

Tomas Clancy Joins Independent Colleges' Law School

Independent Colleges' Law School is delighted to announce the appointment of Tomas Clancy, MA, BA (Mod) Hons in Legal Science, Barrister, as a Senior Lecturer in Law from September 2009. Tomas is an immensely popular lecturer who has previously lectured in law for *Trinity College Dublin*, *the Institute of Public Administration* and, more recently, *Portobello College*. Commenting on the appointment, Val Corbett, joint Head of Law at Independent Colleges said:

“Tomas Clancy’s reputation as one of the best and most popular law lecturers in the country made him a natural appointment for our law school. He embodies that priceless combination of academic strength, student focus and an infectious enthusiasm for his subject specialisations. He joins us in a year when a remarkable six of our students won Law Society of Ireland FE1 First Place prizes. We look forward to working with him to further the success of what has become in two short years Ireland’s largest law school.”

Tomas will lecture in Property Law and Jurisprudence on Independent Colleges' LL.B (Hons) programme, and will be Year Head of final year LLB students. He will act as Programme Leader on the College's proposed LLM in Comparative Media Law.

Other Academic Appointments

Maura Kelly

Maura Kelly, BCL; PDA; M.Phil. Maura Kelly graduated from University College, Dublin in 1987 with a Bachelor of Civil Law, honours degree. She worked for four years as a taxation consultant with Price Waterhouse Coopers. In 1992 she joined Portobello College and was the founding head of the first private law school in Ireland. From 1992 to 2000, she held the position of Head of Law School and senior lecturer in Constitutional law at *Portobello College*. In 1998, Maura was awarded a Masters in Philosophy in law from the University of Wales, Cardiff Law School. The thesis involved a comparative review of the succession rights of a surviving spouse and children. From 2003 to 2007, while pursuing a Doctorate in Philosophy in law, Maura held the position of senior tutor in Constitutional Law on the Bachelor of Civil Law and Bachelor of Business and Legal Studies programmes at *University College, Dublin*. Her doctoral thesis involves a comparative study of private property rights under the Irish and United States Constitutions. Maura is currently awaiting the awarding of her doctorate and has plans to publish it. Maura holds the position of senior lecturer in Constitutional law at Independent College Dublin on its LL.B and Professional Law (FE1) programmes.

Ciaran Patton

Ciarán Patton, LL.B; Barrister-at-Law. Ciarán Patton graduated with a degree in Law and German from Trinity College Dublin in 1997. Thereafter, he studied at the Honorable Society of King's Inns, qualifying as a Barrister-at-Law in 1999. He was formerly Head of *Griffith College Dublin's* Professional Law School and teaches the Criminal Law and Equity and Trusts on Independent College Dublin's undergraduate and Professional Law (FE1) programmes. He also teaches the Criminal Law at the Honorable Society of King's Inns. He is currently writing a text on the principles of Irish Criminal Law for Clarus Press.

Estelle Feldman

Estelle Feldman, MA (D.U); MBA; (N.U.I), LL.B; (Wales); DCG(N.U.I.). Estelle Feldman is a Research Associate in the School of Law, *Trinity College* since 1996. She is a contributing editor to *Freedom of Information Law and Practice* (Firstlaw, Dublin 2006); co-author *Access to Information in Developing Countries*, (Transparency International, Berlin, 1998). Estelle also contributes to the *Annual Review of Irish Law on Information Law and the Ombudsman, Whistleblower Protection*, and co-authors the chapter on *Constitutional Law* with Dr. Oran Doyle. She has published widely on judicial independence, whistleblower protection, freedom of information, public service accountability and children's rights in healthcare. Estelle lectured in *Constitutional and Administrative Law* for *Portobello College* for several years and now lectures in these subjects for Independent Colleges' Undergraduate Law School.

Other Appointments

Michelle O'Grady

Michelle O'Grady, BA (Hons), Dip Event Mngt, has joined Independent Colleges as Marketing Manager. She is a graduate of Portobello College from where she completed a BA (Hons) in Business Studies (Marketing) in 2004. She went on to complete a post-graduate diploma in Event Management in 2005. She worked as Senior Marketing Executive in Griffith College before taking up this post.