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Annual In-house and Public Sector Conference 2024 *Innovating and Leading in Transformative Times*

Date	Wednesday 2 October 2024
Time	9.30am to 1.15pm
Venue	Law Society of Ireland
Fee	€ 175
CPD Hours	3.5 hours Professional Development and Solicitor Wellbeing (by group study)
Event Code	24020

Aim and Objectives

This annual conference, presented by the In-house and Public Sector Committee, is aimed at solicitors employed in-house in the private and public sectors.

The conference will explore the roles of lawyers in business and management and the art of leading in-house teams in top tier public and private sector organisations. Expert panel members, from both the private and public sectors, will share their personal observations and insights on career development and leadership based on their diverse experience.

This conference is suitable for: In-house and Public Sector Solicitors and other legal practitioners.

Topics/presentations include:

- Keynote speech on Lawyers in Leadership by **Dr Des Hogan**, Data Protection Commissioner.
- Panel discussion on lawyers in business and management roles chaired by **Caroline Dee-Brown**, Director of Legal Services & General Counsel, Commission for Communications Regulation with **Dr Des Hogan**; **Mark Cockerill**, Senior VP, Legal - Corporate, M&A and International Development, ServiceNow and **Ruth McCarthy**, CEO Corporate Payments, Fexco.
- Fireside chat on leading in-house teams chaired by **Mark Garrett**, Law Society Director General with **Maria Browne**, Chief State Solicitor; **Marion Berry**, Deputy Director of Public Prosecutions; **Helen Dooley**, Group General Counsel, AIB and **Eleanor Daly**, Director & Associate General Counsel Global Corporate, Meta.

Learning Outcomes

At the end of this conference participants will have gained insights into lawyers as leaders in business and management and the successful leadership of in-house legal teams. Our expert speakers will share their experience gained over the course of their varied and successful careers and will provide their unique perspectives and guidance.

Chairperson

Alison Bradshaw, Head of Credit Legal Services, AIB

Alison is an Irish qualified solicitor who has worked inhouse in AIB for 12 years. She is a member of the senior management team for AIB's Legal & Corporate Governance unit. Her role, as Head of Credit Legal Services, has a focus on providing legal support to AIB's lending teams, ESG and Sustainable Finance, panel management and operational effectiveness. Previous roles included supporting activity in products, regulatory implementation, data protection and horizon scanning. Prior to joining AIB, she worked in a large Dublin law firm where she practised in their Banking and Financial Services department.



Speakers/Panellists

Dr Des Hogan, Data Protection Commissioner

Dr Des Hogan was appointed as Commissioner for Data Protection and Chairperson of the Irish Data Protection Commission in February 2024. Prior to that he was Assistant Chief State Solicitor in the Office of the Chief State Solicitor in the period 2015-2024. He served as Acting Chief Executive in the Irish Human Rights Commission in 2007 and from 2012 to 2014. He previously worked for the Australian Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission and for Amnesty International in Australia and its International Secretariat in London. A solicitor by profession, Dr Hogan was awarded a Masters in European Law from University College Dublin and a PhD in Philosophy of Law from Trinity College Dublin.



Caroline Dee-Brown, Director of Legal Services & General Counsel, Commission for Communications Regulation

Caroline has been working in-house in the public sector for 20 years after previously working in private practice in Ireland, the US and UK. In her current role as General Counsel and Director of Legal Services for ComReg Caroline is a member of the ComReg Leadership Team with both legal and business management responsibilities. Caroline is responsible for the legal advice to the Commission particularly on all major legal matters, on the legal implications of matters within ComReg's remit in Ireland and the EU and for leading on legal matters arising from ComReg's remit and activities. Caroline is responsible for the professional leadership of the legal advisors across the organisation.



Mark Cockerill, Senior VP, Legal - Corporate, M&A and International Development, ServiceNow

Mark Cockerill serves as ServiceNow's Senior Vice-President for Corporate, M&A and International Development, having more recently served for a number of years as their Vice-President for EMEA/APJ and Head of Global Privacy. Mark also leads ServiceNow's increasing expansion and growth in Ireland. Prior to ServiceNow, Mark served as Director of Legal for eir and held several legal leadership roles in other international telecommunications organizations. Mark further lectured in Company and Contract law for nearly fifteen years, holds an LL.B from Nottingham University and LL.M from Trinity College Dublin, and is also currently Vice-President of the European Company Lawyers Association.



Ruth McCarthy, CEO Corporate Payments, Fexco

Ruth is Head of Compliance, Risk and Policy for Fexco Group. Previously she has worked in a commercial role as CEO of Fexco Corporate Payments and as a solicitor specialising in financial regulation. Ruth is Chair of the Fintech and Payments Association of Ireland and a member of the Industry Advisory Group for the Irish Government Ireland for Finance strategy for financial services. Ruth is a member of the EU Commission Payment Services Market Experts Group, a chartered director and a regular contributor to publications and events relating to the Irish fintech industry.



Maria Browne, Chief State Solicitor

Maria Browne is the Chief State Solicitor and Head of the Chief State Solicitor's Office ("CSSO"). She qualified as a solicitor in 1987, and was educated at University College Cork and the Incorporated Law Society of Ireland. Maria joined the CSSO in 1993 from general practice where she specialised in commercial property. Maria previously led the CSSO's Asylum & Legal Services and State Property Divisions before being appointed Chief State Solicitor in 2017. The CSSO is the principal provider of solicitor services to the Attorney General and Government of Ireland. The CSSO is a constituent element of the Attorney General's Office and employs in excess of 380 staff – including approximately 200 solicitors and 30 legal executive officers. Its 5 legal divisions provide litigation, commercial and property legal services to Government Departments and Offices across a broad range of areas.



Marion Berry, Deputy Director of Public Prosecutions

Marion has been Deputy Director of the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP) since December 2022. Her role includes statutory responsibility as the Accounting Officer for an office with a sanctioned headcount of 322. Prior to taking up her current position, from 2009 she was Advisory Counsel in the Office of the Attorney General (AGO) in the 'Justice and Crime' advisory group. From 2013 to 2015, she was seconded from the AGO as the legal advisor to the Department of Enterprise. Marion is a barrister by profession, called to the Bar of Ireland in 2001 where she practiced until 2009, predominantly in the areas of crime, extradition, judicial review and administrative law.



Helen Dooley, Group General Counsel, AIB

Helen was appointed Group General Counsel in 2012. She had previously worked in private practice in the City of London, Hong Kong and Dublin, before taking up an in-house role as Head of Legal in EBS Building Society in 2005, which became part of AIB Group in 2011. Over the last 19 years, in addition to her legal role, Helen has also held the Company Secretary position and led the customer care, regulatory compliance and HR functions. Helen is currently responsible for the Legal and Corporate Governance function.



Eleanor Daly, Director & Associate General Counsel Global Corporate, Meta

Eleanor is a Director and Associate General Counsel with Meta, where she leads Meta's International Corporate Governance Team. Eleanor has many years' experience in the areas of corporate governance, company law, risk and compliance. Eleanor is the External Examiner to the Law Society of Ireland's Certificate in Company Secretarial Law and Practice and is also an External Advisor to the Qualifications Committee of the Chartered Governance Institute (UK and Ireland). From 2014 to 2018 Eleanor was a member of the Irish Company Law Review Group (the CLRG), a statutory advisory expert body charged with advising the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise & Innovation on the review and development of company law in Ireland. Eleanor is a co-author of the Irish Company Secretary's Handbook (Bloomsbury, 1st ed, 2011). In addition to being a Solicitor and Chartered Tax Advisor, Eleanor is also a Fellow of the Chartered Governance Institute in London. In 2022 Eleanor was Chair of the American Chamber of Commerce General Counsel Forum and is currently the Chair of the Business Law Committee of the Law Society of Ireland.



IMPORTANT

- This is an in-person event and, unless otherwise stated, will not be available online or as a recording.
- 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.
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