

National College of Ireland

**Postgraduate Diploma in Cyber Security- PGDCYB\_JAN22**

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**Semester Two - Continuous Assessment Assignment – February 2022**

Module Title: IT LAW AND ETHICS

Programmes: MSc/MSc Online/PGD in IT LAW AND ETHICS

Assignment Type: Open book, Working individually

Deadline submission: 4th April 2022 @11pm

Weighting: This assessment is worth 40% of the total marks for this module

Turnitin: All report submissions will be electronically screened for evidence of academic misconduct (i.e., plagiarism and collusion).

PROJECT BRIEF

Assignment: This is an individual project which you shall complete on your own and will be strictly following the NCI policy on plagiarism see <https://libguides.ncirl.ie/academicintegrity>

Submission: The final report must be submitted as a Word or PDF document to Moodle before the deadline.

Report requirements: The report will have a strict word limit of a maximum of 3000 words including Bibliography. The length includes the title, notes, and any other text you include in the report. Please also include a bibliography.

**Please answer 1, 2. 3. and 4**

**Word count: 3000 words**

Anita works in the music industry and has developed a new computer program for her employer. She wishes to legally protect it. Anita is told by her manager that they own anything she creates.

Anita is also aware of new copyright legislation and is concerned that her employer provides a platform for public/customer commentary where comments and sometimes recordings of music are shared.

Anita’s friend Mike is a musician and is constantly touring to earn an income from his music. He learns that his music is being shared by a YouTube sensation Mic Mock and is upset to find that Mic Mock has garnered a huge income from advertising arising from the use of Mike’s music on the “Bugle” platform.

Advise Anita and Mike in relation to the relevant Intellectual Property Law in Ireland and use relevant legislation and case law to support your advice:

1. What is the current legislation on Intellectual Property Law in Ireland? **and** is Anita’s new computer program something that she can protect? (25 marks)
2. What advice should Anita give to her employer in relation to the new Directive on Copyright in the single Market and their public/customer commentary site? **and** Is there any further legal liability in relation to such a site? (25 marks)
3. Will the new Directive on Copyright in the Digital Single Market assist Mike? (25 marks)
4. If a competitor tries to breach Anita’s or Mike’s Intellectual Property rights, what offences might they commit **and** what penalties might they incur? **and** Is any other redress available? (25 marks)