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Welcome from the Head of School

It gives me great pleasure to introduce yet another School of Law Newsletter. Once again, it is great to see such a wide diversity of activities from staff, student and alumni of the School across a broad spectrum. As UL celebrates its 50 years, it is only right that we recognise as well the role that the School of Law has played in the development and reputation of the University during that period. From very small beginnings, the School has grown in terms of faculty, students and programmes. It has an impressive range of networks with external stakeholders that has resulted in our high standing within the QS University rankings. It is hard to think that a relatively new and small Law School on the periphery of Europe has developed so quickly and with a significant reputation built upon excellence in teaching and research. It is also a School that has embraced change and innovation at every stage

of its existence, often trailblazing developments before other established law schools on the island. Key to this success are our alumni. I particularly want to thank Mathesons, a leading international law firm for sponsoring a scholarship of €5000 through the UL Foundation 50for50 programme. In this issue, we look at the success of our graduates in Mathesons, one of Ireland's leading law firms at all levels and look forward to deepening the relationship between the School and the firm.

There is so much to note in this newsletter, but I would like to select a few key achievements across the School, such as Dr Catherine Naughton and Prof Sean Redmond for the REPPP success in the North-South project bringing in a significant amount of funds in conjunction with their partners in QUB. In addition, the North-South Criminology



conferences organised by CCJVS, the continued co-operation with An Garda Síochána, the launch of the Plassey Law Review and many other events too numerous to mention. However, at the end of the day, the School is about its people: faculty, staff and students. It is great to see their achievements recognised with four faculty members promoted to Senior Lecturer and Dr Cahillane’s appointment to the Ethical, Political, Legal and Philosophical Studies Committee of the Royal Irish Academy among the many indicators of esteem with which our people are viewed. I cannot close this introduction without thanking our editor Dr Margaret Fitzgerald-O’Reilly and congratulating her as well on her success in the award of Excellence in Teaching in AHSS.

Professor Raymond J Friel
Head, School of Law



Events in the School of Law

IRC Roundtable/Symposium Research Event

On Thursday the 21st April 2022, the School of Law hosted a very successful research roundtable symposium event at the Glucksman Library at the University of Limerick. This event was funded by the Irish Research Council (IRC) and the Policing Authority under the New Foundations awards scheme which brings researchers and community organisations together to collaborate on projects that will have a tangible impact on societal and community issues. The attendees were addressed by Minister of State for Mental Health and Older People Mary Butler TD and Minister of State at the Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science Niall Collins TD. Superintendent Andrew Lacey who is the implementation team leader for Crisis Intervention Teams (CIT) and Community Safety Co-Response Model in the Ireland organised the event as the research awardee with the Irish Research Council.





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Centre for Crime, Justice and Victim Studies

North-South Criminology Conference Hosted by CCJVS

On Friday 16th September the Centre for Crime, Justice and Victim Studies hosted the Annual North-South Criminology Conference in the Analog Building. The conference theme was 'The Crime Experience Post Pandemic: Experiences and Practices' and featured speakers from each of the member institutions of the North-South Criminology committee. A poster competition for PhD candidates

also featured entrants from the third level institutions represented at the conference. The event was organised by Dr Susan Leahy, Director of the CCJVS, and marks the first of a series of events celebrating the 25th anniversary of the CCJVS.



Celebratory Event for An Garda Síochána Graduates



In September 2022 a celebratory event for An Garda Síochána graduates from the BA in Applied Policing programme was held on the University of Limerick campus. As for the 1,835 Garda who graduated from UL in absentia due to the COVID-19 pandemic. UL Provost and Deputy President Professor Shane Kilcommins welcomed representatives from the Garda College and graduates from the BA in Applied Policing. Chief Superintendent Pat Murray, Superintendent Aidan Minnock and Superintendent Brian Murphy from Templemore Garda College were among those who attended the ceremony, together with Associate Vice President Student Engagement, Dr Patrick Ryan, Interim Executive Dean Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences (AHSS) Dr Sandra Joyce and colleagues from the AHSS faculty

Chief Superintendent and Director of Training in Templemore Pat Murray said: *“Working in collaboration with University of Limerick*

has harnessed an opportunity to nurture a culture of transparency and accountability while professionalising Police Training to allow improved Policing Services to Communities right across the country...The success of the collaborative approach in relation to this programme has allowed An Garda Síochána deepen its links with University of Limerick in further professionalism across a number of areas of Police Training in Post Graduate courses delivered in specialist policing areas.”

UL accredits the Garda Síochána level 7 and level 9 training programmes; it provides an online level 8 top up programme in Applied Policing for members of An Garda Síochána, and an MA in Serious Crime Investigation for those serious crime investigators who have completed the postgraduate diploma in serious crime investigation. UL and the Criminal Assets Bureau also work together on a Postgraduate Diploma in Proceeds of Crime and Asset Identification.



Building UNESCO Sustainability Goals into the Law Curriculum

On the 8th April 2022 Dr John Lombard, senior lecturer in the School of Law, organised an event on “Building UNESCO Sustainability Goals into the Law Curriculum.” Caroline Hayes, senior lecturer in Aston University, spoke about good practice and experience in using the UNESCO SDGs to inform and shape teaching and learning. The goals of the event were also to explore strategies for enhanced student success and the development of graduate attributes through community outreach initiatives grounded in SDGs, evaluate and consider the use of a multi-disciplinary approach in responding to the challenge of sustainability at module and programme level and identify national and international trends relating to the incorporation of SDGs in higher education. The event was funded by the National Seminar Series.



Plassey Review Launch 2022

In spring the School of Law was delighted to host the launch of the *Plassey Law Review 2022*. The launch took place in the A&L Goodbody Appellate Courtroom and attended by editorial board, student representatives and faculty staff. *The Plassey Law Review* is a student-run law review established at the University of Limerick. The Review will publish articles and case notes on legal topics submitted primarily by law students or graduates from UL and other universities. The Review is established in conjunction with the School of Law at the University of Limerick and will be overseen by an Editorial Board comprising students and an Advisory Board comprising members of the faculty.



Research and related activity in the School of Law

Oireachtas Committee Presentation

Dr Lydia Bracken was invited to present to the Oireachtas, on 1st February, about her surrogacy research. Presenting her research before the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Children, Disability

Equality and Integration on Surrogacy, Dr Bracken argued that surrogacy must be subject to specific legal regulation in order to comply with the best interests principle and that law, policy and practice in the area must be shaped by children's rights and research on children's experiences. Dr Bracken's contribution was referred to in local and national news outlets



Irish Supreme Court Review Conference

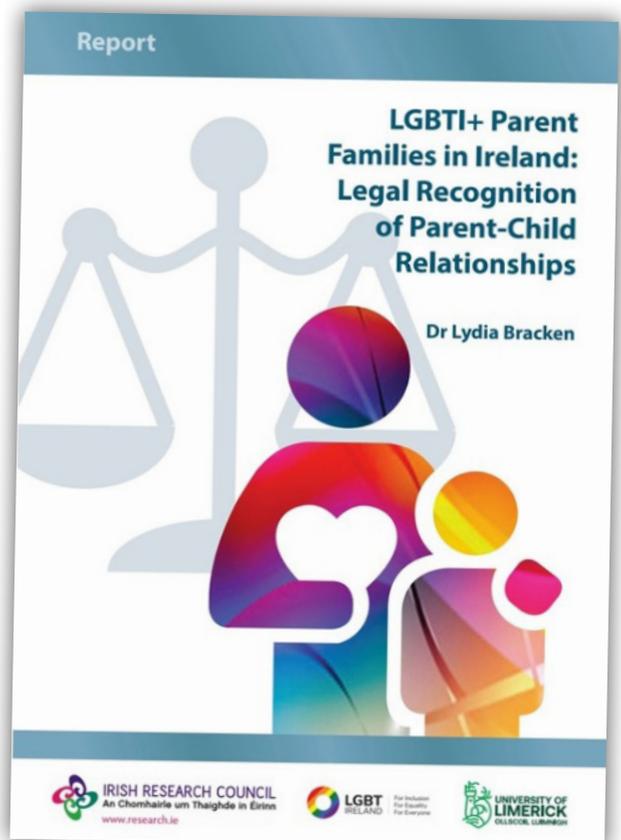
In November 2021, two members of staff from the School of Law presented at the third annual Irish Supreme Court Review Conference. The event considers the major cases decided by the Supreme Court in the previous year. Dr Laura Cahillane presented on: *'Damache v Minister for Justice and the Inexorable March of Fair Procedures'* and Eoin Quill presented on *'Cantrell v AIB'*. Papers from the conference are to be published by Clarus Press in the third volume of the Irish Supreme Court Review journal in 2022.



ECRI Task Force on LGBTI Rights



On 30 November 2021, Dr Lydia Bracken was invited to present to the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI), a Council of Europe body, to inform the development of a future General Policy Recommendation on LGBTI issues. Lydia presented to the ECRI on her current research on LGBTI+ parent families and the legal issues facing such families in Ireland and Europe. Other speakers invited to present to the ECRI on this occasion were Professor Alina Tryfonidou (Neapolis University Pafos), Professor Robert Wintemute (King's College London) and Dominique Boren and Daniel Martinovic (NELFA - Network of European LGBTIQ Families Associations).



Lecturer Gives Evidence to UK's House of Commons on Cohabitation Law.

In March 2022, Dr Kathryn O'Sullivan from the School of Law provided oral evidence to the House of Commons' Women and Equalities Committee in the UK as part of its investigation into the rights of cohabiting partners. The invitation to discuss the Irish experience of undertaking cohabitation law reform arose as the Committee investigate the equalities issues around cohabitation, how cohabitation



rights could be strengthened and what legal protection for cohabitants could look like and how this might be introduced. A report on the issue is due for publication and presentation to the UK Parliament later this year.



Oireachtas Committee on Gender Equality

Dr Laura Cahillane was invited to address the Oireachtas Committee on Gender Equality on how the recommendations of the Citizens' Assembly on the Constitution can be implemented. The Committee met in private session in March 2022 and Dr Cahillane provided advice on the various options open to the committee in terms of potential constitutional amendments. Dr Cahillane previously worked with the Citizens' Assembly on the questions of equality, the woman in the home, and the definition of the family in the Constitution. It is hoped that a referendum will be held on these issues next year..

REPPP Activities



ACJRD Annual Conference “Criminal Justice and Public Health: Policy and Practice Post-Pandemic”

REPPP team member John Reddy presented at the 24th Annual Conference of the Association of Criminal Justice Research Development, on Friday the 8th of October 2021. John spoke about REPPP’s 2020 study of young people in GYDPs and the first months of the Pandemic and first lockdown and how youth justice workers’ ‘Pandemic experiences’ have the potential to strengthen and guide future practice.

UK Evaluation Society (UKES) 2022

On the 24th of May 2022, Catherine Naughton and Jackie Dwane of REPPP presented at the UK Evaluation Society’s Annual Conference, *Re-imagining Evidence and Evaluation – Politics, Context, Challenges*. Catherine presented on the evaluation of the Greentown Project on the 24th of May. The presentation was titled ‘The Greentown Project: Policy-led evaluation of a multi-

faceted youth crime intervention aimed at multiple ecological levels.’ Jackie presented on the implementation evaluation of the Action Research Project on

25th of May. The presentation was titled ‘Co-creating change; practitioners as implementation evaluators of co-designed relational practice’



Wilton Park Event May 2022

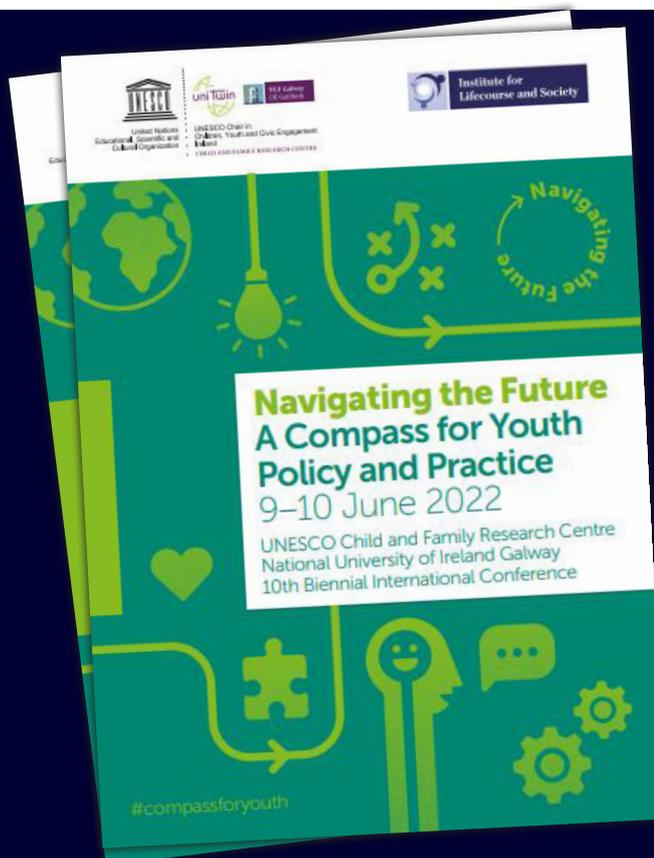
Seán Redmond participated in an international think-in on the future of evaluation in Wilton Park, Sussex, England, sponsored by the World Bank. The meeting involved authors for a series

of books examining challenges to the science and craft of evaluation in recent years. Seán has co-written a chapter with Dr Richard Boyle *'Evidence as enlightenment versus evidence as certainty: appropriate uses of evaluative information to inform policy in a post-truth world'* using youth justice and water governance as complimentary and analogous case examples.



UNESCO CFRC 10th Biennial International Conference, June 2022

REPPP was represented by Caitlin Lewis, Eoin O'Meara Daly and Jackie Dwane at the UNESCO CFRC 10th Biennial International Conference, *Navigating the Future: A Compass for Youth Policy and Practice*. The team presented on the Action Research Project relationship study. The presentation was titled: "Co-designing relationship guidance for youth justice policy and practice: An overview of action research with 16 Youth Diversion Projects (YDPs)".



Awards and Appointments

Gender Based Abuse Research Award

Dr Susan Leahy was presented with an award for 'Best Project on Engaged Research in Domestic, Sexual and Gender-Based Abuse' at the Research GBA (Gender Based Abuse Research and Knowledge Hub) Online Conference on 'Best Practice in Engaged Research & Research Translation in Domestic

Sexual and Gender-Based Abuse' on the 10th June 2022. The Research GBA project is funded by the Irish Research Council. This aim of the project is to promote and facilitate partnerships between a wide range of stakeholders researchers, policy makers, the criminal justice system, community organisations and people directly and indirectly affected by gender-based abuse. The project is managed by Haven Horizons and the EDGE (Exploring Diversity, Gender and Equality) research group at the Technological University Shannon Region.



Friday 10th June @ 9:45 - 13:00

Online Conference



“ This project engaged with stakeholders who work within Irish rape trials, offering them an opportunity to share their views on the current operation of Irish sexual offences law and their perspectives on the shape which future law reform should take. ”

Dr Susan Leahy,
School of Law, University of Limerick

New Foundations



IRC New Foundations

In March 2022, Dr Alan Cusack and Andrew Lacey (PhD) were awarded New Foundations funding for their Crisis Intervention Team project. The project aims to inform the design and implementation of a Crisis Co-intervention Team in Ireland. It also represents a constituent element of An Garda Síochána's realisation of the procedural reforms recommended by the Commission on the Future of



Policing in Ireland (2019). A Round Table Symposium was held in April, led by international experts

in crisis intervention on the needs of vulnerable persons when interacting with law enforcement.

Stable Lives Safer Streets North-South Funding Award

In March 2022, the Stable Lives Safer Streets project was awarded over 3million in funding from the North-South Research Programme. The funding has facilitated the establishment of the Stable Lives Safer Streets All Ireland Research hub. The hub builds on previous policy-led research in Youth Crime by both Research into Policy Programmes and Practice Project REPPP, School of Law, University of Limerick and The Violence Prevention Lab, Queens University Belfast and in Implementation science by the Centre for Effective Services. The hub will provide evidence about accessible, practical approaches to understanding and responding to youth crime, criminal exploitation, and community safety. Policy makers, programme designers and practitioners can use this evidence to make more effective and efficient decisions. The Hub will enable a sustainable

cross-border approach for evidence building and its use in developing good policy and practice. The Stable Lives Safer Streets hub is led by Dr Catherine Naughton, REPPP, School of Law, UL, in partnership with Dr Colm Walsh, The Violence Prevention Lab, QUB and CES.



National Success for UL Medio-legal Research Consortium

On 22 December 2021, the HSE Open Access Research Awards were announced in an online ceremony. A paper authored by a team of international experts

from the University of Limerick, University of Galway, University College Cork, Trinity College Dublin, University College Dublin and the University of Cambridge was awarded the inaugural Special Merit Prize at this ceremony. The paper was derived from a study that was led by Professor Gautam Gulati, Dr. Alan Cusack, Professor Colum Dunne and Professor Shane Kilocmmins at the University of Limerick.



School of Law Lecturer Receives AHSS Excellence in Teaching Award 2022

In March 2022, Dr Margaret Fitzgerald O'Reilly won the AHSS UL Excellence in Teaching Award. Awards for teaching are based on a comprehensive review of a range of teaching and learning related activities and engaging in these award processes provides clear evidence of commitment to teaching and performance as a teacher.



Promotions

The School of Law was delighted to see Dr Lydia Bracken, Dr Alan Cusack, Dr Laura Donnellan and Dr John Lombard appointed as Senior Lecturers in Law. These promotional appointments provide positive recognition of the work of our colleagues, who have demonstrated excellence across their research, teaching and administrative leaderships activities.

Appointment to Royal Irish Academy Committee.

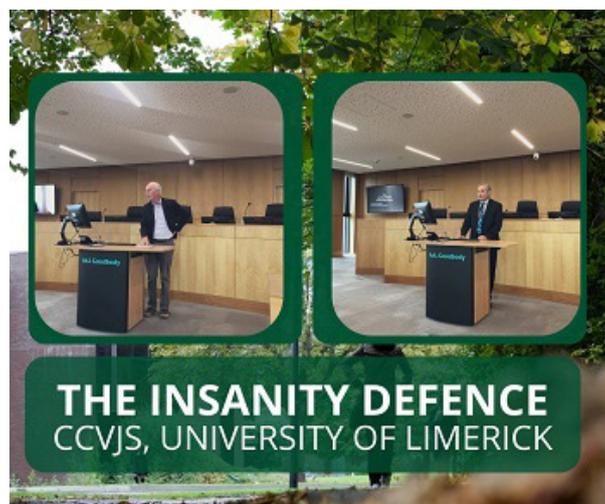
In May, Dr Laura Cahillane was appointed to the Ethical, Political, Legal and Philosophical Studies Committee of the Royal Irish Academy. The mission of the Royal Irish Academy's multidisciplinary committees is to promote co-operation across and within relevant scholarly disciplines; to advise, contribute to and guide Academy's engagement in these areas and on issues of topical interest, on an all-island basis.



Visitors and Guest Lectures

The Insanity Defence: A Comparative Appraisal

On Tuesday, 20 September 2022, the School of Law at the University of Limerick hosted a special interactive seminar by Professor John Helminski, University of North Carolina. The session, which was entitled 'The Insanity Defence: A Comparative Appraisal', focused on the evolution and operation of the insanity defence under American criminal law. A thought-provoking, indigenous-focused response was offered by Professor Paul McCutcheon (School of Law, University of Limerick). The event was co-ordinated by Dr. Alan Cusack and Professor John Bogue (NUIG) and was supported by Fullbright Ireland.



Sports Law Seminar

The Sports Law, Governance and Practice Research Cluster was delighted to have Prof. Mark James, Professor of Sports Law and Director of Research at the Manchester Law School, Manchester Metropolitan University launch the Research Cluster with his seminar on 'Athlete Activism at Major Sporting Events' on 6 September 2022. During his trip to UL, Prof. James spoke to PhD students about publishing and gave a seminar to staff on 'Planning to get the best from your research'. The Sports Law, Governance and Practice Research Cluster was established in December 2021 by Dr Laura Donnellan. The Cluster's Advisory Board consists of internationally recognised academics and practitioners who specialise in sports law, including Prof. James.



Staff Publications

Books

- Cahillane, L. The Judicial Council Act 2019 Annotated, (Round Hall, 2021)
- Fitzgerald O'Reilly, M. (forthcoming 2023) Human Rights Law in Modern Policing. Clarus Press.
- Fitzgerald O'Reilly, M. (forthcoming 2023) Towards an International Criminal Records Database: Information Sharing between Countries and the Implications for Risk, Security and Human Rights. Palgrave MacMillan.
- Fitzgerald O'Reilly, M and Leahy, S. (forthcoming 2022) Sexual Offending in Ireland: Laws, Procedures and Punishment, 2nd edition. Clarus Press.
- Bracken, L., "Second-parent adoption in 'new family forms': emerging case law from the European Court of Human Rights" in Lowe, N. and Fenton-Glynn, C. (eds), Research Handbook on Adoption (forthcoming Edward Elgar)
- Cusack, A., Kilcommins, S., Gulati G & Dunne, C. (forthcoming), 'Calibrating the Right to Reasonable Access to a Lawyer for Vulnerable Suspects in Ireland' In: R. Dehaghani, S. Fairclough and L. Mergaerts, Vulnerable Suspects and Defendants: Domestic and European Perspectives (London: Routledge)
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- Donnellan, L. 'Chasing the Fox Around the World' in Ross Davies ed. Arthur Conan Doyle, Regulation & Imagination: Legal & Literary Perspectives on Fox Hunting (Washington: Green Bag, 2022)
- Leahy, S., 'Effectively Recognizing and Punishing Sexual Coercion: Proposals for Reform' in Bows and Herring (eds), 'Rough Sex' and the Criminal Law: Global Perspectives (Emerald Publishing, 2022) (Forthcoming, 7th November 2022)

Book chapters

- Bracken, L., "Parenthood in Ireland" in Fenton-Glynn, C. (ed), Comparative Perspectives on Parenthood (forthcoming Intersentia)

- Leady, S., 'Protection from Family Abuse' in Harding and McGowan (eds), *Irish Family Law in Context* (Oxford University Press) (forthcoming autumn 2023).
- Lombard. J and Joyce, C. 'Assisted Healthcare Decision-Making: A Perspective from Age Action' in M Donnelly (ed), *The Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) Act 2015: Personal and Professional Reflections* (HSE 2021)
- Quill, E. "Ireland", in Karner & Steininger Eds., *Tort and Insurance Law Yearbook: European Tort Law 2020* (Berlin: De Gruyter, 2022)

Edited Collections

- Bracken L., *LGBTI+ Parent Families in Ireland: Legal Recognition of Parent-Child Relationships* (University of Limerick, 2021)
- Cahillane, L., Special edition of the *Irish Judicial Studies Journal* (with Kennedy) on *Judicial Education and Judicial Conduct*, (2022)

Journal Articles

- Bracken, L., "The Normative Underpinnings of Ireland's Proposed Regulation of Assisted Human Reproduction" (forthcoming 2022) *International Journal of Law, Policy and the Family*
- Bracken, L., "The Position of the Surrogate in the Health (Assisted Human Reproduction) Bill 2022" (2022) 25(3) *Irish Journal of Family Law* 45-53.
- Bracken, L., "Recognition of LGBTQI+ parent families across European borders" (2022) 29(3) *Maastricht Journal of European and Comparative Law* 399-406.
- Bracken, L., "Cross-Border Surrogacy Before the European Court of Human Rights: Analysis of *Valdís Fjölnisdóttir And Others v Iceland*" (2022) 29 *European Journal of Health Law* 194-216
- Cahillane, L., "The TD case and approaches to the Separation of Powers in Ireland", (2022) *IJSJ*

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- Cahillane, L., "The use of Citizen Assemblies to achieve Constitutional and Legal change in Ireland", (2022) 3 *Public Law* 492.
- Cahillane, L., "Damache v Minister for Justice and the Inexorable March of Fair Procedures", (2022) *ISCR*.
- Cahillane, L., "Lessons from Ireland's Judicial Conduct Controversy", (with Kenny), (2022) *Common Law World Review*.
- Cahillane, L., "The Constitutionality of Mandatory Minimum Sentencing in Ireland", (2021) 1 *Irish Jurist* 64.
- Cusack, A., Gulati, G., Kilcommins, S. and Dunne, C. (2022) 'Policing Vulnerability: An Inquiry into the Pre-Trial Treatment of Suspects with Intellectual Disabilities in Ireland' *Policing: An International Journal* 45(3), 421-433.
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- Cusack, A. (2021) 'From Special Measures to Separate Legal Representation: Charting Shifts in the Treatment of Victims of Crime with Intellectual Disabilities in Ireland' *Dublin University Law Journal* 43(1)
- Fitzgerald O'Reilly, M. (2022) 'Sex Offender Management in Ireland: Are we heading in the right direction?' 32(1) *Irish Criminal Law Journal*. pp. 2 – 10
- Leahy, S. 'What Is Next for Irish Law and Policy on

Domestic Abuse?: Lessons from our Neighbours' (2022) Irish Journal of Family Law, Issue 4

- Lombard, J., S Mulcahy Symmons, K Ryan, J, 'Decision-making in palliative care: patient and family caregiver concordance and discordance—systematic review and narrative synthesis' (2022) BMJ Supportive and Palliative Care Published Online First 22 March 2022
- Lombard, J and Davidson, H. 'The Older Person's Experience of Autonomy in Healthcare Decision-Making in Ireland: The Relationship between Law, Policy, and Practice' (2022) Medical Law International Published Online First 25 July 2022.
- Lombard, J and Davis, L. 'Safeguards and Qualifying Conditions in the Dying with Dignity Bill 2020, (2021) 27(1) Medico-Legal Journal of Ireland 7
- Naughton, C. M., Redmond, S., & O'Meara-Daly, E. (2022). The Greentown Project: Building Evidence to inform Intervention Design for Juveniles Caught-up in Local Criminal Networks. International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology, 0306624X221095043
- Quill, E. "A Discussion of Damage and A Conversation on Limitations: Cantrell v Allied Irish Banks Plc" [2022] 4 Irish Supreme Court Review 163

Legal Authority in the State (invited presentation) Decade of Commemorations Dublin Castle event, 14th January 2022

- Cahillane., Research Methods in Law, for the Law Reform Commission, 16th May 2022.
- Cahillane, L., A Legal Perspective on the Anglo-Irish Treaty 1921, (invited lecture) Commemoration event UCC, 1st November 2021.
- Cahillane, L., Report on potential wordings for Constitutional Amendments on Gender Equality, April 2022 (with Hickey and O'Mahony).
- Leahy, S., 'The Realities of Irish Rape Trials Project: Key Findings and Recommendations', Research GBA- Online Conference on Best Practice in Engaged Research & Research Translation in DSGBA, 10th June 2022.
- Leahy, S., 'Re-Imagining Justice in Rape Trials: Irish Practitioners' Perspectives on Reform" Crime, Justice and the Human Condition: Howard League for Penal Reform, 13th September 2022
- Leahy, S., 'The Realities of Irish Rape Trials: Perspectives from Practice', North-South Criminology Conference, 16th September 2022
- Lombard, J 'Examining the Experience of Nursing Home Residents, their Families, and Staff During the COVID-19 Pandemic' Northern/Ireland Health Law and Ethics Network, December 2021.
- Lombard, J. 'Human Rights in Palliative and End-of-life Care for Health Care Professionals' Irish Association of Palliative Care Annual Education and Research Seminar 2021
- John Lombard and Owen Doody, 'Shaping Palliative Care Policy using a Human Rights Based Approach' Palliative Care Week Webinar 14 September 2022.
- John Lombard and Owen Doody, 'Shaping Palliative Care Policy using a Human Rights Based Approach – Sharing Evidence', AIHPC IHREC Report Launch, 17 May 2022.

Conferences and Presentations

- Bracken, L. "Rainbow Families: A Discussion on Assisted Human Reproduction", Arthur Cox Solicitors, 22 June 2022
- Bracken, L. "Assisted human reproduction and the law in Ireland", Advanced Diploma in Medical Law, Honorable Society of Kings Inns, 22 January 2022
- Bracken, L., "Equality, Diversity and Inclusion", Villiers School International Women's Day Celebration, 4 March 2022
- Cahillane, L., Judicial Approaches to the Separation of Powers in the TD case, (invited presentation) TD at 21 event, TCD, 9TH April 2022.
- Cahillane, L., The Handover of Dublin Castle and

Opinion Pieces

- Bracken, L., "The legal obstacles facing LGBTQI+ parent families and why we need to recognise

- diverse family relationships in Ireland” Irish Research Council #LoveIrishResearch Blog (28 June 2022)
- Bracken, L., “The legal obstacles facing LGBTQ parent families in Ireland” RTÉ Brainstorm (22 November 2021)
 - Cahillane, L., “Changes to process of choosing judges a progressive surprise,” (with Tom Hickey & David Kenny), Irish Times 26th April 2022.
 - Cahillane, L., “Removing a judge remains difficult despite recent reforms”, (with Rónán Kennedy), Irish Times 2nd March 2022
 - Cahillane, L., “What Irish judges should be taught before they go on the bench”, RTE Brainstorm, March 2022 (with Rónán Kennedy)
 - Cusack, A. (2021) ‘An Overview of the Legal Position of Vulnerable Suspects and Defendants in Ireland’ ACJRD Newsletter.
 - Danagher, L. “A bespoke legal writing guide as a feedforward resource: Improving non-law students’ engagement and performance in law modules” (2022) The Law Teacher
 - Donnellan, Laura, ‘The Zouma cat video and bringing the sport into disrepute’, RTE Brainstorm, 10 February. 2022,
 - Leahy, S., ‘An Unnecessary Intrusion?: Disclosure of Complainant’s Counselling Records in Rape Trials’, Garda Review, July 2022
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Seminars/Workshops

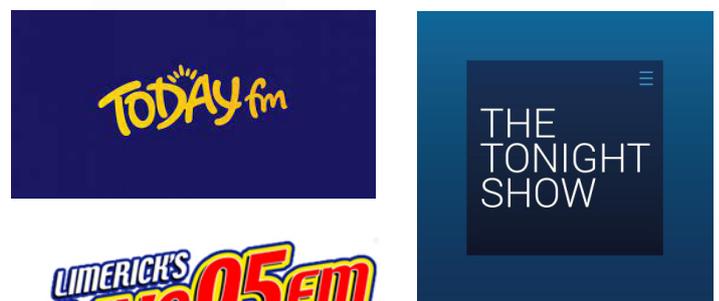
Reports

- Cahillane., Towards Best Practice: A report on the new Judicial Council in Ireland, with Kennedy, Enright and ICCL (ICCL 2022)
- Lombard, J., Rabbitte, M., Delamere, T., O’Shea, B. and Doody, O. ‘Shaping palliative care policy using a human rights-based approach: Examining the experience of people living in nursing homes, their families and staff during the COVID-19 pandemic’ (AIHPC, 2022)
- Reddy, J. and Redmond, S. (2022) Measuring Effectiveness in Ireland’s Youth Justice System: Technical Report. Research Evidence into Policy, Programmes and Practice (REPPP) Project,
- Cusack, A. ‘Suspects and Defendants with Intellectual Disabilities in Ireland: A Rights-Based Analysis of the CIT Pilot Scheme’ CIT Roundtable Symposium, Policing Authority University of Limerick, 21 April 2022 [invited paper]
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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 and their research has featured on TV programmes such as RTE News at One, RTE Six One News, Morning Ireland and Virgin Media, on radio stations such as, RTE Radio One, RTE Drivetime, Today FM, Newstalk, Highland Radio and Limerick 95 FM, and have also written and contributed to numerous newspapers including the Irish Times, Irish Examiner, RTE Brainstorm, the Law Society Gazette, Irish Legal News, Journal.ie and more.

One notable mention is the **RTE Changemakers programme**, which featured the School of Law REPPP team. RTE programme Change Makers explores how Irish universities are helping create meaningful change in society through a range of diverse and collaborative projects in areas such as health, children, education, equality, inclusion and the environment. In January 2022 it featured the Greentown Project led by Professor Sean Redmond from the School of Law at UL and the REPPP Team collaborating with community groups and the Department of Justice. The programme explored how this project helps vulnerable young people at risk of joining Irelands organised crime gangs.



Student Successes and Events

Success for UL Law Student at Bar Council of Ireland Event

On 10th March 2022, the School of Law was proud to be represented by law student Katherine Ahern, at the annual Justice Week Intersvarsity Debate. Not only did Katherine succeed as part of the winning team at the debate, hosted by The Bar Council of Ireland, but she was also singled out by the panel of prestigious judges as the recipient of the Best Speaker award. The expert judging panel for the event comprised of

The Hon. Ms. Justice Nuala Butler, Maura McNally SC, Chair of the Council of The Bar of Ireland, Mark de Blacam SC, Member of the Inner Bar and Dr Tom Clonan, Columnist and Security Analyst.



Eversheds scholarship

This year the Eversheds scholarship was won by Evan McNamara who is from Killaloe in County Clare. He completed a Bachelor of Laws in UL and graduated in 2021 with a first-class honours. He is currently undertaking an LLM in International Commercial Law. Evan enjoys travelling and watching and playing sports, in particular hurling and soccer. He has an

interest in tax and wishes to pursue a career in this area upon completion of his postgraduate degree.

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A&L Goodbody Annual Moot Court Competition

In March 2022 the Student Law Society School in collaboration with the School of Law, hosted their annual A&L Goodbody moot court competition. Congratulations to both teams, Shauna Flynn and James Forbes, and best speaker, Dara O'Brien and his winning teammate Robert Lewis, pictured with Dr Stephen King from A&L Goodbody, who sponsor the event annually.



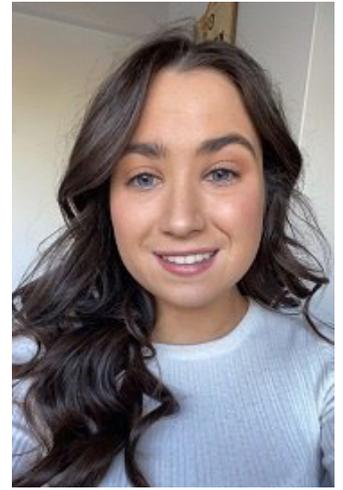
U20 Grand Slam Champion 2022

The University of Limerick is internationally recognised as a centre of sports excellence and the School of Law is extremely proud to support elite athletes to excel in both their studies and sporting activities. In March 2022, the School was delighted to see one of our own students, Patrick Campbell, UL Law and Accounting student become a member of Ireland's U20 victorious Grand Slam winning team.



Holmes O'Malley Sexton LLP 2022 Scholarship

Law and Accounting student Jade Beehan is this year's winner of the Holmes O'Malley Sexton Scholarship. Receiving his prize in September, Jade commented; "I've always had an interest in both law and accounting. The course in University of Limerick provided an excellent opportunity to study both simultaneously. Obtaining an in-depth knowledge of both before choosing which to pursue after college. The financial support is really appreciated as I continue with my studies, and I am very grateful to Holmes O'Malley Sexton LLP for the recognition and sponsorship of this scholarship."



Academic Excellence

This year's winners of the A&L Goodbody Student Prize were Jade Hodkinson and Colm Murray. Recognized as one of the leading Irish Law Firms, A&L kindly sponsor this student prize which recognizes academic excellence. Jade and Colm completed the first year of their legal studies with the highest academic grades. They are pictured here at the Careers Fair being presented with their prizes by Trainee Solicitor Niamh Shanahan and qualified Solicitor Anna Duggan – both UL Alumni.



Judge Catherine McGuinness Prize

In September 2022, Arina Gabija Downes and Martin Ryan were announced as the joint winners of the Judge Catherine McGuinness prize this year. Both undergraduate students scored the highest marks in their Introduction to Lawyering modules and were presented with their prizes by Professor Ray Friel. Martin is from Limerick and went to C.B.S Sexton St Limerick, while Arina, also from Limerick, attended Gaelcholáiste Luimnigh until last year.



Spotlight on Alumni



Matheson

As Ireland's largest law firm, Matheson is the law firm of choice for internationally focused companies and financial institutions doing business in and from Ireland. We strive to make a meaningful contribution to our community - our clients, our people and our society. We take pride in what we do and consistently deliver excellent service. We invest in developing our people, seek to give back to society and are strong advocates for our economy. Our team draws on broad industry experience and networks to create meaningful outcomes for our clients, our colleagues and our society. We deliver excellent services and develop the best legal and business talent. We believe that everyone at Matheson has a role to play in making a sustainable and positive impact and we empower our people to deliver change and support growth and innovation to lead the legal industry into the future.

To continue to achieve our purpose, we look for people to join our community who are curious, dynamic and collaborative. We facilitate access to the tools and leadership needed to thrive and carve out a career, advising the world's most successful and innovative companies. These include half of the world's 50 largest banks, 7 of the world's 10 largest asset managers, 7 of the top 10 global technology brands and the majority of the Fortune 100 companies. At every stage in a trainees' career, Matheson colleagues are there to mentor, support, and advise. Our employees have access to award winning development programmes with some of the world's leading executive education providers and progression in the firm, allows our members to give back and support others in achieving their meaningful contributions.

Stuart Kennedy, Partner



Law and Accounting 2003 - 2007

"I'm a proud graduate of the Law and Accounting degree. I'm also partner in our Finance and Capital Markets Department at Matheson, where I co-lead the Aviation Finance and Transportation Group, advising domestic and international financial institutions, leasing companies and airlines in relation to financing and leasing of commercial and corporate aircraft, helicopters, rail rolling stock and ships. I also regularly present to aircraft and aircraft engine lessors on all aspects of the Cape Town Convention

and Aircraft Protocol and to company directors on their duties and responsibilities under Irish law. I also lecturer and tutor on the Law Society of Ireland's Diploma in Aviation Leasing and Finance.

I am originally from Limerick, so the University of Limerick was always my first choice. I was always very interested in a legal career, however, I was very keen to supplement my legal studies with a strong finance and commercial background. I felt that this would give me an edge over graduates with just a dedicated legal degree. In this respect, the law and accounting degree was the perfect blend of law and accounting/finance, which deepened my understanding of the business world. The co-operative education programme also provided me with an invaluable opportunity to apply the legal and commercial principles developed throughout my degree. This has really stood to me in developing my career in Matheson, where I have worked for nearly 15 years."

Nicola White, Director of Learning and Development



Law and European Studies 2000-2004

"In this role I have responsibility for designing and driving strategy across a wide range of business priorities including talent development, employee engagement, organizational development and early talent. The role is focused on enhancing talent performance and employee experiences to support both our market and people strategies. My career

path was never pre-defined and I've been lucky to have a diverse career journey both here in Ireland and in the United States. After completing my degree, I was more focused on working in areas that provided opportunity for research and teaching, which included roles in The Law Reform Commission; The Ireland Funds; Independent Colleges; and the Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution. In my current role at Matheson, I'm fortunate enough to work for a firm that puts people at the centre of all it does and that supports an innovative and agile talent development strategy.

My work placement during my degree, which was with The Ireland Funds in Boston, greatly shaped the direction of my career and provided me with a brilliant network and career mentors who I'm still in touch with today. The diversity of the modules I studied also meant that at the end of my degree, I had many routes available to me in terms of career opportunities."

Emilie Burke, Trainee Lawyer



Law Plus 2013 - 2017

"I studied Law Plus, choosing Psychology as my minor from 2013-2017 and I am currently a third seat trainee in the Healthcare Department in Matheson and I am due to qualify as a solicitor in April 2023. I chose my career path as it is something I have always had an interest in. Law itself is so diverse

and gives you a range of opportunities to choose from when qualifying. For example in Matheson, we have a range of different departments that include, Finance and Capital Markets, Commercial Litigation, Asset Management and Private Client. I always found that with law, no day is ever the same and this was something that always appealed to me.

The time I spent in UL really helped me get a good understanding of the different elements of law and ultimately helped with my decision to practice as a solicitor. UL has a wide range of law modules which gives you an idea of the diversity that law entails. The lecturers are some of the best I have come across and really help you get an understanding of each module. The option to partake in cooperative learning also helped me with my career goals as it gave me an idea of what skills are required to become a solicitor at an early age."

International Links

Despite the obstacles faced during the pandemic the School of Law is proud to have maintained strong international links with Universities all over the world. In addition to the extensive range of international opportunities available to all our students each year, the School of Law hosts an important cohort of international students at both undergraduate and postgraduate level with students attending from countries such as China, Canada, Saudi Arabia, Nigeria, France, Italy, Germany, and Spain.

"As an international law student in UL's Graduate Entry LLB program, I've had the opportunity to study at one of Ireland's most diverse and advanced institutions. Originally from Canada, my interest in law emanated from my experiences as an athlete and involvement in professional sport. UL has provided top-level instruction and has created various career opportunities in Ireland and internationally. Upon graduation in the spring of 2022, I will work as a summer student at Cassels Brock & Blackwell LLP in Toronto, Canada. I have thoroughly enjoyed my experiences in Ireland and am proud to call Limerick my home away from home."



Daryl Waud, BA in Criminal Justice, 2022.

Summer School 2022

For the first time in two years, the School of Law was delighted to once again host the summer school in Terrorism Crime and Justice from 25th May to 15th June 2022. This year the international summer school welcomed 12 students from the US who participated in seminars, delivered projects and visited sites of historical significance in Ireland. One such visit to Henry Street Garda Station in Limerick, proved to be an interesting revelation for the students as to the differences between our police force and those in the US. The Course Directors of the summer school are Dr Susan Leahy and Dr Margaret Fitzgerald O'Reilly from the School of Law.



Curriculum Development and Engagement with External Stakeholders

Minister launches UL Programme to Train Intermediaries for Justice Work



In May 2022, the Minister for Justice Helen McEntee TD announced the launch of a new qualification programme at the University of Limerick to train intermediaries who will help vulnerable people, including sexual abuse victims and children, when giving evidence in the justice system. The programme is the first of its kind in Ireland and will equip professionals, usually with a background in speech and language therapy or a cognate discipline, with the skills and expertise necessary to assist witnesses who have communication difficulties in providing evidence.

Launching the programme Minister McEntee said, *"I am delighted that my Department has been able to collaborate with the University of Limerick to provide a suitable*

course to train intermediaries to the required standard.... Once qualified, they will have an essential role in assessing the communication needs of vulnerable witnesses and to advise An Garda Síochána, advocates and the court on the steps needed to assist such witnesses to give their best evidence."

The diploma is an interfaculty postgraduate training programme between the School of Allied Health and the School of Law. The project team who designed the programme include Dr Aoife Gallagher, Dr Aine Kearns, Dr Alan Cusack and Professor Sean Redmond.



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New Graduate Diploma in Intelligence Management

On 5th September 2022, the School of Law at the University of Limerick was delighted to welcome twenty seven senior-ranking members of An Garda Síochána onto the School's newest postgraduate programme- the Graduate Diploma in Intelligence Management. The programme was launched by course director, Dr. Alan Cusack (School of Law) together with Superintendent Seán Fallon (Garda National Roads Policing Bureau). Candidates also received a warm welcome address from Assistant Commissioner, Crime & Security Intelligence Service, Orla McPartlin.

Representing the first programme of its kind in Ireland, this new Graduate Diploma in Intelligence Management (Level 9) is delivered over one year through a dynamic, co-curricular model of instruction which involves residential modules at the University of Limerick with assistance from the Garda College in Templemore, coupled with clinical experiential learning within An Garda Síochána. The programme has been specifically designed to provide course participants with a greater understanding of the nature of the GNCSIS region and how the distinct but interconnected sections within it function both in their individual capacity and collectively to deliver this policing and security service.



Speaking about the new diploma, Assistant Commissioner Orla McPartlin, GNCSIS said, *"The development and delivery of this academic programme aims to further strengthen and promote the ethos of intelligence-led policing within An Garda Síochána by embedding the National Criminal Intelligence Framework into our organisational skeleton through innovation, problem-solving and the professionalisation of our national intelligence model"*

Dr. Alan Cusack, Law Faculty, University of Limerick said *"The School of Law was delighted to work with our Garda colleagues in the design and delivery of this innovative, co-curricular programme which aligns with the recommendations of the Commission on the Future of Policing in Ireland and lays the foundation for a new qualification."*

Launch of the Matheson Scholarship in Law Plus

In October 2022 a new scholarship was launched as part of the 50th anniversary celebrations at the University of Limerick. The Matheson Scholarship in Law Plus will be awarded annually and is open to first year undergraduate Bachelor of Laws (Law Plus) students in UL. The recipient will receive a bursary of €5,000 for the academic year and a position on the Matheson Career First Programme. Commenting on the announcement, Michael Jackson, Matheson's Managing Partner said: *"We are pleased to launch the Matheson Scholarship in Law Plus in partnership with the UL Foundation. At Matheson, we strive to enable the progress of our people and our clients through innovation and collaboration. We are committed to supporting and encouraging students to be innovators and catalysts for change and to reach their full potential. We hope that this scholarship will help the recipient to achieve their goals at both an academic and professional level"*.



Professor Raymond Friel, Head of the School of Law, UL, commented: *"The School of Law at the University of Limerick is proud to continue and enhance our long relationship with Matheson, one of Ireland's leading international law firms. With this scholarship from Matheson, the School of Law at UL will continue to pioneer innovative programmes and courses together with an inclusive and accessible environment for our students"*



CAB and UL partnership

In August 2022, the School of Law was delighted to welcome Chief Superintendent Mick Gubbins to the University of Limerick, as part of the autumn 2022 graduation ceremonies. A number of students graduated from the Postgraduate Diploma in

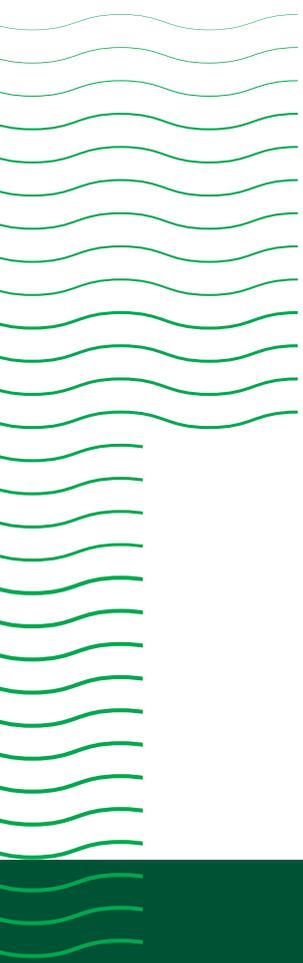
Proceeds of Crime and Asset Identification, a programme designed to provide a recognised standard of training for staff in CAB and other law enforcement, regulatory and administrative agencies in both Ireland and internationally, who require academic and professional training in the field of specific investigations.



Court Presentation Programme

On 12 October 2022, the School of Law hosted an on-campus day/official launch in the Moot Court, located in the Glucksman Library, of the Court Presentation Programme. The first cohort of students were present,

including the course director, Angela Liddy, Chief Superintendent Sean Colleran, Superintendent Finbarr Philpott, Inspector Tony Wells, Inspector Morgan O'Donoghue, Sergeant Aiden Lonergan, and senior administrator Josephine Conway. Chief Superintendent Pat Murray, Director of Training at the Garda College in Templemore officially launched the programme.



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