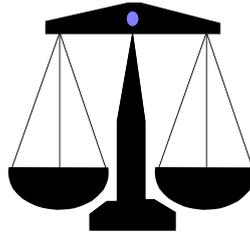


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The Careers Development Department,
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18 September, 2018

Re: Careers in Law Fair – 24th September 2018

Dear Sirs,

We refer to the matter noted above which we understand has been organised by the Careers Development Department in NUI Galway.

The Galway Solicitors Bar Association [GSBA] membership is disappointed to have been overlooked by NUI Galway, yet again, from the event schedule. Indeed we note that no native Galway firm has been invited to attend by the Careers Development Department.

Over the years the GSBA has always attempted to foster an inclusive relationship with the students and staff at NUI Galway. Our members volunteer time in the university's FLAC programme, we give opportunities for students to gain work experience through internships and in recent years many Galway Solicitors actively participated in the Clinical Legal Placement module at the request of the School of Law in the university.

Our members employ many NUIG graduates as apprentices and later as associate solicitors and yet all of these local indigenous law firms are excluded, yet again, from the upcoming event. You will no doubt be aware that many [if not most!] graduates from the Law School in NUI Galway, including those who commence their training and employment with the so called 'larger firms', will ultimately be employed by smaller general practice firms around the country and it seems entirely unreasonable that your student body is not being given the opportunity to explore and consider their options in this regard.

Two years ago we communicated out our disappointment at the lack of invitation to a similar careers fair, and were assured we would be included in the future. At this juncture we feel it may be appropriate to inform our members of this lack of inclusion and to vote on whether to keep publicising NUIG events, or cooperate with intern placements.

Yours faithfully,

Sent by email and accordingly bears no signature

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