Dear delegate,

It is a great pleasure to welcome you to the Second Annual Legal Education Symposium hosted by the Law Faculty, University College Cork. It is a mark of our commitment to innovation in legal education, and to reflection on best practice internationally, that we are hosting this Symposium. In that regard I am particularly glad to welcome our international speakers, Professors Singer and Wells, as well as delegates from at home and abroad who represent all of those who are engaged in legal education at various levels. We are also entirely aware of the challenges that governmental strategic initiatives such as Fourth Level Ireland present to us, and it is in the belief that we can benefit from a joint approach in these matters that we hope to build on our collective wisdom. I do hope that you will enjoy the programme and find it insightful, and that this conference in UCC builds on the forum provided by Trinity College last year and provides a basis upon which to continue the dialogue in future conferences.

Thank you to our main sponsor Dillon Eustace solicitors and also Thom-son Round Hall for making this year’s Symposium possible.

Beir beannacht,

Professor Caroline Fennell
Dean of the Law Faculty
University College Cork

WHAT ARE THE EXPECTATIONS OF LEGAL EDUCATION IN THE 21ST CENTURY?

This is a challenging and uncertain time for higher education and legal education in particular. Traditional university structures are being debated, private institutions of higher education are emerging and competition between institutions for research funding is being encouraged by government. Notwithstanding this uncertainty law continues to appeal to large numbers of students every year, and law graduates are eagerly sought by employers in the public and private sectors. What are the expectations of legal education in the 21st century?

The emphasis on research and development and the emergence of 4th level education have created new challenges for law schools, including the impetus to develop world class research programmes to meet the needs of the future. How does the graduate law school contribute to the knowledge based society?

This symposium will bring together various parties with an interest in legal education, at national and international level, including students, teachers, researchers, practitioners, policy-makers and more – in the hope of enriching the debate and informing future decisions.

The theme of the morning session will concern the under-graduate curriculum and will include a keynote address by Professor Joseph W Singer, from Harvard Law School describing recent curriculum reforms there.

The afternoon session will provide an opportunity for delegates to learn more about the implications of Fourth Level Ireland for Law Schools.

Parallel Roundtable Discussions will provide a forum for informal discussion on a number of issues including:

- Developing Practical Skills
- Teaching with Technology
- Joint Law Degrees
- Pedagogy in Law

There will be ample opportunity for delegates to contribute their thoughts and views during the question and answer sessions.

Professor Celia Wells OBE will act as Rapporteur at the conclusion of the Symposium.

WHY THIS SYMPOSIUM?

The Second Legal Education Symposium is generously sponsored by Dillon Eustace solicitors.
The Second Annual Legal Education Symposium
Venue: Aula Maxima, UCC
Date: Friday 7th December 2007

9.30 Registration
10.00 Official Welcome:
Mr Dermot Gleenon S.C.
Chair of Governing Body, UCC.

Theme I – Designing a Curriculum for the 21st Century
Chair: Professor Gerard Quinn, NUI Galway.

2.00 – 2.20
Dr. Conor O’Carroll, Assistant Director – Research, Irish Universities Association
“4th Level – Evolution of the PhD in Ireland”

2.20 – 2.40
Professor John Mee, UCC.
“Doctoral Studies in Law and the 4th Level Ireland Project”

2.40 – 3.00
Professor Colin Scott, UCD
“What is a PhD in Law?”

3.00 – 3.30
Questions and Discussion

3.30 – 4.00
Closing Session
Rapporteur: Professor Celia Wells, OBE, Durham University.
“Reflections and Conclusion”

4.00 – 5.00
Please join us for a wine reception upstairs in the Council Room.

Video and Audio highlights from the plenary sessions will be available on the Symposium website http://www.ucc.ie/law/educationsymposium2007/

1.00 – 1.50
Lunch will be served in the Aula Maxima

Theme II – 4th Level Ireland

Roundtable A – Developing Practical Skills
Chair: Dr Eoin O’Dea, Trinity College Dublin
Venue: Tower Room 1
Professor Andrea McArdle, City University New York
“Writing Across the Curriculum in Legal Education: Forming Professional Identity By Writing In Multiple Modes”
Lawrence Donnelly, NUI Galway
“Observations on the Teaching of Irish Legal Research”
Karen Smyth, Law Society of Ireland
“Practical Teaching of Professional Legal Skills”

Roundtable B – Teaching with Technology
Chair: Professor Steve Hedley, University College Cork
Venue: Council Room
Dr. Jack Anderson, Queens University Belfast
“Podcasting, Pedagogy and Legal Education”
Dr. Elaine Fahey, Dublin Institute of Technology
“Using IT to Teach Legal Research, Writing and Reasoning in the Law Curriculum”
Dr. Aine Ryall and Stephen Deane, University College Cork
“Environmental Law Forum”

Roundtable C – Joint Law Degrees
Chair: Professor Patrick O’Donovan, Department of French, University College Cork
Venue: Tower Room 2
Dr. Marie-Luce Paris-Dobozy, University College Dublin
“Joint Law Degrees: Studying the Common Law and Civil Law Systems – a case study”
Dr. Owen McIntyre, University College Cork
“Coordination of Joint Law Degrees: Opportunities for Inter-Institutional Cooperaion”
Seán Ó Conaill, PhD candidate, Cardiff University
“Legal Education and the Irish Language – Tús maith leath na h-oblair (A good start is half the work)”

Roundtable D – Pedagogy in Law
Chair: Professor Penelope Andrews, Valparaiso University School of Law, Indiana
Venue: ORB 336 (O’Rahilly Bld)
Dr. Shane Kilcommins, University College Cork
“Langdellian Case Method as a Signature Pedagogy in Law”
Sinead Eaton and Jennifer Schwepppe, University of Limerick
“Peer Observation: Reflecting on Teaching Practices”
Vicky Conway, University of Limerick
“An Innocent Education? Involving Students in the Criminal Justice System”

Roundtable Discussions will take place between 12.00 and 1.00 p.m. in a number of venues near the Aula Maxima. One of our guides will be happy to direct you to the appropriate venue. Places at the Roundtables are very limited so please attend the Roundtable you have already signed up for.

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Dermot Gleeson S.C. is a former Attorney General of Ireland (1994-1997) and lecturer in Constitutional and Administrative Law and Jurisprudence at UCC (1973-1976). He is a barrister and holds a primary degree in Economics and a postgraduate degree in Law. In 2004, he was elected a member of the Royal Irish Academy. He is a visiting professor at the School of Law, UCD. He was appointed Chair of the Governing Body, UCC in 2007.

The Honourable Mr Justice Bryan McMahon is a graduate of UCD where he took the BCL and LLB degrees. He undertook postgraduate study at Harvard Law School, having been awarded the Harvard Fellowship, and graduated with the LL.M in 1965. He lectured in law at UCC for many years and was Professor of Law and Head of the Department of Law, UCC. He was awarded the Ph.D in 1972. He subsequently held a part-time professorship at NUI Galway. He was appointed a judge of the Circuit Court in 1999 and a judge of the High Court in 2007. He is the distinguished author of many legal texts. He is presently chair of the Irish Universities Quality Board. He is also the Chair of the Abbey Theatre.

Professor Joseph W. Singer is a graduate of Williams College (B.A. 1976, Political Economy), Harvard University (A.M. 1978, Political Science) and Harvard Law School (J.D. 1981). He has been Professor of Law at NUI Galway. He was called to the Irish Bar in 1983 and holds a SJD from Harvard Law School. He is a former Director of Research at the Law Reform Commission and led the legal research team of the Commission on the Status of Persons with Disabilities. Among other appointments, he is a member of the Irish Human Rights Commission. He has published widely on economic, social and cultural rights, on the rights of persons with disabilities and on EU and human rights law. He is academic co-ordinator of a European Commission Network of European Legal Experts on Discrimination Law.

Sarah Macdonald is the Dean of the Law School at the Honorable Society of King’s Inns and has many years of experience in the field of legal education and training at national and international level. She is responsible for the design and implementation of the new one year vocational barrister-at-law degree programme. She was previously the Director of the BVC at the College of Law and Programme Director of the European Young Lawyers Scheme. She is a member of the Consortium for Education, Legal Training and Skills (CEILTS) for Ireland, Northern Ireland and Scotland and of the Joint Academic Stage Board of England and Wales.

Marie McGonagle is Head of the Law Department and Director of the LL.M. in Public Law at NUI Galway. Her research interests lie in the areas of freedom of expression, media and communications law. She has been a visiting professor at the Universities of Poitiers and Maastricht as well as a visiting scholar at the Programme in Comparative Media Law and Policy, University of Oxford, and the Institute for Information Law (IVR), University of Amsterdam. She has acted as a legal consultant to many industry and regulatory bodies in the media field, including the National Newspapers of Ireland.

Professor Gerard Quinn is Professor of Law at NUI Galway. He was called to the Irish Bar in 1983 and holds a SJD from Harvard Law School. He is a former Director of Research at the Law Reform Commission and led the legal research team of the Commission on the Status of Persons with Disabilities. Among other appointments, he is a member of the Irish Human Rights Commission. He has published widely on economic, social and cultural rights, on the rights of persons with disabilities and on EU and human rights law. He is academic co-ordinator of a European Commission Network of European Legal Experts on Discrimination Law.

Dr Conor O’Carroll is head of the Research Office at the Irish Universities Association (IUA) that is responsible for the coordination of research policy across the seven universities. Dr O’Carroll currently chairs the IUA 4th Level Network that is responsible for developing graduate education. He is also responsible for the FP7 Marie Curie, Research Potential Programmes and Network of Mobility Centres in Ireland. He represents Ireland on a number of European bodies responsible for the development of research careers (currently on the European Research Area review committee). He is a physicist by training with a B.Sc./M.Sc. in mathematical physics and PhD in physics from UCD.

Professor John Mee is a graduate of UCC (BCL 1986; LLM 1987), Osgoode Hall Law School, Toronto (LLM 1989) and Trinity College Dublin (PhD 1997) and was called to the Irish Bar in 1990. He has been a member of the UCC Law Faculty since 1989 and was appointed Associate Professor in 2006. He was Dean of the Law Faculty, UCC from 1999-2000. He researches in the areas of Property Law, Equity and Family Property. He has been the Director of the PhD, and LLM. by Research programmes in the Law Department at UCC since 2003.

Professor Colin Scott is Professor of EU Regulation and Governance and Vice-Principal for Research and Innovation, in UCD College of Business and Law. Professor of Law at the College of Europe, Bruges. He studied law at the London School of Economics and at Osgoode Hall Law School in Toronto. Prior to his appointment at UCD in April 2006 he held appointments at the London School of Economics, the Research School of Social Sciences, ANU and the University of Warwick. He was director of the doctoral programme in law at LSE, and currently has a similar responsibility at UCD.

Professor Celia Wells joined the Department of Law at Durham University in 2006 after 20 years at Cardiff University. She was President of the Society of Legal Scholars for 2006-07. In 2006 she was awarded an OBE for services to legal education. Celia is the Chair of the law sub panel for the 2008 RAPEX (Research Assessment Exercise) having been a member of the 2001 RAPEX law panel. In this capacity she recently advised the South African National Research Foundation on methods of evaluating legal research. She has actively promoted equality and diversity in legal education, and founded the Women Law Professors’ Network. She has published widely in the field of criminal law, especially corporate liability.
Fidelma White is a Senior Lecturer in the Law Faculty, UCC. She is a graduate of UCC and the London School of Economics. She previously taught Commercial Law and Public Law at the University of Sheffield. She has been a lecturer at UCC since 1995 and was appointed Senior Lecturer in 2004. She acts as an External Examiner for a number of institutions and is a Consultant to the Law Society of Ireland. Her research interests include commercial law and public sector audit.

Gerard Murphy is the Clinical Education Coordinator in the Faculty of Law, UCC. He is a graduate of UCC and the Honorable Society of King’s Inns. He was called to the Bar in 2004. He previously worked as Senior Legal Researcher to the Irish Judiciary at the Four Courts. His research interests include criminal law, criminal procedure and victims rights. Gerard is responsible for two clinical programmes in the Faculty of Law, the LL.M. (Criminal Justice) (Clinical) and the BCL (Clinical).

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