



GRIFFITH COLLEGE DUBLIN

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Irish Innocence Project Joins the Innocence Network. Barry Scheck Visits IIP

Irish Innocence Project (formerly known as Griffith College Innocence Project) has officially joined the Innocence Network of Innocence Projects around the world, working on cases of miscarriage of justice. For further details, see www.innocencenetwork.org. Professor Barry Scheck, one of the most prominent American defence lawyers, was in Dublin in early August to officially launch the Irish Innocence Project. Professor Scheck is the co-founder of the first Innocence Project, started in the United States in the early 1990s. He was also a member of the O.J. Simpson defence team in the 1995 trial. The Irish



Irish Innocence Project with Professor Barry Scheck during his visit to Dublin

Innocence Project is now open to students from Trinity College Dublin and University College Dublin with four Trinity case workers having joined the IIP in August-September 2010. For further details see the Irish Innocence Project new website: www.innocenceproject.ie.

LLM Student Wins 2nd Prize at the Law Society 2010 Essay Competition

Pádraig Murray LLM student won second prize in the Law Society Annual Human Rights Essay 2010 competition. Pádraig submitted an edited version of his Social and Economic Rights assignment. Copy of same is available on the Law Society's Human Rights Webpage for viewing. David Langwallner, Dean of the Law School, taught Social and Economic Rights module.

Annual Griffith Law Society Visit to the European Court of Justice

On 26th January, the Law Society of Griffith College Dublin will go on its annual trip to the European Court of Justice based in Luxembourg. The visit will include a guided tour of the Court Building, a presentation from different departments of the Courts on the workings of the ECJ and finally, sitting in on one of the Court hearings on the day of the visit. The trip is limited to 35 places. If you are interested in booking a place please email Graham Butler gajbireland@gmail.com with all your details.

If you wish to join the Law Society please contact Graham Butler, Students' Union President 014150418 /su.president@gcd.ie.

Justice Frank Clarke joins the Griffith School of Law as Judge in Residence

The School of Law is greatly honoured to have Mr. Justice Frank Clarke of the High Court as its Judge-in-Residence for 2010/11 academic year. A Judge-in-Residence is a judge who agrees to spend a period of time attached to the law school during which he interfaces with the academic staff and student body by giving lectures and offering other academic support.

During the course of his residency in the School of Law, Mr Justice Frank Clarke will deliver a short programme of lectures to the student body and will be engaging with academic staff in staff seminars.

Mr. Justice Clarke has enjoyed a high profile career as a barrister and was Chairman of the Bar Council from 1993-1995. In practice, he dealt in Commercial, Constitutional and Family Law. He has been external counsel to the Laffoy inquiry on child abuse. Justice Frank Clarke was most recently Chairman of the Lisbon Treaty Referendum Commission.

Law School Appointments

Rody O'Brien joins GC Law School as a new Senior Lecturer and Programme Leader for the Undergraduate law programmes. Rody is a practicing Barrister and a graduate of DCU, NUI Maynooth, NUI Galway. Prior to joining Griffith College, he taught for ten years in both the primary and secondary education sector and has lectured in Athlone Institute of Technology, DIT, DCU and more recently in RCSI and BPP Professional Education. Please contact him on rody.obrien@gcd.ie / 01 4163368, room D205



Ronan Feehily has been appointed as Senior Lecturer and Programme Leader for the Postgraduate Law Programmes at Griffith College Dublin. Ronan is a qualified Solicitor and also holds a Masters in Business Administration from UCD, a PhD from University of Cape Town, a Masters in Law from TCD, a Diploma in Arbitration from UCD and a Bachelor of Laws and a B.Comm. from NUI Galway. Prior to joining Griffith College, Ronan worked as a solicitor in McCann Fitzgerald for five years. Please contact him on ronan.feehilly@gcd.ie / 01 4150417, room D205.

The GCD Communication and Debate Society

The C&D Society aims to give every student an opportunity to learn, practice and master public speaking and oratory skills. Evening sessions will be provided during which experienced public speakers will teach members of the C&D society how to capture an audience, speak before a crowd, write speeches, construct arguments and engage in debate.

Of interest will be the Maiden Speakers Competition which is run for students who have never debated in college before.

There will be plenty of social events and spot prizes for all speakers along the way and a cash prize for the ultimate winner of the Grande Final. The winner will also represent Griffith College in the National Maiden Speakers Competition where they will compete against the winners of the Maiden Speakers Competitions from UCD, Trinity, Cork etc.

All speakers will also be invited to represent Griffith and compete in the various debating competitions hosted by Universities around Ireland and further afield. Competing in these competitions involve free weekend trips to places such as Galway, Cork, UK, Turkey, South Africa as well as more unusual places such as DCU, UCD and Trinity. Teams will also be entered in The Irish Times and Irish Mace debating competition with plenty of training and assistance provided.

If you would be interested in getting involved in public speaking and debating while in Griffith and would like to hear more about the college Communication and Debate Society please **e-mail Sean O'Quigley at debating@gcd.ie**.

Professor William Twining Conference in October 2010



Griffith College Law School is pleased to host the annual public lecture of the Irish Jurisprudence Society delivered by Professor William Twining. The title of Professor Twining's lecture is "Globalisation and Legal Scholarship". The lecture will be held in the Conference

Centre in Griffith College Dublin on Thursday 14 October 2010. Registration starts at 6.30pm. For further details, please contact the Law School on law@gcd.ie or 01 4163372. A copy of Professor Twining's paper can be provided in advance on request by email. Professor William Twining lectures in the School of Laws in UCL. He has previously taught for seven years in Sudan and Tanzania. He has maintained an interest in Eastern Africa, and more broadly the Commonwealth, ever since. He has studied and taught in several leading UK and American law schools. A prominent member of the Law in Context movement, he has contributed especially to jurisprudence, evidence and proof, legal method, legal education.

Griffith Debating Team Goes to Botswana

Griffith College Law School is sending a debating/mooting team to the Worlds in Botswana. Another team of Griffith College 'mooters' is expected to go to South Africa.

If you wish to join GCD Mooting please contact Claire Michelle Smyth by e-mail mooting@gcd.ie.