

Rachel heads for pastures new after three years with IRLI

Previous Law Society President James McCourt hosted a dinner in October for members of Irish Rule of Law International (IRLI) to thank Rachel Power for her hard work and commitment during her three years as IRLI coordinator.

During this time IRLI became a registered charity and expanded its interventions to include, among others, an access to justice project in Malawi and a visit to Vietnam where Irish solicitors provided workshops on clinical legal education. Rachel is now working for the Public Interest Law Alliance, a project of FLAC. Emma Dwyer assumed the role of charity coordinator in August.

IRLI is a joint initiative of the Law Society of Ireland and the Bar Council of Ireland and seeks to use the skills of Irish lawyers to promote and strengthen the rule of law in developing countries. Projects include a commercial law training



programme, which is undertaken in partnership with the Law Society of South Africa. South African lawyers from historically

disadvantaged communities undertake placements in Irish firms to gain skills and experience in the practice of corporate law.

Placements were undertaken this year in Matheson, Whitney Moore and McDowell Purcell Solicitors in Dublin.