

# Newsletter 2017

## Welcome from the Head of School

Dear colleagues,

I am delighted to welcome you to the third edition of our 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.

The highlight of the 2016/17 academic year was perhaps last May when the School of Law was named the top law school in the country at the AIB Private Banking Irish Law Awards. This recognition is a real tribute to the hard work and talent of all the staff members in the School. Every colleague contributes significantly to the development of the School, and to building a strong culture of collegiality and teamwork.

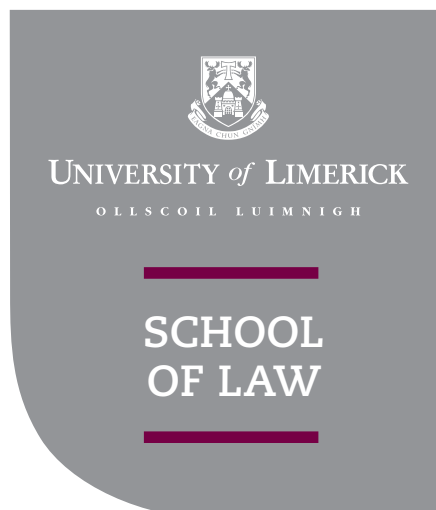
I was also delighted to see the range of conferences, cpd events, seminars and workshops that have been organised over the year in the School. These events are entirely research-led and facilitate excellent exchange of ideas for staff, students, practitioners, policymakers and members of the public. Events were organised on the gig economy, bail laws, victims of crime, legal research methods, legal pedagogy, constitutional law, youth justice and hate crime. The IP Law Café also ran this year and provided wonderful exchanges about the role Intellectual Property plays in the modern commercial world.

All of these interactions have permitted us to welcome a wonderful range of speakers to UL in the last year. They include senior members of the judiciary, policy

makers, politicians, academics, solicitors, and barristers. There has also been excellent engagement with stakeholders such as the Law Reform Commission, the Law Society of Ireland, the Independent Commission on the Future of Policing in Ireland, An Garda Síochána, Community Law and Mediation, and various NGOs and government departments.

There was also a very strong international dimension to our work in the School. This can be seen in the variety of visiting speakers from universities in England and Wales, continental Europe, the US, Canada, and New Zealand. We have also continued to build our links with our Erasmus partners and with our exchange programme partners in the US, Canada and China. The School also recently hosted a delegation of the Honourable Members of the Bar Council of India as part of an accreditation process which has been organised by Dr Kathryn O'Sullivan. Several staff members also received funding this year for international research activities. Internationalisation of this kind enhances the reputation of the University, and provides excellent opportunities for staff and students.

The School also hosted a talk on law and technology for alumni in the St Stephen's



Green club in June. We were delighted that our chancellor, the Hon. Mr Justice John Murray, could attend, and it was a lovely opportunity to meet with so many former students (and wonderful to see them doing so well).

All of our staff have been very research active and I am very pleased to see their work recognised in so many books, articles, and chapter publications. Over one million in research funding has been secured in the School over the last 18 months. The research work of staff has also been recognised in other ways: Dr. Susan Leahy, for example, has been acknowledged by An Tánaiste Frances Fitzgerald TD during the Dáil Debates on the Criminal Law (Sexual Offences) Bill; Dr Kathryn O'Sullivan was recently invited to act as a Corresponding Member of the Cambridge Family Law Centre; Dr

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Una Woods has just joined the European Common Core Project on Acquisitive Prescription; and Jennifer Schweppe presented to politicians in the Houses of the Oireachtas on hate crime legislation in Ireland. The Research Evidence into Policy, Programmes and Practice (REPPP) project was set up last year with funding from the Department of Children and Youth Affairs and the Department of Justice and Equality. Under the stewardship of Professor Sean Redmond, it is driving the development of evidence-informed youth crime policy in Ireland. Our students also continue to excel. Sarah McCarthy (Law Plus) won the 2016 A & L Goodbody Bold Ideas Student Innovation Award, and Niall Rea (Law And Accounting) received a Special Distinction Award for his coop placement with GE Capital Aviation Services. A notable event organised by the Student Law Society this year was the lecture by Attorney Dean Strang, who featured in the Netflix documentary series *Making a Murderer*. Our students also impressed in various competitions such as the Kate Fleming Mediation Competition in Medical Law, and in the A & L Goodbody, Cambridge, and Nuremberg mooted competitions. They also did really well in internships with the Irish Superior Courts, in their clinical placements with leading firms, and in Erasmus and North American exchanges. I am delighted too that the School has such a range of prizes and scholarships available to students from law firms such as Holmes O'Malley Sexton; Sweeney McGann; Mason Hayes and Curran; Eversheds Sutherland; A & L Goodbody; Arthur Cox; and Matheson.

We have also made some excellent new appointments. Alan Cusack was appointed as a lecturer in law. Alan is a graduate of UCC, UCD and the Law Society of Ireland. He is a qualified solicitor and, subsequent to commencing his doctoral research, practiced for a number of years with Arthur Cox solicitors in Dublin. Dr. Johnny Connolly also joined the School as an IRC postdoctoral researcher examining the topic of human rights based responses to drug and gang-related crime and community violence in Ireland. The School also appointed David Barniville SC as an Adjunct Professor. Mr Barniville is the immediate past Chairman of the Bar Council of Ireland and is currently a member of the newly established Legal Services Regulatory Authority. On a sadder note, it was with deep regret that the School of Law learned of the passing of our Adjunct Professor, Judge Michael Reilly last November. Judge Reilly was an outstanding colleague, a very warm and caring person who was deeply committed to his work as Inspector of Prisons.

*Warm wishes*

Shane Kilcommins  
Professor, Head of School



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Our students have also performed very well this year. They continue to make us proud in their clinical experiences with employers.  
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## Events in the School of Law

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



### *The School of Law wins Law School of the Year 2017*

The School of Law was named the top law school in the country at the sixth annual AIB Private Banking Irish Law Awards held in Dublin in May.

The Awards set out to identify, commend and publicise excellence and outstanding achievements in Irish law and recognise exemplary practices of leading law firms and teams right throughout the country. The event welcomed attendees and nominees from all corners of the country.

RTÉ presenter Miriam O'Callaghan presented Professor Shane Kilcommins with the Law School of the Year Award at the ceremony.

Prof. Shane Kilcommins commented:

"The award is a real tribute to the commitment, dedication and talent of all the staff members in the School. Every colleague contributes to the enhancement and development of the School, particularly through high impact research, excellent teaching, multi-faceted engagement with stakeholders, innovative curriculum development initiatives, and the development of exciting international links and exchanges. Our staff ensure that the School provides a rich learning environment for our students, making it a very special place to work and learn."

## CCJVS Workshops on the implementation of the Victims Directive



The CCJVS held two one day workshops on the implementation of the Victims Directive on 10th and 11th July, 2017. The aim of the Workshops was to bring together stakeholders from all institutions involved in victim support in Ireland (law enforcement, health authorities, victim support services / NGOs).

The Workshop forms one aspect of an EU project, in the CCJVS is a Partner, that aims to build the knowledge base for the effective implementation of the Victims' Directive by developing model practices for institutions in critical aspects of victim's rights.

Participants included members of the Garda Síochána, representatives from Dept. of Justice Victims of Crime Office, Tusla, Adapt Domestic Violence service, Ruhama, Doras Luimni CARI, Dublin Rape Crisis Centre, Crime Victims Helpline, and UCC.

The workshop was convened by Dr Andrea Ryan, and practical sessions were facilitated by Michelle Stevenson and Dr Catherine Naughton.

## Seminar on the Emerging Gig Economy

The School of Law and the International Commercial and Economic Law Research Group hosted a seminar titled 'The Emerging Gig Economy: Is there an APP for that?' on Friday February 17th in the University of Limerick. The seminar, which was organised by Eddie Keane, was convened to examine the issues raised by the growing trend of hiring workers hired for single events or 'gigs' through internet based Applications. Contributions came from a selection of jurisdictions and stakeholders, including Professor Frank Hendrickx, University of Leuven; Professor Keith Ewing, King's College London; Professor Michael Doherty, NUI Maynooth; Ethel Buckley, Head of SIPTU's private sector Services Division; Senator Ged Nash, Irish Labour Party Spokesperson on Equality, and Labour Affairs and Workers Rights; and Eddie Keane, University of Limerick.

The audience, composed of academics from a broad range of disciplines and practitioners, enjoyed a lively discussion with the presenters.



## Perspectives on Hidden Victims Conference



The findings of three innovative studies were examined at this event organised by the REPPP Group in the School of Law.

Dr Sean Redmond, Adjunct Professor of Youth Justice, outlined the background to his Greentown study, an innovative study on how locally based crime networks influence youth offending. He outlined the studies objectives, the limitations of the extant knowledge on children's involvement in adult criminal networks, key research findings and policy implications arising from the Greentown study. The paper also outlined important work being undertaken by the School in 2017 to replicate and broaden the original study to gauge the generalisability of findings and assist in the design of new interventions.

Dr Nicola Carr, Associate Professor of Criminology, University of Nottingham, presented the findings from research which explored young people's experiences of paramilitary violence within their communities in contemporary Northern Ireland. This highlighted the processes through which young people became subject to paramilitary 'justice' and their negotiation of the multiple risks they continue to face. The presentation explored the relevance and meaning of 'justice', 'community', 'rights' and 'protection' for young people living within these contexts.

Dr Johnny Connolly, Irish Research Council Scholar in the Centre for Crime, Justice and Victim Studies, School of Law, University of Limerick, presented a novel research study that investigated the drug-related intimidation of drug users and their families, mostly caused by drug debt. The study, a collaboration between the Health Research Board and the Citywide Drugs Crisis Campaign in 2015 involved an analysis of 140 incidents of intimidation and eighteen focus groups involving 150 people, including former prisoners, travellers, youth and family support workers.

## Workshop and Launch of Legal Research Methods Book

On 21st March In advance of the launch of the 'Research Methods in Law' book edited by Laura Cahillane and Jennifer Schweppe, the School of Law held a workshop on critical and alternative methods in legal research.

Dr Eoin Daly from NUI Galway spoke about using theory as a means of demystifying law and encouraged students not to be afraid of using theoretical approaches. Dr Tanya ni Mhuirthile from DCU gave a talk on integrating a feminist analysis in legal research and emphasised how in her own experience a feminist approach helped her to articulate her research in a way she had previously been unable to do. Dr Cliodhna Murphy from NUI Maynooth explained how to take an international law approach in legal research. She pointed out that using international law in your research can have the benefit of making a comparative approach easier and can add another dimension to your research. Finally, Professor Shane Kilcommins spoke about the critical legal method and demonstrated that often when using a traditional doctrinal approach, the research fails to see the bigger picture and that a critical approach can sometimes



be useful in interrogating law. The thought-provoking contributions were greatly appreciated by all attendees. The workshop was organised by Dr Laura Cahillane.

Afterwards, Professor Paul McCutcheon launched the Research Methods book with friends and colleagues from the School of Law in attendance.



## Symposium on Victims' Rights

On June 16th, the Centre for Crime, Justice and Victims' Rights hosted a one-day symposium on Victims' Rights. Participants on the day included: Professor Jonathan Doak (Nottingham-Trent University); Professor Matthew Hall (Lincoln University); Professor Liz Heffernan (Trinity College Dublin); Professor Shane Kilcommins (UL); Dr Luke Moffett (Queen's University, Belfast); Dr Eimear Spain (UL); Dr Susan Leahy (UL); Dr Johnny Connolly (UL) and; Mr Alan Cusack (University College Cork). The event was chaired by Ms Ellen O'Malley-Dunlop, Adjunct Professor, School of Law, University of Limerick. The contributions to this symposium will appear in a special edition of the Northern Ireland Legal Quarterly which will focus on victims' rights and will be published in the autumn. The symposium was organised by Dr Susan Leahy.

## Reflection as Learning and Assessment Workshop

On Thursday 1st June Norah Burns of the School of Law hosted a workshop on Reflection as Learning and Assessment. The event was sponsored by the National Forum for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning in Higher Education. The half day event was held in Plassey House. The twenty five participants were welcomed by Head of the School of Law Professor Kilcommins. Participants travelled from Limerick Institute of Technology, Carlow Institute of Technology, Tralee Institute of Technology and Trinity College Dublin to attend the workshop on reflective learning practices. The first part of the morning focused on presentations by Norah Burns, Dara O'Dwyer Masters student in Human Rights in Criminal Justice in UL, Emilie Burke fourth year Law Plus student and Tara O'Donnell second year Graduate Entry LLB student. The four presentations looked at the impact which the utilisation of reflective learning practices had on the students in an undergraduate law module. The second part of the event was a participative workshop led by Dr Jennifer Moon. As the international expert on reflective learning Dr Moon has hosted this workshop in a number of academic institutions in various countries. The workshop provided much thoughtful debate and discussion on the learning experiences of students, student-centered learning and reflective learning practices being used in a variety of situations.

## Law for a Day 2017



On Thursday March 30th, the School of Law hosted our 3rd annual Law for a Day event. This is a taster day for secondary school students who came from a wide range of schools in the Mid-West region and beyond. They had a packed day, where they attended talks and lectures, participated in a moot and enjoyed a tour of the campus.

## CPD Practitioner Event



The School of Law and the Centre for Crime, Justice and Victim Studies hosted a CPD event for practitioners on Thursday, October 27th. The event provided an update on bail laws and sentencing and the Victims' Directive. His Honour Judge Thomas E O'Donnell acted as chair and presentations were delivered by Professor Shane Kilcommins, Dr Eimear Spain, Dr. Susan Leahy, Mr Thomas Kiely, McCarthy and Kiely Solicitors and Mr John O'Sullivan BL. The event was attended by 60 practitioners, undergraduate and postgraduate students.

## Legal Pedagogy Seminar



This event in January was an expert consultation to examine the issues involved in evidence informed policy making in the area of youth crime and identify potential solutions.

The event involved academics from the School of Law; Departments of Sociology, Public Administration, Education, Psychology; Library Services; officials from the Departments of Justice and Equality and Children and Youth Affairs and Foróige, the national youth organisation. The input from this group will be used to inform a model of evidence review being developed by the School of Law Research Evidence into Policy, programmes and Practice (REPPP) project for application in the youth crime policy making process.

## Youth Crime Policy - Roundtable Event

The School of Law and the Centre for Crime, Justice and Victim Studies hosted a seminar on legal pedagogy on Friday, November 25th. The event was chaired by Mr Kris Gledhill, Auckland University of Technology and included contributions from Mr. Ben Livings, University of New England, Dr. Catherine O'Sullivan, University College Cork, as well as members of the Centre for Crime, Justice and Victim Studies (Professor Shane Kilcommins, Dr Eimear Spain, Dr Ger Coffey and Dr Susan Leahy).



## Alumni Event

The Stephen's Green club in Dublin was busy on Monday 19th June as over 40 UL Law Alumni gathered for a fascinating talk by Gerard Groarke BL on law and technology. Sinead Eaton organised the event and both she and Prof Kilcommins were delighted to welcome the Hon Mr Justice John Murray, UL Chancellor, and all of the alumni. There was lots of opportunity for rekindling old friendships and lively discussion of the impact of technology on the legal professions. A similar event is planned for next year.





## Research Activity in the School of Law

### Breaking the Million Euro Barrier

The School of Law is pleased to announce that it has now passed the €1 million barrier in funded research. Across a range of activities, national, European and global, the Law School is either leading or participating in a variety of research projects, including but not limited to Horizon 2020, the Department of Children and Youth Affairs and internationally

funded PhD scholarships. Prof Ray Friel, Director of Research at the School, commented he is particularly proud of both the multi-disciplinary nature of the research activity and its close connection to real world issues that have relevance in the increasing context of social transformation driven by technological and economic changes.

### Dr Johnny Connolly joins Independent Commission on the Future of Policing in Ireland

In May, Members of the new Commission on the future of policing in Ireland were announced. The Commission will be Chaired by the chief of the Seattle Police Department, and includes Dr Johnny Connolly of the School of Law at the University of Limerick. Other members include Noeline Blackwell, Conor Brady, Dr Vicky Conway, Tim Dalton, Sir Peter Fahy, Dr Eddie Molloy, Tonita Murray, Dr Antonio Oftelie, Prof Donncha O'Connell and Helen Ryan.



### Dr. Susan Leahy and Professor Ellen O'Malley-Dunlop contribute to Sexual Offences Bill 2015

Dr. Susan Leahy and Adjunct Professor Ellen O'Malley-Dunlop have been acknowledged by An Tánaiste Frances Fitzgerald TD during the Dáil Debates on the Criminal Law (Sexual Offences) Bill 2015. The Tánaiste noted that the Dublin Rape Crisis Centre (of which Professor O'Malley-Dunlop was formerly CEO) had campaigned for the introduction of a definition of consent into the legislation and acknowledged their efforts in this regard. She also recognised the impact of Dr. Leahy's research in informing the drafting of the proposed definition.



## Dr. Kathryn O’Sullivan - Corresponding Member of the Cambridge Family Law Centre

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Dr Kathryn O’Sullivan, School of Law, was recently invited to act as a Corresponding Member of the Cambridge Family Law Centre – a new research centre of excellence for research and teaching in all aspects of family law and policy housed in the Faculty of Law, University of Cambridge. The Cambridge Family Law Centre offers a unique combination of academic, policy and practice-oriented insight into family law issues around the globe, covering

the full range of family law issues, from international child abduction and surrogacy, to marital agreements and financial remedies, marriage, divorce and other adult partnerships, and issues arising in later life and following death. Dr Kathryn O’Sullivan will act as corresponding member for Ireland within a network newly established by the Centre, aimed particularly to support its comparative law work.

## International Activity Challenge Fund 2017

Many members from the School of Law acquired funding from the International Activity Challenge Fund this year. One example of a project which attracted funding is the School of Law’s pioneering research on children caught up in crime networks. The fund, intended to incentivise, research activity which leverages international collaboration will support an expert workshop being held at the university in December to design more effective interventions to disrupt crime networks and improve children’s chances of escaping their influence. Sean Redmond, Catherine Naughton and Eoin O’Meara Daly

from the School of Law are leading this project. Reacting to news of the award Dr. Sean Redmond said ‘We are really delighted with the award. We have selected the best available expertise to contribute to this complex design process. Experts have been invited from Ireland, the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, United States and Canada. The fund will be used to support the participation of leading academics from U.S. and Canada making sure that we benefit from the widest pool of expertise.’





## Dr Una Woods contributes to European Research on Property Law

Dr Una Woods has just joined the European Common Core Project on Acquisitive Prescription as the Irish Reporter on adverse possession law. She was also the Irish Reporter who contributed to the Common Core Project on the Transfer of Immoveables in European Private Law which has just been published as a book by Cambridge University

## Jennifer Schweppe Presents in Leinster House on Hate Crime Legislation

Jennifer Schweppe of the School of Law and co-Director of the Hate and Hostility Research Group, as part of the National Steering Group Against Hate Crime, presented to politicians in the Houses of the Oireachtas on March 23rd on the need for, and form of, hate crime legislation in Ireland. Jennifer and Dr Amanda Haynes (Dept of Sociology) of the Hate and Hostility Research Group were invited by Deputy Fiona O'Loughlin to present on both the impacts of hate crime, as well as the manner in which the hate element of a crime is addressed in law currently.



## Professor Shane Kilcommins joins Advisory Board of the SAFE(R) SPACE Project



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Professor Shane Kilcommins has been appointed to the Advisory Board of the SAFE(R) SPACE Project, which is funded by the Irish Research Council Research for Policy and Society Scheme 2017-2019. The aim of the SAFE(R)SPACE project is to explore the relationship between social disability, space, and (un)safety in the context of disabled people's encounters with, and fear of, violence and hostility in Ireland. Despite a body of research on disability hate crime and institutional abuse within disability studies and health-based disciplines, no work to date has explored the impact of violence and hostility on disabled people's everyday spatial perceptions and practices, nor how they might understand and articulate 'safe(r) space'.

## Professor Shane Kilcommins appointed to Victims' Rights Alliance

Professor Shane Kilcommins has been appointed to the Board of the Victims' Rights Alliance (VRA). The VRA is an Alliance of victim support and human rights organisations in Ireland namely, Advocates for Victims of Homicide [AdVIC], the CARI Foundation, the Dublin Rape Crisis Centre [DRCC], the Gay & Lesbian Equality Network [GLEN], the Immigrant Council of Ireland, Inclusion Ireland, the Irish Criminal Justice Disability Network [ICJDN], the Irish Council for Civil Liberties [ICCL], the Irish Road Victims' Association [IRVA], the National Women's Council of Ireland [NWC], the Irish Tourist Assistance Service [ITAS], One in Four, the Rape Crisis Network Ireland [RCNI], Ruhama, Safe Ireland and Support after Homicide [SAH]. The VRA was launched by the then Minister for Justice Alan Shatter on the 15th of November 2013.



### VICTIMS' RIGHTS ALLIANCE

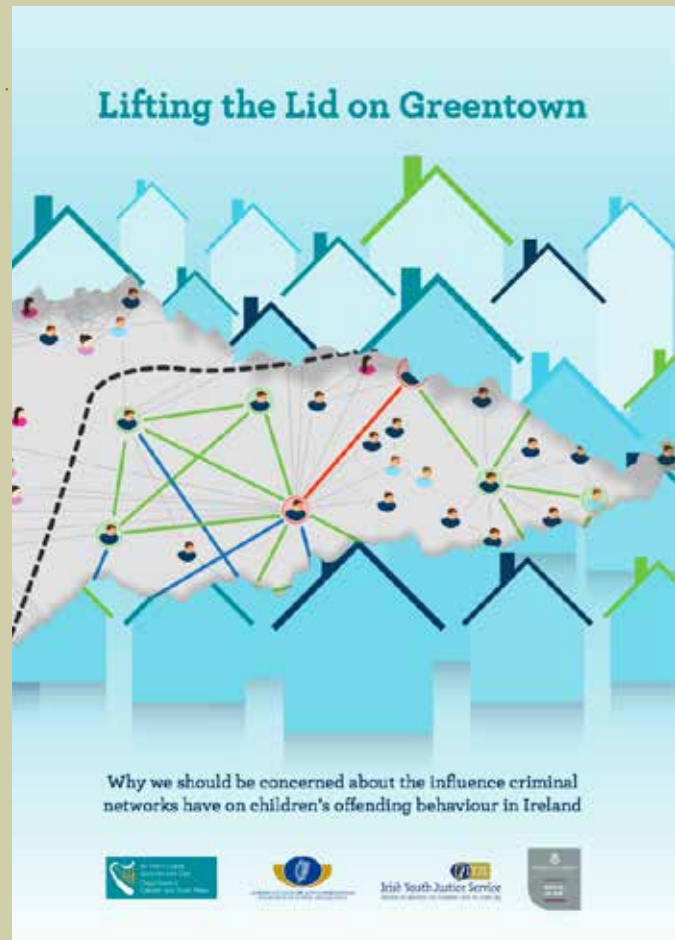
WORKING TOGETHER FOR FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE VICTIMS' RIGHTS DIRECTIVE

## The REPPP Project

Based in the School of Law, the Research Evidence into Policy, Programmes and Practice (REPPP) project was established in September 2016 to contribute to the development of evidence informed youth crime policy in Ireland. The REPPP project engages in primary research, evidence review, programme evaluation, practice consultation and collaboration with other third level institutions. REPPP research output is intended to be practical and to assist in the advance of reform of youth justice, ensuring a focus on better outcomes for young people and communities. The research team consists of; Prof. Sean Redmond, Eoin O'Meara Daly, John Reddy and Dr Catherine Naughton.

The following research projects are included in the REPPP work programme 2017-2019;

- the Greentown study which examines the role that criminal networks play in influencing children's offending behaviour
- Improving the Measurement of Effectiveness in the Irish Youth Justice System
- The development of a model of evidence review to assist youth crime policy-decision making in Ireland and
- Evaluation of Ireland's first bail supervision programme to reduce the need for remanding children to detention.



*The original Greentown study was published by the Department of Children and Youth Affairs in February 2017. The report examined the role of a criminal network in a real but anonymized location (Greentown) in influencing children's offending behaviour. The report found that the Greentown network was highly influential and was associated with children being involved with significantly increased patterns of serious crime. The REPPP research team is currently replicating and elaborating upon the original study to test whether or not the findings are unique to Greentown. Importantly the team is also working to develop new effective responses to the problem of children's engagement with local criminal networks in Ireland. Based on the findings of the original Greentown study the programme will be required to Improving the Measurement of Effectiveness in the Irish Youth Justice System*

*The purpose of this study is to provide understanding of how youth justice systems demonstrate effectiveness in responses to youth offending. A multi-phase research design includes literature and policy reviewing, document analysis, interviews and focus groups with practitioners and officials working in the system and other international systems. An outcome of the research will be the creation of an auditing framework that will provide a base upon which to assess current data collection and effectiveness measurement in the Irish youth justice system. An overall study objective is to provide practical recommendations for the collection of data in the Irish youth justice system that can indicate effectiveness.*

In April 2017 the REPPP Research team successfully organised a Conference titled 'Perspectives on hidden victims' Findings of three new innovative studies' which attracted over 100 delegates from practice and academia. The program also included a Methodology masterclass for Postgraduate students.



## New Books

### **Constitutional Law in Ireland: Laura Cahillane**

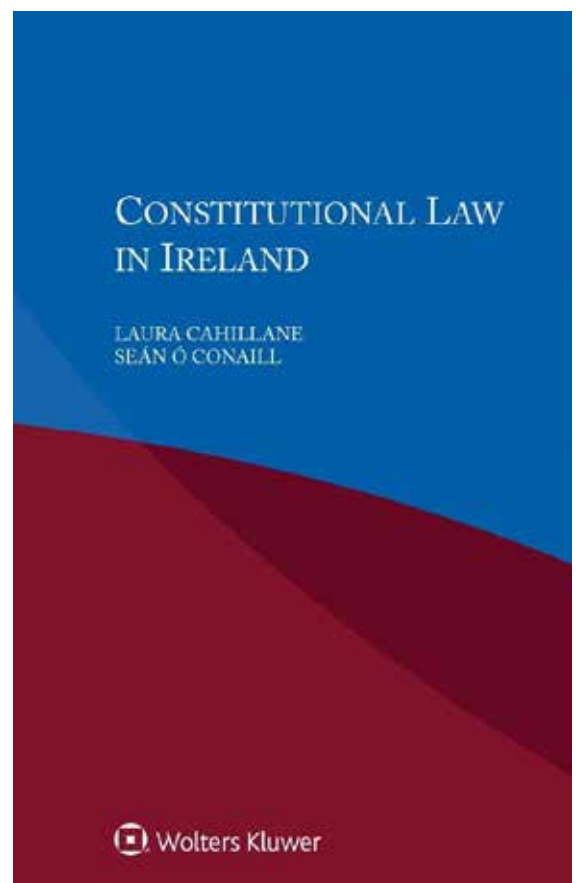
The School of Law is pleased to announce the publication of 'Constitutional Law in Ireland' by Dr Laura Cahillane of the School of Law and Dr Seán Ó Conaill of UCC, published by Wolters Kluwer.

Derived from the renowned multi-volume International Encyclopaedia of Laws, this very useful analysis of constitutional law in Ireland provides essential information on the country's sources of constitutional law, its form of government, and its administrative structure. Lawyers who handle transnational matters will appreciate the clarifications of particular terminology and its application.

Thorough coverage fully describes the political system, the historical background, the role of treaties, legislation, jurisprudence, and administrative regulations. The discussion of the form and structure of government outlines its legal status, the jurisdiction and workings of the central state organs, the subdivisions of the state, its decentralized authorities, and concepts of citizenship. Special issues include the legal position of aliens, foreign relations, taxing and spending powers, emergency laws, the power of the military, and the constitutional relationship between church and state.

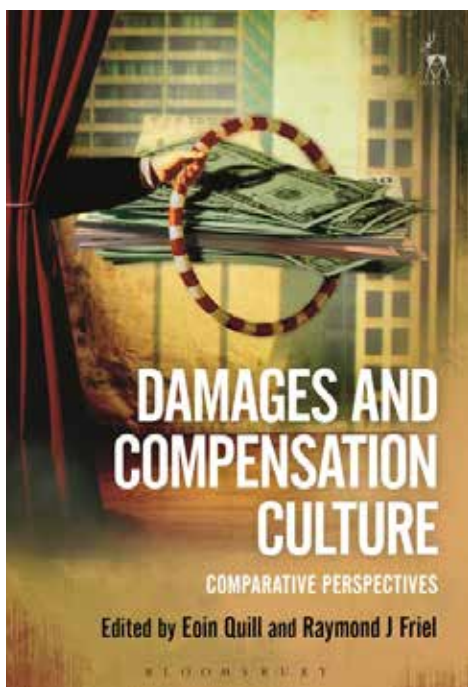
Details are presented in such a way that readers who are unfamiliar with specific terms and concepts in varying contexts will fully grasp their meaning and significance.

Its succinct yet scholarly nature, as well as the practical quality of the information it provides, make this book a valuable time-saving tool for both practising and academic jurists. Lawyers representing parties with interests in Ireland will welcome this guide, and academics and researchers will appreciate its value in the study of comparative constitutional law.

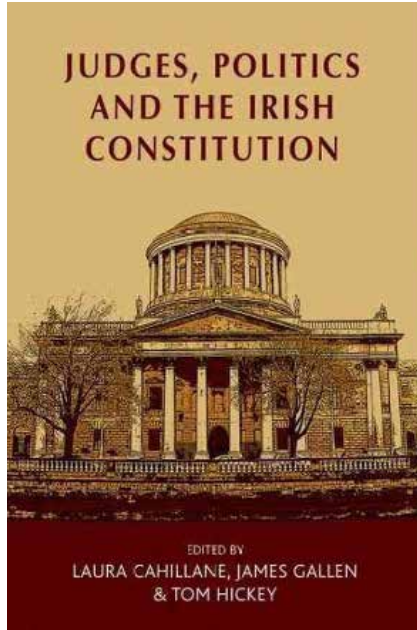


## Damages and Compensation Culture: Eoin Quill and Raymond Friel

Ray Friel and Eoin Quill have just published an edited book with Hart Publishing analysing the relationships between compensation culture, social values and tort damages for personal injuries. The essays will clarify the relationship between tort damages for personal injuries and the social values that the law seeks to reflect and to balance; they will critically assess a range of actual and proposed tort reforms in light of how they advance or hinder those values. The role, or lack of role, of perceptions of compensation culture in such developments will also feature. Both substantive and procedural reform will be examined. Contributors from the UK, Australia, Ireland, Canada and continental Europe, including leading authors in the field of compensation culture, will provide a range of perspectives. The collection stems from the papers delivered at the conference on Damages and Compensation Culture: Comparative Tort Law Reform in the 21st Century, hosted by the International Commercial and Economic Law Group at the School of Law, University of Limerick and supported by the Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Limerick.



## Judges, Politics and the Irish Constitution: Laura Cahillane



The book 'Judges, Politics and the Irish Constitution' edited by Laura Cahillane, James Gallen (DCU) and Tom Hickey (DCU) was launched on 18th May in the Royal Irish Academy by Senator Michael McDowell.

The book arose out of a conference organised by the editors in 2014 and it brings together academics and judges to consider ideas and arguments flowing from the often complex relationships between law and politics, adjudication and policy-making, and the judicial and political branches of government. Contributors explore numerous themes, including the nature and extent of judicial power, the European Court of Human Rights decision in *O'Keeffe v Ireland*, the process of appointing judges and judicial representation, judicial power and political processes. Contrasting judicial

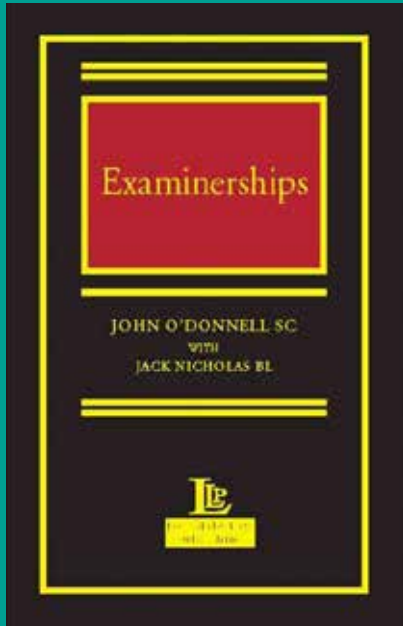
and academic perspectives are provided on the role of the European Court of Human Rights and the nature of exhausting domestic remedies. The role of judges, social and political disputes and case law are examined and socio-economic rights, the rule of law and electoral processes are all addressed.

It contains a wonderful mix of chapters and truly is a great contribution to Irish Constitutional Law literature.

The book is dedicated to the memory of the late Mr Justice Adrian Hardiman, who also contributed a chapter to the volume, and a copy was presented to his widow Judge Yvonne Murphy on the night.

The launch was well attended by members of the superior courts, the president and vice-president of DCU, members of the legal professions and the academic community. Senator McDowell praised the editors for bringing together such a distinguished collection and recommended it as essential reading. The book was also described in a review in the Irish Times as 'timely' and 'excellent'.





## Examinerships: Jack Nicholas

Congratulations to adjunct lecturer Jack Nicholas BL, who contributed to the publication of the second edition of Examinerships which is the leading textbook on the subject of corporate rescue. It sets out all of the relevant legal principles in a lucid and easily-accessible manner. The major decisions of the High Court and Supreme Court are analysed in detail. In addition, practitioners are guided through the various procedural steps involved in applying for and obtaining protection, and having a scheme of arrangement approved by the court. The book will be of interest to legal and accounting practitioners, banks and financial institutions, company directors and all those involved in the area of corporate insolvency and rescue. The Honourable Mr Justice Peter Kelly, President of the High Court described it as: "Excellent: up-to-date, accurate and comprehensive – an invaluable resource"

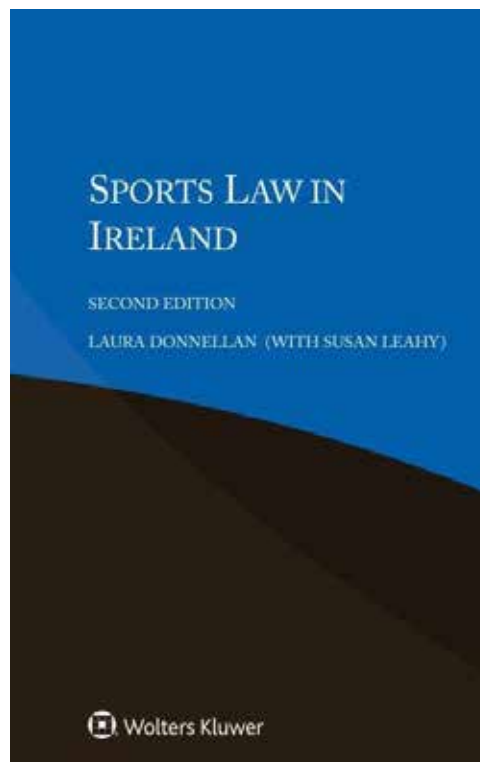


## Critical Perspectives on Hate Crime; Contributions from the Island of Ireland: Jennifer Schwegge

This book provides a unique insight into the lived realities of hate crime in Ireland and its treatment within the criminal justice system. The significance of the Irish case is contextualised within the European and global policy contexts and an overview of hate crime in Ireland, both north and south, and its differential treatment in each jurisdiction's criminal justice system is offered. Presenting empirically grounded analyses of the experiences of commonly targeted identity groups in an Irish context, this study also

draws upon their exposure to hate crime and challenges encountered in seeking redress. Combining theory, research and practice, this book represents legal, social, cultural and political concerns pertinent to understanding, preventing, deterring and combatting hate crime across Ireland. It incorporates a variety of perspectives on the hate crime paradigm and addresses many of the cutting-edge debates arising in the field of hate studies.

Contributions from Irish and international academic researchers are complemented by applied pieces authored by practitioners and policy makers actively engaged with affected communities. This is a progressive and informed text which will be of great value to activists, policy makers and scholars of hate crime and criminal justice.



## Sports Law in Ireland 2nd edition: Laura Donnellan (With Susan Leahy)

This second edition by Laura Donnellan (with Susan Leahy) includes a more detailed discussion on Doping and the GAA, the recently enacted National Vetting Bureau (Children and Vulnerable Persons) Act 2012–2016, judicial review and the cases involving Dundalk Racing and the recent establishment of Sport Ireland. It also incorporates changes introduced by the Companies Act 2015 and The Workplace Relations Commission Act 2015.



## Visitors and Guest Lectures

We have had many visitors and hosted some fantastic guest lectures this year. We were honoured to welcome Professor Geoffrey Shannon, Professor Ian Blackshaw and David Barniville SC, Mr Justice Richard Humphreys, Judge Tom O'Donnell, Dr Fergus Ryan, Professor Siobhán Mullally, Ray Byrne, Mr Justice John Edwards, Professor Laverne Jacobs, Robert Mortell as well as many more visitors to the School of Law.





## Staff Publications

### Books

Cahillane, L. *Constitutional Law in Ireland*, (with Ó Conaill) Wolters Kluwer International publishing, 2017.

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## School of Law Staff

### Appointments

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**Dr. Alan Cusack – Lecturer in Law**

The School of Law is delighted to announce the appointment of Alan Cusack as lecturer in law. Alan is a graduate of University College Cork (BCL, LL.M, PhD), University College Dublin (Dip. Emp) and the Law Society of Ireland (Solicitor, 2012). In 2017, Alan completed a PhD in the School of Law at University College Cork in the area of access to justice for victims of crime with intellectual disabilities. In pursuit of his studies, Alan was awarded a Government of Ireland PhD scholarship from the Irish Research Council as well as a Faculty of Law PhD Scholarship from University College Cork. Alan is a qualified solicitor and, subsequent to commencing his doctoral research, practiced for a number of years with Arthur Cox solicitors in Dublin. In 2013 Alan was appointed to the Board of Directors of the Centre for Criminal Justice and Human Rights at University College Cork. He is a professional member of The Law Society of Ireland and is also a member of the Society of Legal Scholars and the Socio-Legal Studies Association. In 2015 Alan was an Academic Visitor at the Centre for Criminology at the University of Oxford.

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**Dr Johnny Connolly -  
Post-doctoral researcher**

The Law School was delighted to welcome Johnny Connolly who joined the School as a postdoctoral researcher last November. His research project, co-funded by the Irish Research Council and the Irish Council for Civil Liberties, is titled Developing a comprehensive human rights

based response to drug and gang-related crime and community violence in Ireland. Johnny is currently a visiting research fellow at the School of Social Work and Social Policy in Trinity College, Dublin. Recent research publications include Illicit drug markets in Ireland and Demanding money with menace - drug-related intimidation and community violence in Ireland.

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**David Barniville SC -  
Adjunct Professor**

The School of Law is pleased to announce that David Barniville SC has been appointed as an Adjunct Professor in Commercial Law, Administrative Law and Product Liability. Mr Barniville is the immediate past Chairman of the Bar Council of Ireland and is currently a member of the newly established Legal Services Regulatory Authority.

# 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 TV programmes such as Tonight with Vincent Browne and The Week in Politics, 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, Limerick 95 fm and have written and contributed to numerous newspapers including the Irish Times, Irish Examiner, Irish Independent and more.





## *Student Successes and Events*

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

### *School Of Law Hosts 'Making A Murderer's' Dean Strang*



Attorney Dean Strang, who featured in the Netflix documentary series *Making a Murderer*, discussed the implications of the Steven Avery case at an event in University Concert Hall, Limerick on Monday, September 26th, 2016. It was organised by the University of Limerick Law Society. Mr Strang, along with Jerry Buting, represented

Steven Avery in his trial for the 2005 murder of photographer, Teresa Halbach. Mr Avery had previously served 18 years in prison for sexual assault and attempted murder before being exonerated in 2003. *Making a Murderer* covers his 2007 trial and his subsequent conviction for the murder of Ms Halbach.

## UL student wins 2016 A&L Goodbody Bold Ideas Student Innovation Award

Sarah McCarthy from Cork, and a 3rd Year Law Plus student at University of Limerick has won the 2016 A&L Goodbody Bold Ideas Student Innovation Award, following her proposal to build on Ireland's reputation and success on the international stage.

With many legal, business and political challenges facing Ireland today, Sarah's winning submission puts forward the idea of establishing the Irish Fintech Investor Market (IFIM) which would connect Irish technology start-up businesses with established foreign financial companies, looking to make a low risk investment in Ireland.

This is the fifth year that A&L Goodbody has held the Bold Ideas competition, which saw over 1,200 members of the public cast their vote on Facebook for their favourite submission, following which the winner and runners up were selected by a panel of three expert judges.



## A&L Goodbody Moot Court Grand Final



The Grand Final of the A&L Goodbody Moot Court Competition took place on Tuesday 21 February in the Moot Court Room. This year's problem scenario concerned the enforceability of contracts of employment entered into by construction workers.

The School of Law was delighted to welcome Mr Justice Abbott and Mr Justice Binchy of the High Court and Dr Stephen King of A&L Goodbody to adjudicate the Grand Final. The judges tested the competitors on a number of legal points throughout the moot. The judges were impressed by the quality of the students' legal arguments (both the oral arguments and written memoranda), their persuasiveness and the overall professionalism displayed at the Grand Final. The Grand Final was followed by a reception and prize giving in Plassey House.

Congratulations to the winning team Criostoir Hasty, Mairead O'Regan and Dónal Ó Cribín and to the runner-up team Patricia Derbyshire and Andrew Kelly. The Best Speaker prize was awarded to Mairead O'Regan.

The Moot Court Competition was organised jointly by the UL Law Society and the School of Law and was co-ordinated by Amy Beck and Dr Lydia Bracken.

## Advanced Lawyering Project Presentations

Final year Law Plus students undertaking Advanced Lawyering Projects gave presentations on the socio-economic rights of travellers, Post-Acquittal Retrials for the Same Criminal Offence, and aspects of the free movement of persons provisions under EU Law.



## University of Limerick v University of Cambridge Moot Court Competition 2017

On the 6th of March several UL students travelled to Cambridge for the bi-annual moot court competition originally established by Amy Beck and Katie Nagle as joint Mooting Officers of the UL Law Society in the 2014/5 academic year.

After a visit from Cambridge to Limerick last year it was UL's turn to travel again. The moot was narrowly won by the mooters from Cambridge. Well done to both mooting teams.



## John and Pauline Ryan PhD Scholarship

The School of Law would like to congratulate Lucy M. Davis on being awarded the John and Pauline Ryan PhD Research Postgraduate Scholarship. Lucy is a PhD student in the School of Law under the supervision of Dr John Lombard and the title of her thesis is "A normative approach to ethical decision making at the end of life: the legal and ethical framework for 'do not resuscitate' orders." The John and Pauline Ryan PhD Research Postgraduate Scholarship is awarded by the University of Limerick Graduate School. The Scholarship is open to all disciplines and is awarded to an academically exceptional student who has completed an undergraduate degree at the University of Limerick.



## 2016/17 Kate Fleming Mediation Competition in Medical Law



The School of Law and Graduate Entry Medical School hosted the 2016/17 Kate Fleming Mediation Competition in Medical Law last February. Fifteen students from law and medicine came together in inter-disciplinary teams to settle a claim of medical negligence. Many congratulations to the members of the winning team: Michelle Stephenson (Medicine), Anna Howard (Medicine), Siobhan Macloingsigh (Law), Bláithín O'Shea (Law).

This competition provided a fantastic opportunity for interdisciplinary learning with students working together to research the law, write an expert report and decide on a strategy for mediation. Mr Jack Nicholas (Barrister, Mediator and Adjunct Lecturer in the School of Law) acted as the mediator on the night. Assisting Mr. Nicholas was Dr. Patrick O'Donnell (Graduate Entry Medical School), Ms. Mary Tumelty (a PhD candidate in the area of mediation in medical negligence), Dr. Eimear Spain (Senior Lecturer in Medical Law) and Dr. Lydia Bracken (Director of Clinical Legal Education, School of Law).

## Mason Hayes and Curran Company Law Prize

The Mason Hayes & Curran Company Law prize was won this year by Siobhan McCarthy from County Clare. Siobhan is pictured here receiving her prize from MHC Partner Ms. Vanessa Byrne. The School of Law is very appreciative of the support of Mason Hayes & Curran and we extend our thanks to Managing Partner, Mr. Declan Black and his colleagues.



## Eversheds LLM Scholarship

Eversheds is an international law firm with offices in Europe, Africa, Asia and the Middle East. The Dublin office presented a scholarship to Ms. Kathryn McKeon for entry onto the LLM in International Commercial Law programme at UL with the highest undergraduate Law degree. The prize was presented by Mr. Dermot McEvoy, a Partner in commercial litigation and Chair of the Irish Commercial Mediation Association.



## Holmes O'Malley Sexton Scholarship

The Limerick based firm of Holmes O'Malley Sexton, Solicitors offers a very generous award to the final year law student who begins their final year with the highest marks. The prize was presented this year to Doyinsola Sola Oladokun by Mr. Brian McEnery, President of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, on behalf of the Partners of Holmes O'Malley Sexton, Solicitors.

## Cooperative Education Award 2017

Congratulations to Niall Rea, BA in Law And Accounting, who received a Special Distinction Award for his coop placement with GE Capital Aviation Services (GECAS) in Shannon, Co Clare. GE Capital Aviation Services (GECAS) is the world's leading commercial aircraft and engine lessor and lender, equipped with an industry-leading suite of products and services. The Cooperative Education Award recognises exceptional student performance on Cooperative Education placement. One Award per College is presented every year to the successful students on graduation day.





## A & L Goodbody Prize

Second year Law student, Mary Curtin was this year's winner of the A&L Goodbody prize. Mary is studying for a Bachelors degree in Law and Accounting and completed her first year of the programme with stellar results. A & L Goodbody kindly sponsors a prize for the Law student who completes the first year of their law degree with the highest grades. Mary was presented with her prize by Ms. Denise Brady and Ms. Caroline Hayes, and Dr. Stephen King, both graduates of UL School of Law and now employed at the firm's Dublin office.

## Matheson Contract Law Prize

The international firm Matheson, Solicitors generously offers a first and second prize for UL law students who achieve excellent results in Contract Law assessments. Last October, Cliodhna Ni Chaolain attended from Matheson's Dublin office and presented the prizes for this year to Natasha Brotherton and Laura Ryan, who were winner and runner-up respectively.



## UL President Awards

Congratulations to Ellen Ryan, a Bachelor of Laws (Law Plus) student from Limerick City who was one of six outstanding students in the University presented with an Access Scholarship Award.



## Arthur Cox Participation Prize

Ciara Murphy is a third year Law student in UL and was presented last week with the 2017 Arthur Cox Participation prize, having achieved the highest academic grades in her most recent Law exams. The prize is also awarded on grounds of wider participation in life at UL and Ciara has extensive volunteering and swimming achievements to her credit. Ciara has been doing her Clinical legal work placement in Luxembourg where she has worked on the audit of real estate companies in Luxembourg. Ciara plans to pursue a career as a solicitor.



## PhD Graduations 2017 Kevin Sweeney and Richard Roche



Congratulations to Dr Kevin Sweeney. Kevin's thesis was entitled *The Changing Nature Of Police Interrogation in Ireland*. His thesis examined the role of investigative interviewing in the Irish criminal justice system and was supervised by Professor Shane Kilcommins and Dr Eimear Spain.



Congratulations to Dr Richard Roche. Richard's thesis was entitled *Changed by the job – the impact that working in a prison has on prison officers and examined the hidden world of Irish prisons and the men and women that work within them* and was supervised by Professor Shane Kilcommins and Dr Eimear Spain.



## International Links

### UL School of Law welcomes Bar Council of India



The School of Law was delighted to host a delegation of the Honourable Members of the Bar Council of India from August 14th-18th. During their visit, the delegation which comprised 4 members including Mr Rameshchandra Girdharlalshah, Mr Nilesh Kumar, Mr Amit Rana and Mr Ramchander Rao Naraparaju, met with a range of representatives from the School of Law, from the wider university community and from the local and national legal community. The delegation also met with UL's Indian law graduates as well as current Indian students.

The Bar Council of India is a statutory body created by Parliament to regulate and represent the Indian bar. It was established by the Indian Parliament under the Advocates Act, 1961.

"We were honoured to host the Bar Council of India", said Dr Kathryn O'Sullivan, Director of International Education at the School of Law. "We very much look forward to working with the Bar Council towards securing accreditation for our undergraduate law programmes and further expanding the international opportunities available to our graduates."



### Dr John Lombard Visits Sichuan University

Dr John Lombard completed a research trip to Sichuan Chengdu University, China, under the Erasmus+ International Credit Mobility programme in April 2017. His research agenda was focussed on aspects on intellectual property rights protection. Over the course of this research visit, Dr Lombard met with professors specialising in patent law, copyright, and commercial law. These meetings provided a different perspective on his intellectual property research as well as giving an insight into the broader Chinese legal system. During his time in China, Dr Lombard was immersed in the culture and visited the landmarks of Chengdu.

## School of Law enters new agreement with CRCC Asia

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## 士亚商务咨询

### Award-Winning China Internship Programs

The School of Law is delighted to announce it has entered a new 3 year agreement with CRCC Asia to provide guaranteed legal internships to Law Plus and Law and Accounting students in China. CRCC Asia is the leading provider of internships in China having received over 6,000 participants from over 150 countries. To date, through the programme, 5 UL School of Law students have undertaken 2-3 months placements in Shanghai and Shenzhen, benefitting from placements in top Chinese law firms including Ray Yin & Partners, Liu & Wang Attorneys at Law and River Delta Law Firm. The School of Law is firmly committed to supporting international education opportunities for its students and provides generous scholarships to assist students in completing these internships.

## UL Law Graduates Pursue Careers as Attorneys in NYC



The UL School of Law boasts a number of Manhattan-based attorneys among its alumni. In light of the recognition it affords to our Bachelor of Law degrees (Law Plus and Law and Accounting), each year a number of graduates undertake the New York State Bar exams. A recent addition to this NYC alumni list is Ms. Lisa Collins, Esq – a graduate of the Law Plus class of 2015. Lisa commented that:

“Living and working in NYC for the past year has been a phenomenal experience. I am an attorney today, but who knows where and what I will be tomorrow. After all, I am only 24 and in the words of my favourite Disney movie, “Adventure is out there!”

## Nuremberg Moot Court Team 2017

Four students from the School of Law Katie Nagle, Karen Pound, Joseph Mc Glynn and Bláithín O’Shea, competed in the Nuremberg Moot Court Competition 2017, which took place from 26 to 29 July and was organised by the International Nuremberg Principles Academy together with the Friedrich-Alexander University Erlangen-Nuremberg. Bláithín writes about the experience here:

“When departing Ireland, I was nervous about travelling with a group of people I didn’t know and was worried as to how I was going to perform on the international stage. As soon as we landed in Nuremberg however, I knew my worrying was needless. As a group representing UL, we had prepared and practiced for the competition well, and we worked fantastically as a team. The competition itself was thoroughly enjoyable and exciting. I had the opportunity to meet people working in the field of law from all over the world, including those working in the International Criminal Court as solicitors and judges. Nuremberg itself was absolutely beautiful and full of life. The trip as a whole was a challenging, yet rewarding experience. I developed my legal skills and knowledge, represented UL internationally and on top of this I made friends and memories to last a lifetime.”

## Dr Catriona Moloney participates in SCU University Immersion Programme



Dr Catriona Moloney was invited to Sichuan University in China to participate in the SCU University Immersion Programme. The programme is designed to convene lecturers from all over the world to give short courses to University students in order to offer them an international educational experience. Catriona delivered a course on the global implications of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. The course focused on international and comparative perspectives on the reform of legal capacity law.



## UL Law Students Study in Canada

Each year the School of Law sends students on study exchange to our partner universities in North America. In spring 2017, two students undertook study at the University of Victoria, British Columbia, Canada. Here is what they had to say:

“My exchange to the University of Victoria offered me the chance to experience graduate level North American law school from the perspective of an undergraduate European law student. I can safely say that the experience has allowed me to push my limits and broaden my educational horizons further than I could ever have imagined through truly unique courses such as law and religion, the law and rights of the Indigenous peoples of Canada and Canadian Immigration and Citizenship law. The university offers some outstanding extra-curricular activities such as rock climbing, astrophotography and rocketry while being within range of beautiful downtown Victoria, the bustling city of Vancouver and several ski resorts! I reaped the benefit of having studied at an internationally renowned law school with confidence and skills that will no doubt be invaluable to be me in my future legal career.”

**LUKE WOULFE**, 4th year Law Plus

“Undertaking the challenge of an exchange to another university was a daunting but equally rewarding experience. Academically, I believe it brought out the best in me, competing with essentially post grade students who were in their final year of law school was definitely a sink or swim situation. From week one I found myself spending most of my week days in the library completing assignments and keeping up with all the assigned readings. All the work aside, it was the people of Uvic that made the experience worthwhile. Law School in Victoria has a sense of community and family amongst the student body like I have never seen before. From day one we were welcomed with open arms. From a curling tournament, a skit night, a grudge rugby match and various table quizzes I found myself constantly arranging my nights out with the other law students and with that came lasting friendships and memories. Victoria itself is a vibrant and cultural hive of activity with endless opportunities to explore all the Island has to offer. I most definitely will be returning!”

**JACK BERGIN**, 4th year Law Plus

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## Law Summer School 2017

Students from the Summer School on Terrorism, Crime and Justice visited Cork City Gaol on Tuesday as part of a penological excursion. The group comprised students from the United States are picture here with Dr Susan Leahy, who is the Course Director for the Summer School along with Dr Margaret Fitzgerald O'Reilly.





## Curriculum Development

### New Policing Programmes

The School of Law has recently launched two new exciting programmes in policing: the BA in Applied Policing and Criminal Justice and the MA in Serious Crime Investigation.

The new programmes underline the commitment of the School of Law to developing innovative, enriching, and student-centred teaching practices that provide the best possible learning environment for our students. The new programmes were created in response to feedback from stakeholders and demonstrate the

student-centred approach to curriculum design that is adopted at UL. The School of Law has a rich tradition of working with stakeholders in order to ensure that our teaching and research has an impact in the real world, providing workable solutions to the increasing legal challenges our society faces.

#### BA in Applied Policing and Criminal Justice

The School of Law is delighted to welcome 32 members of An Garda Síochána to the new level 8 Bachelor of Arts in Applied Policing and Criminal Justice, which runs for the first time in 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 in Applied Policing and Criminal Justice 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 that will be of benefit in navigating the challenging and evolving environment of the criminal justice system. Learners will develop these skills through a progressive model of blended learning that comprises online lectures, student guide, interactive learning elements, recommended readings, and regular tutor



led interactions. These elements will allow learners to experience new ways of teaching and learning and to engage with new teaching technologies as part of the programme, leading to the award of a level 8 degree.

We wish the learners every success in their studies over the next two years.

## MA in Serious Crime Investigation

The Master of Arts in Serious Crime Investigation is a one-year fulltime programme designed for those who have completed the level 9 Postgraduate Diploma in Serious Crime Investigation, accredited by the University of Limerick or an equivalent programme. This programme will allow those who have completed the Postgraduate Diploma (or equivalent) to capitalise on their current expertise and develop an advanced and integrated understanding of serious crime investigation. Completion of the Master of Arts in Serious Crime Investigation will lead to an award of a level 9 Masters qualification.

As part of the Master of Arts in Serious Crime Investigation, learners will complete 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. The completion of this substantial piece of independent research will develop the cognitive and technical skills of students and upon completion, learners will be in a position to research and apply established theories to the investigation of serious crime.

*This programme will begin in January 2018.*

*Dr Lydia Bracken is the Course Director for the BA and Dr Alan Cusack is Course Director for the MA.*

## Housing Law and Policy Online launched with Community Law and Mediation

On Wednesday, June 21st, the School of Law at the University of Limerick and the Community Law and Mediation (CLM) launched 'Housing Law and Policy Online'. The new module, which will be available online this September, was introduced in response to the ever more serious demand for housing in Ireland and the increasing attention and controversy that it is drawing at both a national and international level. Speaking at the launch, Ms Rose Wall, CEO of Community Law and Mediation said 'CLM are delighted to be collaborating with UL on this exciting project. Housing Law is such an important subject, particularly in the context of the current crisis. We hope that the course will empower those attending

with knowledge of their rights and how to enforce them. It is particularly exciting to see this course being run online making it accessible to as many people as possible.' Professor Shane Kilcommins, Head of the School of Law, added: 'The School of Law is delighted to be teaming up with CLM in delivering this much needed module. It is a great opportunity for us to be able to collaborate with and support colleagues who are doing such outstanding work in the housing sector for communities right across Ireland.' Present at the launch were representatives from various housing and homelessness charities including the Peter McVerry Trust, Novas and Paul Partnership Limerick.



## In Memoriam



It is with the deepest regret that the School of Law learned of the passing of our Adjunct Professor, Judge Michael Reilly last November. Judge Reilly was an outstanding colleague, a very warm and caring person who was deeply committed to his work as Inspector of Prisons. He was also keenly interested in hearing the views of law students, and presented an excellent lecture last year on "Prisoners, Media and Society: The Inspector's Perspective". In his lecture, the Inspector explored the complex nature of the relationship between the media, public, prisoners and their families and reminded us of the importance of protecting the vulnerable in our society. The event was attended by members of the public, the Irish Prison Service, the Office of the Inspector of Prisons, solicitors, barristers, staff and students. Judge Reilly had served as in the District and Special Criminal courts, before being appointed as Inspector of Prisons in 2008.



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