## Irish ambassador visits LEAD

The Law Society of South Africa's Legal Education and Development (LEAD) division received a visit by the Irish ambassador, Liam MacGabhann on 16 April. The visit coincides with the commercial law course held by LEAD, in conjunction with Irish Aid and Irish Rule of Law International.

The course was launched in 2012 and is an intensive one-year training programme intended for attorneys from previously disadvantaged backgrounds who would like to pursue a career in commercial law. Twenty attorneys are selected annually and the programme is fully sponsored by Irish Aid. The programme consists of three parts, namely, the commercial law training course held in April and July; a one-year certificate in corporate law from the University of South Africa; and a mentorship programme.

Ambassador MacGabhann said he was encouraged by the positive feedback of the programme and congratulated the attorneys on their success thus far.

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