

Training of Lawyers on EU law relating to Asylum and Immigration (TRALIM)

Date	Thursday 09 March 2023
Time	9.30am to 4.30pm
Venue	Main Lecture Theatre, Blackhall Place, Dublin 7
Fee	Complimentary
CPD Hours	5.5 General (by Group Study)
Event Code	23001

Aim and Objectives

Migration towards the EU is a complex socio-economic phenomenon that is evolving fast and in various directions. The current migratory situation creates difficulties not only in relation to the management of huge flows of migrants but also in ensuring protection of their fundamental rights. This one-day seminar aims to train Irish lawyers on EU immigration and asylum law.

This seminar is held in conjunction with the European Lawyers Foundation (ELF), Spanish Bar Association, Athens Bar Association, Italian Bar Association, Polish Bar of Attorneys-at-Law, Cyprus Bar Association and Paris Bar Association.

This conference is suitable for: Solicitors experienced in immigration and asylum and those new to the sector.

Topics covered

- The EU Charter of Fundamental Rights provisions in relation to asylum and immigration
- The European Union legal system regulating asylum and immigration: instruments and case law
- The Council of Europe legal system regulating asylum and immigration: instruments and case law
- Legal assistance to immigrants and asylum seekers on the ground
- Legal framework applicable to asylum and immigration in Poland
- Legal framework applicable to asylum and immigration in Cyprus

Chairperson

Cindy Carroll, Deputy Chairperson, International Protection Appeals Tribunal

Speakers

Attracta O'Regan, Solicitor, Head Professional Training, Law Society of Ireland

Vasileios Stathopoulos, Project Manager, European Lawyers Foundation (ELF), the Netherlands

Julia Hull, Managing Solicitor, Legal Aid Board, Law Centre Cork

Joanne Willams BL

Dr Aoife McMahon BL

Hilkka Becker, Chairperson of the International Protection Appeals Tribunal (Ireland)

Tomasz Rogala, Attorney-at-Law, Partner in charge of Immigration, PCS Paruch Chruściel Schiffter Stępień Kanclerz, Littler, Poland

Stella Afxentiou, Legal Consultant, Cyprus

Speaker information

Cindy Carroll, Deputy Chairperson, International Protection Appeals Tribunal

A graduate of law from University College Cork, Cindy was called to the Bar of Ireland in 1995. Following a devilling year in Dublin, she practised as a barrister in Cork, and lectured in Cork Institute of Technology and University College Cork. In 2001, she was then appointed as Advisory Counsel at the Office of the Attorney General and worked there advising primarily on asylum and immigration law. She returned to the Bar in Dublin in early 2004 and was briefed as counsel on the State Asylum and Immigration Panel from 2004 until March 2018. During this time, she lectured in the Dublin Institute of Technology, and both lectured and tutored in the Law Society of Ireland.

In March 2018, Cindy was appointed as Deputy Chairperson of the International Protection Appeals Tribunal, where she is a member of the senior management team, Head of Training and a decision maker in asylum-related appeals. In May 2019, she made the first preliminary reference from the Tribunal to the Court of Justice of the European Union. Cindy has successfully an MA in Leadership and Strategy and is currently studying for a Doctorate in Governance. She has been a member of the pool of Judicial Trainers with the EUAA (formerly EASO) since 2021.

Dr Aoife McMahon BL

Aoife has lectured in EU law, Immigration law and refugee law in TCD, UCD, Maynooth University, Griffith College, the Kings Inns and the Law Society of Ireland and has had a number of articles published in this area. Her book, *The Role of the State in Migration Control* was published by Brill Nijhoff in December 2016 as part of its series on Immigration and Asylum Law and Policy in Europe.

She has worked in the CJEU, Unesco and Médecins du Monde. In her 13 years of experience as a practising barrister, she has acted in cases before the Irish superior courts, the CJEU and the European Court of Human Rights.

Julia Hull, Managing Solicitor, Legal Aid Board, Law Centre Cork

Julia Hull has worked for the Legal Aid Board since 2001, working as a solicitor for Refugee Legal Service in Cork until 2010 and then with the Law Centre (Cork North) where she has continued to represent clients who have applied for International Protection. With over 20 years' experience of representing clients in this area Julia is now one of the Managing Solicitors of the Law Centre (Cork North) with particular responsibility for managing the International Protection service in that office.

Hilkka Becker, Chairperson of the International Protection Appeals Tribunal (Ireland)

Hilkka has been the Chairperson of the International Protection Appeals Tribunal since April

2017. She was previously a Deputy Chairperson of the Tribunal and served as a part-time Member of the Refugee Appeals Tribunal from 2013 to 2016. Over the course of her career to date, she was Senior Solicitor at the Immigrant Council of Ireland – Independent Law Centre, for over 10 years, Regional Legal Advisor and consultant with the International Organization for Migration (IOM), solicitor in private practice and Legal Officer with the Irish Refugee Council.

Hilkka is an experienced public speaker, lectures at the Law Society of Ireland and acts regularly as a judicial trainer for the EU Asylum Agency (EUAA). She is an active member of the International Association of Refugee and Migration Judges (IARMJ), a Fellow of McLaughlin College at York University, Toronto and a member of the Justice and Home Affairs Group and of the Germany Group of the Institute of International and European Affairs (IIEA) and of the European and International Law Committee of the Law Society of Ireland.

Joanne Williams BL

Joanne was called to the Bar in 2007 and has been practising as a barrister since 2010, specialising in cases with a human rights dimension. From 2008 to 2010, before she joined the Law Library, she was a judicial fellow assigned to the judges in charge of the High Court *Asylum, Immigration and Citizenship List*, then a division of the Judicial Review List. From 2012 until 2017 she was part of an external panel established by the *Office of the Refugee Applications Commissioner* to help address a backlog of subsidiary protection applications, and she has been a part-time member of the *International Protection Appeals Tribunal* since 2018. She has recently been appointed to a pool of 'judicial experts' with the European Union Asylum Agency.

Tomasz Rogala, Attorney-at-Law, Partner in charge of Immigration, PCS Paruch Chruściel Schiffter Stępień Kanclerz, Littler, Poland

Tomasz has over 10 years of professional experience in the area of employment and immigration law advisory. He has managed projects concerning international worker mobility, including intra-corporate transfers and postings, as well as projects concerning local hiring of foreign nationals in Poland. He has represented clients in immigration proceedings before immigration authorities, appellate bodies and courts. Tomasz has provided comprehensive advice to clients on all HR aspects of employment of non-nationals and held seminars and trainings on the subject. He is the author of press publications and commentaries on matters related to the employment of non-nationals.

Stella Afxentiou, Legal Consultant, Cyprus

Stella is a graduate from King's College London in the UK and a practicing lawyer in Cyprus, specialising in cases with a human-rights dimension in the areas of asylum and criminal law. In the past 5 years, she has represented asylum seekers, migrants and refugees before administrative authorities and domestic courts on issues relating to refugee status-determination, detention, family reunification, age assessment, citizenship, deportation and other relevant issues. Stella currently collaborates with a local NGO in pursuing strategic litigation cases in the field of refugee law

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