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Litigation Annual Conference 2020

Date	29 October 2020
Time	2:00pm – 5:00pm
Venue	Via Zoom Webinar
Fee	€186
Discounted* Fee	€160
CPD Hours	3 General (by eLearning)
Event Code	20011

Aim and Objectives

This annual conference is designed in collaboration with the Law Society's Litigation Committee.

The keynote speakers will be the President of the High Court, Judge Mary Irvine, Judge David Barniville and Angela Denning, the CEO of the Courts Service. They will deal with topical issues including the impact of COVID-19 on the Courts, recent technological developments such as remote hearings, e-filing and electronic bundles and how changes made in response to COVID-19 could permanently affect the way we litigate in Ireland.

The seminar aims to provide litigators with a practical overview of litigation developments in a turbulent year.

Topics and Issues to be covered

- Recent developments in Statute of Limitations
- Damages for Personal Injuries – Proposed Developments and Changes
- Litigation in lockdown and wellbeing
- Recent and continuing developments in the courts – panel discussion

Chair

Liam Kennedy SC, Partner, A&L Goodbody, Dublin.

Liam Kennedy, a Partner in A&L Goodbody's Litigation & Dispute Resolution Department, specialises in international and domestic commercial disputes including: product liability; M&A; securities/auditors' litigation (including international class actions); EU and competition law; and constitutional litigation. Liam's practice includes dealing with regulators. A key area of Liam's expertise involves crisis and risk management. Liam acts in the management of complex regulatory investigations and disputes, helping clients manage legal, commercial and regulatory risk and to deal with crisis situation.

Speakers

The Hon. Ms. Justice Mary C. Irvine, President of the High Court

In June 2020 Justice Irvine was appointed President of the Irish High Court, the first woman appointed to that role. After a distinguished career at the bar, Justice Irvine was appointed to the High Court in 2007. She presided over the High Court Personal Injuries list from 2009 to 2014 and was responsible for the management and determination of all Garda Compensation claims. Following the retirement of Justice Quirke, she chaired the Working Group on Medical

Negligence and Periodic Payments established to examine the system within the courts for the management of claims for damages arising out of alleged medical negligence and to identify shortcomings in that system. Justice Irvine was appointed a judge of the Court of Appeal on its establishment in 2014. In 2018, she was appointed to chair the Cervical Check Tribunal established by the Government to hear and determine claims made outside of the court process arising from acts of negligence on the part of Cervical Check as provided for in the Cervical Tribunal Act 2019. In May 2019 she was appointed to the Supreme Court.

The Hon. Mr. Justice David Barniville

Mr Justice David Barniville was appointed a judge of the High Court of Ireland in December 2017. He is currently the judge in charge of the Commercial Division of that Court. Prior to taking up that position he was the judge in charge of the Strategic Infrastructure Development list in the High court. He is also designated as the Arbitration Judge to hear all arbitration related matters in the High Court. In July 2018 he was appointed as a member of Ireland's National Group on the Permanent Court of Arbitration in The Hague. In December 2019, he was appointed as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Academy of European Law (ERA). He is a Bencher of King's Inns in Dublin and of Middle Temple in London and is a Governor and member of the Board of the National Maternity Hospital. Prior to his appointment to the High Court, David was in practice at the Irish Bar and was Chairman of the General Council of the Bar of Ireland (2014-2016).

Angela Denning, CEO, Courts Services

Angela Denning is the Chief Executive of the Courts Service where she leads an ambitious modernisation programme centred around digital delivery of services so as to improve access to justice. She has over 20 years operational experience in the Courts Service and was working in the Reform Division of the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform prior to her recent appointment. Angela was called to the Bar in 2002 and holds a MA Mod in Computer Science and a MA in Strategy and Leadership.

Joe O'Malley, Partner, Hayes Solicitors, Dublin

Joe is a partner and Head of the Commercial Litigation & Dispute Resolution team at Hayes Solicitors. Joe handles a wide variety of commercial litigation matters for the State, financial institution and corporate clients. He advises The Irish Times in relation to media law issues. Recently, he represented the special liquidators of IBRC against the former directors of a Building Society. He defended a truck dealership in relation to 300 claims based on alleged breach of competition laws. He represents the State Defendants in relation to a large number Swine flu vaccination claims. He acts in the defence of approximately 300 claims arising out of the Belfry Investments. He is former Chairman of Dublin Solicitors' Bar Association Litigation Committee. He is a Council Member of Law Society of Ireland and he is Chairman of Danske Bank's Tracker Appeals Panel.

Stuart Gilhooly, Partner, HJ Ward & Co. Solicitors, Dublin.

Stuart Gilhooly qualified as a solicitor in 1995. Solicitors and has been specialising in personal injuries claims since then, acting exclusively for claimants. He was voted Solicitor of the Year at the 2018 Irish Law Awards. Stuart has a strong reputation in personal injuries litigation and was President of the Law Society in 2016/17 and President of the Dublin Solicitors Bar Association in 2010/11. Stuart also practices in the area of sports law.

Michael Quinlan, Managing Partner, Dixon Quinlan Solicitors, Dublin

Michael is the managing partner of Dixon Quinlan Solicitors. A native of Dublin, he has been in practice over 30 years since qualifying from UCD. He has developed the practice to where it is today acting in a wide variety of areas, including Conveyancing, Probate, Defence Litigation and acting on behalf of Local Authorities in various roles. Michael is a Past President of the Law Society of Ireland and is a former President of the Dublin Solicitors Bar Association. Michael still maintains his seat of the Council of the Law Society.

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