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■ Solicitor Sean T. O'Reilly speaking with law student Uyen Huong during a recent lecture tour of Vietnam with Irish charity Rule of Law Vietnam.

O'Reilly gives advice to law students in Vietnam

DUNDALK-based solicitor, Sean T. O'Reilly has just returned from a lecture tour of Vietnam where he was part of a group of Irish and American lawyers providing legal skills training to lecturers and law students there in conjunction with charities including BADSEA Continuing Legal Education.

Mr. O'Reilly said: 'The purpose of our mission with Irish charity Rule of Law Vietnam was to provide practical advice to trainee lawyers from a very different system, but who are eager to provide help to those less well off. They voluntarily staff and maintain clinics for underprivileged to receive advice.'

The delegation visited colleges and clinics in Hanoi, Hue in Central Vietnam and Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon).

He said: 'The reality for very many

people in Vietnam is that they simply can't afford to hire lawyers. There's almost no legal aid in the country and it's great to help these young law students who want to better the lives of those in their community. It is a beautiful and interesting country and the people are so warm, friendly and engaging, which is amazing given their tough history.'

The Cooley native's own firm is one of the finalists in the Danske Bank Public Interest Lawyer of the Year Awards being held this Friday in Dublin. Mr. O'Reilly praised his staff, especially colleague Angela Byrne, for their hard work.

'We're now over ten years in business and are extremely grateful for all the support we've received from our clients.'