

*Professor McDaniel-Miccio's membership in the University College Dublin Law Society is for her work on gender violence, human rights and LGBT rights. Past recipients include President Clinton, President Mary Robinson, Noam Chomsky, Nobel Laureate Seamus Heaney, Justice Antonin Scalia, Martin Sheen and Eavan Boland. What follows is a copy of the letter sent to Professor McDaniel-Miccio by the president of the University College Dublin Law Society.*

Dear Professor McDaniel-Miccio,

I write to you in my capacity as President of the University College Dublin Law Society to extend an invitation for you to receive Honorary Life Membership of our great society.

I was delighted to be in attendance at your lecture in our new Sutherland School of Law "The March to Marriage Equality in the US: What a difference a decade makes!" Unfortunately due to time limits, I know that the event could have easily gone on for longer - and was sorry that it didn't!

The Society usually bestows Honorary Life Membership upon those who are seen to have contributed to society in a major way. Your work on the issue of male-intimate violence has been, although shocking, a huge asset to the lives of ordinary women (and men) who become subject to abuse. Away from the lecture theatres of University College Dublin, Trinity College Dublin and Sturm College of Law, you're (*sic*) input into the issues of hate crimes, "battered-women" and, perhaps more topical at this stage, same-sex marriage, has been viewed with great admiration by your students, peers and fellow campaigners around the world.

Yesterday was a positive day for Colorado - however there is still a long way to go. Your own personal story helps solidify the power of millions of other people's determination and fight for equality. Any judge or opposing counsel should learn to have some sense anytime you take to the floor to debate this fragile issue that is slowly but surely working out in favour of the overwhelming majority of same-sex marriage supporters.

The Honorary Life Membership of the UCD Law Society is one of the highest honors that the Society bestow. In the past it has honored ...many dignitaries, not only from the worlds of law and politics, but also from those of sport, literature, television, theatre and the arts in general. Among the many that have been honoured by the Society are former US President, Bill Clinton, Noam Chomsky, Alastair Campbell, Martin Sheen, Sir Christopher Lee and former President of Ireland, Mary Robinson, to name but a few.