



Programmes for Legal Executives

AT INDEPENDENT COLLEGES

Learn to succeed

“The study of law opens up more possibilities than you could ever imagine...”

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Joint Head of Law School,
Independent Colleges

“At last, Irish legal executives will have a programme of study specifically designed to meet their needs.”

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Why choose Legal Executive Studies at Independent College Dublin?



Independent College Dublin's Professional Legal Studies programme for legal executives is validated by the Institute of Legal Executives and leads to the award of a Certificate in Professional Legal Studies (Legal Executive) after Stage One and a Diploma in Professional Legal Studies (Legal Executive) at the end of Stage Two. The programme has been specifically tailored for those students who wish to practise as legal executives in the Republic of Ireland.

Our Commitment to Academic Excellence

Independent Colleges is committed to providing all students with a rewarding, professional, and career-orientated third level experience. The School of Law at Independent Colleges is a close-knit community of full-time academics supported by part-time practising barristers, solicitors and legal consultants. This team is committed to promoting academic excellence through the delivery of the highest quality teaching while offering personal support to all learners on an individual basis. Class sizes will be limited in order to ensure the classroom dynamic is one where all can contribute to debate and discussion.

About Independent Colleges

Independent Colleges is part of, and supported by Independent News & Media plc. Ideally situated on Dawson Street in Dublin 2, the College is a minute's walk from Dublin's main shopping thoroughfare on Grafton Street, and closely located to the Four Courts and the Houses of Parliament. This location provides a wonderful educational environment for students both before and after lectures, and is easily accessible with excellent transport links including the Luas, bus and rail.



Certificate & Diploma Programmes in Professional Legal Studies for Legal Executives



About the Institute

The Institute of Legal Executives (ILEX) is the professional body which represents 24,000 trainee and practicing Legal Executives. Its function is to enhance the role and standing of Legal Executives in the legal profession.

For almost fifty years, ILEX has offered unparalleled access to a flexible career in law. The organisation works closely with Government and is recognised in England and Wales as one of the three core regulators of the legal profession alongside barristers and solicitors.

ILEX was founded in 1892 and became a company limited by guarantee in 1963 with the support and co-operation of the Law Society.

Objectives:

- To provide an organisation for persons who are registered or studying with ILEX.
- To provide for the education, training and development of skills for Fellows and persons who wish to become experts in the law or otherwise.

- To advance and protect the status and interests of Fellows and those persons referred to above
- To promote professional unity, co-operation and mutual assistance amongst persons employed in the legal profession or engaged in legal work

About the Programme

This programme has been designed to establish a national standard for those working in the legal environment. It offers an extremely flexible route to the profession. Delivery is facilitated by some of the most inspiring lecturers in the country, using bespoke course manuals and study materials.

Assessment

This programme is delivered over two academic years. Candidates will be awarded a certificate in professional legal studies on successful completion of year one, and a diploma in professional legal studies after year two. Students will be assessed via class-based examinations and assignments.

Duration & Delivery

The diploma will be delivered via three hour lectures delivered once per week for 20 weeks. Each student will be provided with the most up to date course materials to facilitate in-class discussions and debates.

Course Content

- The Irish Legal System, Legal Research & Communications
- Civil Litigation, Contract & Torts
- Land Law & Conveyancing
- Criminal Law & Procedure *or* Company Law, Partnership & Practice
- Employment Law & Practice *or* Practice Management
- Family Law & Practice
- Wills, Succession & Probate Practice

Great lecturers, both engaging and funny!

Daniel Hamilton

ILEX Certificate in Professional Legal Executive Studies Timetable 2008–2009

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WEEK	DATE	TIME	LECTURE
Week 1	Tuesday, 21 October	6.30pm – 8.30pm	Introduction to the Irish Legal System
		8.30pm – 9.30pm	Legal Research
Week 2	Tuesday, 28 October	6.30pm – 8.30pm	Introduction to the Irish Legal System
		8.30pm – 9.30pm	Legal Research
Week 3	Tuesday, 4 November	6.30pm – 8.30pm	Introduction to the Irish Legal System
		8.30pm – 9.30pm	Legal Research
Week 4	Tuesday, 11 November	6.30pm – 8.30pm	Introduction to the Irish Legal System
		8.30pm – 9.30pm	Legal Research
Week 5	Tuesday, 18 November	6pm – 8pm	Law of Torts
		8pm – 9.30pm	Law of Contract
Week 6	Tuesday, 25 November	6pm – 8pm	Law of Torts
		8pm – 9.30pm	Law of Contract
Week 7	Tuesday, 2 December	6pm – 8pm	Law of Torts
		8pm – 9.30pm	Law of Contract
Week 8	Tuesday, 9 December	6pm – 8pm	Law of Torts
		8pm – 9.30pm	Law of Contract
Week 9	Tuesday, 16 December	6pm – 8pm	Law of Torts
		8pm – 9.30pm	Law of Contract

CHRISTMAS BREAK

Week 10	Tuesday, 13 January	6.30pm – 8.30pm	Law of Torts
		8.30pm – 9.30pm	Law of Contract
Week 11	Tuesday, 20 January	6.30pm – 8.30pm	Law of Torts
		8.30pm – 9.30pm	Civil Litigation
Week 12	Tuesday, 27 January	6.30pm – 8.30pm	Law of Torts
		8.30pm – 9.30pm	Civil Litigation
Week 13	Tuesday, 3 February	6.30pm – 8.30pm	Law of Contract
		8.30pm – 9.30pm	Civil Litigation
Week 14	Tuesday, 10 February	6.30pm – 8.30pm	Law of Contract
		8.30pm – 9.30pm	Civil Litigation
Week 14	Saturday, 14 February	9am – 12pm	Civil Litigation Workshop
Week 15	Tuesday, 17 February	6.30pm – 8.30pm	Land Law
		Saturday, 21 February	9am – 12pm
Week 16	Tuesday, 24 February	6.30pm – 8.30pm	Land Law
Week 17	Tuesday, 3 March	6.30pm – 8.30pm	Land Law
Week 18	Tuesday, 10 March	6.30pm – 8.30pm	Land Law
		8.30pm – 9.30pm	Conveyancing
Week 19	Tuesday, 24 March	6.30pm – 8.30pm	Land Law
		8.30pm – 9.30pm	Conveyancing
Week 19	Saturday, 28 March	9am – 12pm	Conveyancing Workshop
Week 20	Tuesday, 31 March	6.30pm – 8.30pm	Land Law
		8.30pm – 9.30pm	Conveyancing

The Professional Legal Studies Team

Our Heads of School and full and part-time faculty members are recognised experts in the delivery of educational programmes for legal executives. They have several decades of experience in delivering high quality, student orientated and career focused law programmes.

Philip Burke

LL.B (London), Barrister

Philip is a graduate of the University of London. He graduated with an LL.B (Hons) degree in 1994. He then completed the Barrister at Law degree of the Honorable Society of King's Inns, Dublin. He established Griffith College Dublin's Professional Law School in 1998, and held the post of Head of School until 2007. He has co-written a textbook on the Law of Torts (Thomson Roundhall) and was founding editor of the Independent Law Review. He is the Chief Operating Officer of Independent Colleges, and is Joint Head of the Colleges' Law School.

Val Corbett

BCL, LL.M (NUI)

Val is a graduate of University College Cork. He was awarded the degree of Bachelor of Civil Law in 1997 and in 1998 he was awarded the degree of Masters of Law (LL.M). He was head of the Undergraduate Law School at Griffith College from 2001 to 2007 where he lectured Contract Law and the Law of Torts at undergraduate and professional levels. Prior to that he worked in the legal department at KPMG. Val has written textbooks and a number of articles on the Law of Torts. He is currently co-authoring a book on Employment Law. He is a member of the board of Independent Colleges and is Joint Head of the Colleges' Law School.

Maura Kelly

BCL, M Phil

Maura is a graduate of Law Faculty at University College Dublin and holds a Masters in Philosophy from the University of Wales. In 1992, she was responsible for establishing the Law School at Portobello College Dublin and held the position of Head of Law School and Senior Lecturer in Constitutional Law until 2000. From 2003 to 2007, she acted as Senior Tutor in Constitutional Law at University College Dublin on the Bachelor of Civil Law and Bachelor of Business and Legal Studies programmes. Maura has recently submitted a PhD with the Law Faculty at University College Dublin in the area of Private Property Rights under the Irish and United States Constitutions. Maura pursued her doctoral research as a Government of Ireland Scholar.

Mark Cockerill

LL.B, LL.M, Solicitor

Mark graduated with an LL.B (Hons) degree from Nottingham Trent University in 2002. He went on to complete a Masters of Laws (LL.M) at Trinity College Dublin where he specialised in Comparative Freedom of Expression Law, European Competition and Intellectual Property Law. In 2004 he won 1st prize for Company Law in the Law Society of Ireland's Entrance Examinations. He also won the Law Society's prize for Best Individual Advocate and was a member of the winning team in the Law Society Trainee Moot Court Competition.

Anastasia Ward

BCL, Barrister

Anastasia qualified from University College Dublin in 1992 with a Bachelor of Civil Law and was called to the Bar in 1994. She currently tutors in The Law Society of Ireland's Law School, and Dublin V.E.C. Anastasia lectured in Civil Litigation and Case Management on the Legal Executive Diploma Programme.

Patricia Cronin

Solicitor

Patricia is a practising solicitor. She qualified in 2004 and has lectured extensively in both Property and Family Law. She was awarded the Law Society Business Law Prize in 2002. In addition to her lecturing commitments, she currently practices as a solicitor.

Stephen J. Dowling

LL.B, LL.M (Cambridge),
Barrister-at-Law

Stephen graduated from Trinity College Dublin. He then received a first Class Honours Masters of Law from Cambridge University having specialised in Commercial Law. He is a practising barrister and lectures in Company Law for Independent Colleges' Professional Law School. He has recently authored *The Commercial Court* (Thomson Roundhall 2007).

Student & Campus Life at Independent Colleges

Library Resources

The library represents one of the most important resources available to students. Independent College Dublin has an extensive library on campus, which provides students with a quiet and comfortable environment in which to study and prepare for assignments and examinations. The library is supplied with state of the art computing facilities, comfortable study desks and chairs, and multiple copies of relevant texts in each subject area.

In addition, students may access the best electronic resources such as Westlaw, Firstlaw and Lexis-Nexis from the library's computers or from home. The library has extensive opening hours to reflect the needs of the busy student. Students will not be limited to the collection of textbooks and journals available in the library. They will be able to access any book or periodical that is not directly available through the use of the inter-library loan service.

The library staff will provide support to students when conducting their research and will provide training seminars for students in order that they may best learn how to use the library and the online resources to effectively conduct their research.

Transportation

The College is minutes from the LUAS, DART and a multitude of Dublin and regional buses stop right outside our door.

Student Services include

International Student Services:

Specific services are available for international students before they attend and post entry in order to assist with their transition to Ireland.

Disability Resources: Support structures are available for students with a disability. Please contact the admissions office directly with any queries you may have.

Dining: As well as our on Campus Cafe, there is a wealth of local eateries within minutes of campus most offering discounts of 10%-30% discount for students.

Our Services

Induction: Independent Colleges' Professional Legal Studies programmes have a dedicated course coordinator who assists with the induction of each student into their chosen programme.

Computing Services: Access to services such as Moodle, Online resources, wireless internet access, and online storage are all provided on a complimentary basis.

Academic Support: Each academic programme has a dedicated staff member who deals with any academic issues students may have. Independent support is also available to all students.

Career Advice: This service is available to all professional law students.

Parking: Discounted parking is available for all students and there are a number of dedicated cycle spots.

Disability Resources: Most areas of campus are wheelchair accessible. Please contact reception should you have any accessibility queries. Your question will be passed to the Disabilities Officer.

Bus Rail & DART: please visit www.dart.ie and www.luas.ie for full information and timetables.

Our Dublin Location

Independent College Dublin is located at 60–63 Dawson Street, Dublin 2. This city centre location is ideally situated within a few minute's walking distance from Grafton Street and St Stephen's Green.

In addition Independent Colleges has negotiated a special rate with Q-Park, at their Setanta Place Car Park. Students can avail of a 50% discount on parking by purchasing a SmartCard (prepayment required) at the Customer Service Desk (on production of an Independent College Dublin student card).



A young man with brown hair, wearing a green sweater and a backpack, stands at a wooden desk in a library. He is looking down at a stack of books on the desk. A woman in a dark blazer is seated at the desk, writing in a notebook. The background shows wooden bookshelves filled with books. The scene is lit with warm, indoor lighting.

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