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| **Minor Award Name** | The Law and Insurance |
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| **Level** | 5 |

**Suggested resources to support delivery:**

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| **Theme/Topic** | **Type** | **Relevance** | **Author/Source** | **Web Link** |
| The Irish Legal System: Sources of Law | Website  Video | A site hosted by UCC School of Law and edited by Dr Darius Whelan, it offers a list of useful web links on various topics, in particular, the Irish Legal System and Sources of Law.  This video covers just four sources of law but is a good, basic introduction to these. | Dr Darius Whelan  Teresa Clyne Shanley | <http://www.ucc.ie/law/irishlaw//guide/index.shtml#solicitors>  <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vaw4HAjBBZc> |
| The Irish Legal System: The Judicial System (The Courts) | Website  Website  Blog post | *The Courts* offers detailed inventories of each court and a useful chart of the courts for students to see the hierarchy and the appeal system. Can become a wall chat too.  The site of *The Supreme Court of Ireland*, it is useful for its summary of The Legal System and links to this court’s recent judgements.  A detailed account of a range of topics in the Irish legal system. Topics covered include: What is the law?; Precedent; The Irish Court System; Judicial Independence; Legislation Process; Statutory Interpretation. | Courts Service of Ireland  The Supreme Court of Ireland  Law in Ireland | <http://www.courts.ie/Courts.ie/library3.nsf/PageCurrentWebLookUpTopNav/The%20Courts>  <http://www.supremecourt.ie/>  <https://lawinireland.wordpress.com/irish-legal-system/> |
| The Irish Legal System: personnel involved in the law | Wall chart  Website | Colourful and useful wall chart giving the people involved in a criminal case.  A guide to the differences between a barrister and a solicitor. | Courts Service of Ireland  Law Library of Ireland | <http://www.courts.ie/Courts.ie/library3.nsf/(WebFiles)/05C5EA6D17CF736580256F2C003B0337/$FILE/Whos%20who%20in%20court.pdf>  <http://www.lawlibrary.ie/About-Us.aspx> |
| The Constitution (The Separation of Powers; Role of the Oireachtas etc.) | eBook  Website  Website  Essay  Video | eBook version of *Bunreacht na hEireann*. It gives the full text of The Constitution, including a list of amendments.  A full list of all the Constitutional Amendments and links to various versions of the Constitution.  *The Oireachtas Brief* is an informative site covering the functions of the Oireachtas. It clearly lays out the procedures of the Houses: what the Oireachtas is; what the Oireachtas does; how it works; parliamentary questions and where the Oireachtas fits in.  This essay outlines the doctrine of the separation of powers within The Constitution with an easy-to-read sum up of the doctrine and case law.  This 2 minutes, 4 seconds video gives an outline of the Houses of the Oireachtas and is a good introduction for students. It is a little dated in relation to who is Taoiseach but the information on what each house does makes it still useful and relevant. | Government Publications  Department of the Taoiseach  Oireachtas Brief  CPA Ireland  YouTube | <https://www.constitution.ie/Documents/Bhunreacht_na_hEireann_web.pdf>  <http://www.taoiseach.gov.ie/eng/Historical_Information/The_Constitution/>  <http://www.oireachtasbrief.ie/about-the-oireachtas/what-the-oireachtas-is/>  <http://www.cpaireland.ie/docs/default-source/Students/Study-Support/F1-Business-Laws/the-doctrine-of-the-seperation-of-powers.pdf?sfvrsn=0>  <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xEXwr9b9GVA> |
| The EU | Video  Video  Website  Wall Chart  Website  Book | This video, lasting 4 minutes 17 seconds, give a comprehensive history of the European Union.  A highly entertaining YouTude video, lasting 5 minutes, 50 seconds, that takes a tongue-in-cheek look at the complexities of the EU. Tone and style is humorous but very informative.  A useful bullet-pointed explanation of all the institutions of the EU.  Chart of the EU institutions. Print and enlarge for the wall as an easy reference and visual representation for students.  A brief and useful outline of the sources of EU law to include treaties and secondary legislation.  *EU Law in Ireland*  Written for a level above level 5, this book can nonetheless be a very useful reference book for the tutor on which to base notes and some hand-outs for students on the impact of EU law on Ireland. Chapters include: Overview of EU law in the Irish courts 1973-2010; The Emanation of the State Doctrine in Irish Law: Direct and Indirect Effect and State Liability; The Primacy of EU law in Ireland; The Duty of Co-operation; and so on. | EpinUK  CGP Grey  The European Union  BBC News  The European Commission  Author: Elaine Fahey  Publisher: Gill and Macmillan | <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XgnXwrsMBUs>  <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O37yJBFRrfg>  <http://europa.eu/about-eu/institutions-bodies/index_en.htm>  <http://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-11710564>  <http://ec.europa.eu/ireland/about_the_eu/legal_information_and_eu_law/sources_eu_law/index_en.htm>  <http://www.gillmacmillan.ie/clarus/clarus/eu-law-in-ireland> |
| Tort Law | Book  Essay  Blog post  Report | *Tort Law. Key Facts, Key Cases*  A very user friendly, readable book that gives excellent summaries of the elements of Tort Law. Written in a clear bullet-point structure with simple sum ups of key cases, this book is an excellent resource for tutors and students alike.  A comprehensive summary of the law relating to defamation in Ireland covering all the relevant areas like definition, elements of defamation, defences and damages. Includes an appendix of up-to-date changes to the law.  *Irish Law: A Student’s Guide*. A detailed account of the law surrounding, and common cases in, many topics in tort law. Covers negligence, medical negligence, trespass, occupiers’ liability, vicarious liability.  *Report on the Statute of Limitations*: This comprehensive report from The Law Reform Commission can be summed up by the tutor to provide the background and recent law in relation to the Statute of Limitations. It could also form the basis for a class discussion on recent developments and debates in this area. | Author: Chris Turner  Publisher: Routledge  Kieron Wood  Law in Ireland  The Law Reform Commission | <http://www.amazon.co.uk/Tort-Law-Key-Facts-Cases/dp/0415833345/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1446064983&sr=8-1&keywords=chris+turner>  <http://www.lawyer.ie/defamation>  <https://lawinireland.wordpress.com/tort-law/>  <http://www.lawreform.ie/_fileupload/Reports/rLatentDamage.htm> |
| Business Structures | Book  Video  Guide  Guide | *Business Today*  The chapter here on types of business structures can be a good starting point for basic definitions of the different structures and an explanation of the ideas of limited and unlimited liability.  This YouTube video gives a clear and detailed introduction to the forms of sole traders and partnerships and the features of each one. While the video is American it is still a useful source for the features of these business structures.  This detailed document guides you through the steps to take to form a limited company in Ireland.  This guide gives the duties and powers of liquidators, receivers and examiners in a handy question and answer format. | Authors: Pat McLaughlin & Peter Caulwell  Publisher: Edco  Acra  Fenero  Office of the Director of Corporate Enforcement | <https://www.edco.ie/Business-Today/Default.247.html>  <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S51EQS9ykqQ>  <http://www.fenero.ie/assets/media/Financial%20Toolkit%20Guides/Step%20By%20Step%20Guide%20to%20Setting%20Up%20An%20Irish%20Company.pdf>  <http://www.odce.ie/Portals/0/Documents/Functions/Quick%20guide%20for%20liquidators.pdf> |
| Contract Law | Book | *Contract Law*  Chris Turner’s style of writing presents the complexities of contract law in a way that is accessible for all levels of students. While the book is an English one, the general definitions are common to Irish law and it is an excellent resource for tutors and students. | Author: Chris Turner  Publisher: Routledge | <http://www.amazon.co.uk/Contract-Law-Edition-Chris-Turner/dp/0340941618> |
| The Insurance Contract | Website  Report  Report  Website | A brief but interesting essay on the importance of full disclosure with a case example. Good to use with students as a basis for discussion on recent issues relating to insurance law in Ireland.  The Law Reform Commission calls for new legislation in the insurance law area in this report. It covers issues like warranties, duty of disclosure, and innocent and negligent mistakes. The document may be a little overly complex for this level but sections of it can be used as the basis for a class discussion on current issues in Ireland or can be useful for assignments.  A guide that offers some useful information on terms like insurance and reinsurance; utmost good faith; implied terms; and claims.  Glossary of insurance terms. | Reddy Charlton  The Law Reform Commission  Sharon Daly and Darren Maher Matheson, Practical Law Company  National Association of Insurance Commissioners | <http://www.reddycharlton.ie/news-and-publications/single-view/article/insurance-litigation-the-onus-on-a-claimant-of-full-disclosure-of-material-matters?cHash=ff33c33903e9f18d95118744c429cde2>  <http://www.lawreform.ie/_fileupload/consultation%20papers/cp65insurancecontracts.pdf>  <http://www.matheson.com/images/uploads/documents/PLC_Guide_2013_Ireland_Insurance.pdf>  <http://www.naic.org/consumer_glossary.htm> |
| Insurance Claims | Website  Website | An interesting essay that ‘proposes a range of measures to address increases in the cost of claims’. Can be useful for assignments and to prompt class discussion on issues around the increasing costs of claims in the insurance area.  A step-by-step guide to making an insurance claim, covering all the main procedures from making the claim to claim settlement. | Insurance Ireland  Consumer Help | <http://www.insuranceireland.eu/news-and-publications/news-press-release/insurance-ireland-proposes-range-of-measures-to-address-increases-in-the-cost-of-claims>  <http://www.consumerhelp.ie/making-a-claim> |
| Multiple Topics | Book | *Essentials of Irish Business Law*  Chapters relating to the Irish Legal System and Tort Law are relevant here and offer useful definitions and sample cases. Chapters cover: The Functions and Sources of Law; The Division of Law – Civil and Criminal; Administration of Law (personnel); Structure of the Courts; Elements of the Law of Tort; The Law of Contract; European Union Law.  An essential resource book for tutors that will be the basis of useful notes for students. Accessible and readable. | Author: Aine Keenan  Publisher: Gill and Macmillan Ltd | <http://www.gillmacmillan.ie/law/law/essentials-of-irish-business-law> |
| Multiple Topics | Book | *Principles of Irish Law*  A little complex for students but useful as a reference tool for tutors. Gives good detail of each topic and useful case law.  The sections relating to the following are useful for this module: The Irish Legal System, Law of Contract; Law of Torts; Business Law. | Author: Brian Doolan  Publisher: Gill and Macmillan Ltd | <http://www.gillmacmillan.ie/law-uni/law-uni/principles-of-irish-law-8th-edition> |
| Multiple Topics | Book | *Make that Grade. Fundamentals of Irish Law*  Easy-to-read, concise account of several relevant areas of law. Of particular interest are the chapters on: Introduction to Fundamentals of Irish Law; The Sources of Law; Fundamentals of Contract Law; Aspects of European Union Law. | Author: Ruth Davenport  Publisher: Gill and Macmillan Ltd | <http://www.gillmacmillan.ie/law-uni/law-uni/make-that-grade-fundamentals-of-irish-law1> |
| Multiple Topics | Book | *Irish Government Today*  This book is a little above level 5 but is a useful reference resource for tutors. A range of chapters can be useful: The Government and the Taoiseach; The Dail and the Seanad; The Constitution of Ireland; The Judiciary; The Impact of the European Union. | Authors: John O’Toole and Sean Dooney  Publisher: Gill and Macmillan Ltd | <http://www.gillmacmillan.ie/government--politics/government--politics/irish-government-today-3rd-edition> |
| Multiple Topics | Website | *Citizens information*  Endlessly useful site with up-to-date, accessible information on a range of law topics. Simply type in the topic to the search feature to get a sum up of that area of law in Ireland. | Citizens Information | <http://www.citizensinformation.ie/en/> |
| Multiple Topics | Newspaper | This page gives links to recent court news from the *Irish Independent*. It can be very useful for the most recent court cases in a range of different topics. | Various journalists from the *Irish Independent* | <http://www.independent.ie/irish-news/courts/> |
| Multiple Topics | Online news site/ app for smartphone or tablet | *The Journal* is an online news resource and downloadable app which gives accessible articles on court cases and hearings, as well as general news and commentary. | Various journalists from *The Journal* | <http://www.thejournal.ie/> |
| Multiple Topics | Online news service | *Courts News Ireland* is an online service provided by the Ireland International News Agency (IINA) and CCC Nuacht, Ireland’s leading courts news agencies. It gives all the recent news reports from various courts in Dublin and is a dedicated site for court news. | Diarmaid MacDermott and other journalists | <http://courtsnewsireland.ie/our-service/> |
| Multiple Topics | Law Dictionary | A handy glossary of common legal terms. | Kieron Wood | <http://irishbarrister.com/legalterms.html> |
| Multiple Topics | Revision Notes | Aimed at Leaving Cert. students, these notes are nonetheless useful for level 5 students. It offers a plain English, bullet-point style format to sum up business related topics. Chapters on: stakeholders (which contains a section on Contract Law); business organisations; the EU; and insurance are all relevant and the good basis for tutor presentations. | Mocks.ie | <http://www.mocks.ie/Content-Display/Download-Manager/ProductInfoID/1565/FileID/5740/Sample/True/Filename/Business-Leaving-Certificate> |

**Useful Organisations:**

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| The Bar of Ireland | <http://www.lawlibrary.ie/home.aspx> |
| The Law Society of Ireland | <http://www.lawsociety.ie/> |
| The Injuries Board | <http://www.injuriesboard.ie/eng> |
| Office of the Director of Prosecutions | <https://www.dppireland.ie/> |
| Courts Service of Ireland | <http://courts.ie/Courts.ie/Library3.nsf/0/36C77B40A61FCB6C802577230041B064?OpenDocument> |
| Insurance Ireland | <http://www.insuranceireland.eu/> |
| The Law Reform Commission | <http://www.lawreform.ie/> |
| The Houses of the Oireachtas | <http://www.oireachtas.ie/parliament/> |
| The European Union | <http://europa.eu/index_en.htm> |
| The Irish Statute Book | <http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/home.html> |
| Office of the Attorney General | <http://www.attorneygeneral.ie/ag/agfunction.html> |
| Company Registration Office | <https://www.cro.ie/> |
| British and Irish Legal Information Institute | <http://www.bailii.org/> |
| Irish Legal Information Initiative | <http://www.ucc.ie/law/newirlii/index.php> |
| Irish Centre for European Law | <http://www.icel.ie/> |

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