justice John Edwards, a Court of Appeal judge and an Adjunct Professor in the School, has recently been appointed President of the Association of Judges of Ireland (AJI), a representative organisation for judges, which is primarily concerned with their conditions of work and service. Though it is not a judicial council and does not purport to be such, the AJI has an educative role in terms of what the judiciary do, and in terms of building public trust in the judiciary, and it is to be a priority of Mr Justice Edward's presidency to develop some public outreach initiatives. Mr Justice Edwards has been the Secretary, of the AJI since its foundation in 2011, and on the 17th of November 2017 was elected as its 3rd President, for a two year term succeeding Mr Justice George Birmingham and Mr Justice Peter Kelly, respectively, in that role.



School of Law Adjunct Professor Nominated to the High Court

Mr David Barniville, Senior Counsel and a former chair of the Council of The Bar of Ireland, has been nominated to replace Ms Justice Margaret Heneghan of the High Court.

Mr Barniville is a member of the Legal Services Regulatory Authority. He is Chairman of Irish Rule of Law International and of the International Bar Association's Forum for Barristers and Advocates. He is Vice-Chairman of Sport Ireland's Anti-Doping Disciplinary Panel and Vice President of Arbitration Ireland. He is a former member of Board of the Courts Service and the Judicial Appointments Advisory Board. He is a former Vice-Chairman of the Incorporated Council of Law Reporting for Ireland, a former member of the Legal Aid Board and of the Contracts Awards Committee of the Broadcasting Authority of Ireland. He is a Fellow of a number of different international trial lawyer bodies, including the International Society of Barristers and the International Academy of Trial Lawyers.

Mr Barniville was called to the Bar in 1990 and became a Senior Counsel in October 2006. He is a Bencher of the Honorable Society of King's Inns in Dublin. He is also a member of the Bar of England and Wales (Middle Temple). He practises mainly in the area of commercial law, administrative law, insurance law and product liability law. He is a CEDR Accredited Mediator and regularly acts in mediations and arbitrations (both domestic and international) in a wide range of cases as counsel or as mediator or arbitrator.





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