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The First Seven Years of Qualification: Don't Just Survive, Thrive!

Date	Thursday 5 October 2023
Time	4.30pm to 6pm
Venue	Green Hall, Law Society of Ireland, Blackhall Place, Dublin 7
Fee	Complimentary
CPD Hours	1.5 Management & Professional Development (by Group Study)

Aim and Objectives

This conference, presented by the Younger Members Committee in partnership with Law Society Professional Training, will focus on key skills required for solicitors in the first seven years of practice and will be followed by a drinks reception.

This conference is suitable for: solicitors in the earlier stages of their career, trainees approaching qualification and solicitors managing or mentoring junior lawyers.

Topics and Issues to be covered includes

- Professional & personal branding
- Career development
- Negotiation techniques
- Key skills to succeed

Chairperson

Fiona McNulty, Senior Associate, Mason Hayes & Curran LLP Dublin.

Fiona is a senior associate in the Health and Prosecutions team at Mason Hayes & Curran LLP. She advises across a broad range of areas including healthcare law, childcare law and regulatory prosecutions. She advocates before the courts regularly on behalf of public sector clients. She is the current Chair of the Younger Members Committee, and is a member of the Law Society Council.

Speakers

Barry McLoughlin, Head of Client Engagement and Senior Consultant, the Communications Clinic, Dublin

Barry joined the Communications Clinic having worked for several years as a Solicitor in private practice. He previously was Head of Training at The Communications Clinic. Barry designs and delivers training in Media Skills, Presentation Skills, Crisis Communications, Press Officer Training, Influencing Skills, Coaching and Mentoring training, Meeting Skills, Speechwriting, Strategic Selling and Business Writing Skills. He has worked with individuals

and teams to improve how they communicate and influence their stakeholders. He has also assisted clients to plan and deliver their communications more effectively in a variety of situations. Barry has worked with Government Ministers, C level executives, Media and Sporting personalities as well with Boards of Directors and other executive teams. He is provided media training to individuals who have featured on *Morning Ireland*, *The Last Word*, *The Late Debate*, *Primetime* and *The Late Late Show*. Barry has contributed to such programmes as *The Last Word*, *The Pat Kenny Show* and *The Marian Finucane Show*. He has written for both the *Sunday Independent* and *The Examiner* newspapers on media and communications issues. His client list includes An Garda Síochána, Primark, Bank of Ireland, Eiría, The Railway Safety Commission, Fine Gael, State Street Bank, Munster Rugby, Irish Life, The Irish Cancer Society, The Department of Public Expenditure and Reform, The Office of Public Works and The Small Firms Association. He is the retained media and communications trainer for Ibec and several blue-chip clients. He has also worked with a number of international accountancy and legal firms, in Ireland, the UK and Europe.

Annalise Murphy, Olympic Athlete

Annalise's first embarked on her sailing journey at Blessington Sailing Club. After a successful youth career, she had the honour of representing Ireland in the Olympic Games three times, with a memorable silver medal win in Rio 2016 in the women's single-handed dinghy class. Annalise ventured beyond the Olympics to participate in the 2017/18 Volvo Ocean Race, a demanding 9-month circumnavigation of the globe as part of the "Turn the Tide on Plastic" team, sailing alongside some of the world's best sailors. Post-Tokyo 2021, Annalise decided to pursue a full-time MBA at Trinity College Dublin while still staying involved in sailing and helping the next generation of Olympic athletes through coaching and representing them on the OFI Athletes Commission.

Sara Phelan SC, Chair of the Bar Council

Sara Phelan SC has been elected as forthcoming Chair of the Council of the Bar of Ireland. The third female ever to lead the organisation, she takes up the position in September 2022.

A Kilkenny native, Sara was called to the Bar in 1996, having previously qualified and practised as a pharmacist for a number of years, qualifying from Trinity College Dublin (1988). Sara was appointed Senior Counsel and called to the Inner Bar in 2013. A qualified mediator and arbitrator, Sara was admitted to the Bar of England & Wales in 2019 and is a member of Middle Temple.

IMPORTANT

- This is an in-person event and, unless otherwise stated, will not be available online or as a recording.
- In order to reduce waste and to support the work of the Law Society Environmental and Sustainability in Practice Taskforce, materials will not be printed. Instead, they will be emailed before the event.
- Solicitors are required to complete 20 hours CPD this year of which 5 hours must be undertaken in person. Please see <https://www.lawsociety.ie/Solicitors/rules-legislation/CPD-Scheme/2023-cycle>
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- If you have technical or other queries, contact the Law Society Professional Training team on lspt@lawsociety.ie