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Legal Symposium 2017



The Inn of Court, Royal Courts of Justice, Belfast
Thursday, 5th October 2017 • 11:00am - 3pm



Legal Resolutions to Political Problems

SCHEDULE

- 11.am Registration and Coffee
- 11:20am Welcome. Niall Murphy, Symposium Curator & Partner at KRW LAW LLP
- 11:30am Opening Remarks. The Rt Hon Sir Declan Morgan Lord Chief Justice of Northern Ireland
- 11:45am **DEALING WITH THE PAST**
A Draft Bill. Professor Kieran McEvoy PhD, Professor of Law and Transitional Justice, QUB
Definitional Difficulties in Legacy Litigation – Professor Mark McGovern
Edgehill University Liverpool
- 12:45pm Lunch
- 1:15pm **MARRIAGE EQUALITY**
Marriage Equality: “A Northern Irish Anomaly”. Ciaran Moynagh
Marriage Equality and the courts in the US. Judge Patricia Cottrell, Tennessee Court Appeal
and Maureen Bennett, Partner, Jones Day, Boston
- 2:15pm **LANGUAGE EQUALITY**
Welsh Language Act 1993, Achd na Gàidhlig (Alba) 2005 but no Acht na Gaeilge 2017?
Aidan McGowan BL & Ciarán Mac Giolla Bhéin from Conradh na Gaeilge
- Guest Speaker:** Rick O’Meara, Professor of Global and Homeland Security Affairs, Rutgers
University, New Jersey
- 3pm Close



Speakers:



Niall Murphy, Partner KRW LAW LLP

Niall Murphy is a practicing solicitor, having graduated from QUB in 1998 and is a partner at KRW Law LLP, a leading human rights practice, based in Belfast. The practice is instructed by a significant number of clients engaged in legacy litigation relating to conflict related deaths and injuries, appearing for those bereaved as a result of atrocities such as Loughinisland, Loughgall, Claudy, Clonoe, Kingsmill, the Dublin-Monaghan and McGurks Bar Bombings, the Glenanne Gang series of killings, Ormeau Road Bookmakers, the 1974 Birmingham Pub Bombing amongst others. Niall is instructed on behalf of several families to act at the reopening of the 'John Stalker / Shoot to Kill' Inquests, relating to the murders of 6 unarmed men in 1982 by the RUC.

Niall is a Director of Belfast based NGO, Relatives for Justice and has made representations at the European Parliament in Brussels, to the EU Human Rights Commissioner in Strasbourg and also to the UN Human Rights Committee in Geneva as well as having presented lectures to Universities in Washington, Pittsburgh, Jersey City, Fordham University New York and Harvard, Massachusetts .



The Rt Hon Sir Declan Morgan Lord Chief Justice of Northern Ireland

Sir Declan Morgan was educated at Peterhouse, Cambridge. He was called to the Bar in 1976 and took Silk in 1993. He was Senior Crown Counsel for Northern Ireland from 2002 until his appointment as a High Court Judge in May 2004. He was appointed to the Family Division in January 2007 and in September 2008 became one of two judges with responsibility for judicial review. Sir Declan was appointed Chairman of the Law Reform Advisory Committee for Northern Ireland in 2004. He was Chairman of the Northern Ireland Law Commission from April 2007 until his appointment at Lord Chief Justice of Northern Ireland in July 2009. Sir Declan is also Chairman of the Northern Ireland Judicial Appointments Commission. He was made



Judge Patricia Cottrell, Tennessee Court of Appeals

Patsy Cottrell is currently Of Counsel with the firm Bone McAllester & Norton, having retired from the bench in 2014. She was appointed to the Tennessee Court of Appeals in November of 1998 and re-elected in 2000 and 2008. She also served on the Court of the Judiciary and the Judicial Council. Judge Cottrell is an alumna of Leadership Nashville, a founding member of the Lawyers Association for Women, and served on Nashville's Charter Revision Commission. She is an emeritus member of American Inns of Court, member of the Tennessee and Nashville Bar Foundations and Nashville Bar Association

Speakers:



Professor Mark McGovern

Mark McGovern is Professor in Sociology at Edge Hill University, Ormskirk (near Liverpool). His focuses on the study of political violence, conflict and post-conflict transition, particularly in Northern Ireland, and he has been involved for many years in research with community groups and local and international NGOs dealing with post-conflict human rights, truth and justice issues. His current research investigates the nature and extent of British state collusion with loyalists during the conflict in Northern Ireland and a book on this subject (State of Collusion) is forthcoming. He is the co-author of Ardoyne: The Untold Truth (Beyond the Pale: 2002) and has published in a wide range of international journals including Sociology, Law and Society, Critical Studies on Terrorism, Race and Class, Terrorism and Political Violence and State Crime.



Professor Kieran McEvoy

Kieran McEvoy is Professor of Law and Transitional Justice at the School of Law and a Senior Research Fellow at the Institute of Conflict Transformation and Social Justice, Queen's University Belfast. He is a Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences. He has also been a Visiting Scholar at New York University Law School; University of Cambridge; the London School of Economics, the School of Law at Berkeley, and was a Fulbright Distinguished Scholar at Harvard Law School for a year.

He has also been leading a team of academics and civil society activists on dealing with the past in Northern Ireland for a number of years. That project, supported by the AHRC and Queens Business Alliance, has resulted in a range of practical and policy reports designed to assist the public conversation on these difficult and sensitive issues. Outputs from that project have included; a 'Model Bill' on implementing the past focused elements of the Stormont House Agreement launched at the House of Lords in October 2015, a paper presented to the UK Defence Select Committee in March 2017 'Amnesties, Prosecutions & the Rule of Law in Northern Ireland' and a collaborative paper written with a number of local NGOs and academic colleagues designed to help resolve the National Security impasse Dealing with the Past: A Proposed Model for Information Redaction under the Stormont House Agreement - launched in April 2017. He is a long term human rights and peace activist in Northern Ireland, a former chair of human rights NGO the Committee on the Administration of Justice (CAJ), and a founding member of Community Restorative Justice Ireland (CRJI). He also a member of the Board of the London based human rights NGO, Rights Watch UK.



Aidan McGowan BL

Aidan McGowan BL was called to the Bar of Northern Ireland in 2011, having graduated from Cambridge University. Aidan's practice is focussed on Administrative Law (Judicial Review) and the promotion and protection of Human Rights, in the fields of immigration, prison and criminal law. Aidan was junior counsel in the recent successful Judicial Review on behalf of Conradh Na Gaeilge's Application and In the Matter of a Failure by the Executive Committee of the Northern Ireland Assembly to Comply with its Duty Pursuant to Section 28D of the Northern Ireland Act 1998 [2017] NIQB 27

Speakers:



Ciarán Mac Giolla Bhéin

Ciarán Mac Giolla Bhéin is Advocacy Manager at Conradh na Gaeilge and was the instructing applicant in the recent successful judicial review. Ciarán was also the lead organiser of the successful Dream Dearg movement culminating in the 'Dearg le Fearg' march which brought 15,000 people to Belfast City Hall in June in a demonstration in support of Acht na Gaeilge. Under Ciarán's auspices An Dream Dearg won the 2017 'Sockie' award for the Best Use of Social Media. Ciaran will present on the detail and legal architecture of an Acht na Gaeilge.



Maureen Bennett

Maureen Bennett represents life sciences and health care clients conducting global clinical trials and research collaborations. For almost 20 years, Maureen has advised clients on the contractual, regulatory, and ethical issues associated with clinical research. She negotiates clinical trial agreements, reviews informed consents, provides advice regarding novel patient recruitment strategies and assists with interactions with regulatory agencies, including the FDA. Maureen also advises clients on emerging regulatory issues affecting clinical research, including the utilization of social media in patient and physician recruitment, the development of virtual clinical trial and telemedicine networks, and personalized medicine strategies implementing the use of biomarkers and companion diagnostics.

Maureen is the Life Sciences coleader for the Firm's Health Care and Life Sciences Practice Group and is currently serving as cochair of the Boston Bar Association's Health Care Section. She was honorary cochair for the 8th Annual Boston-Northwest Ireland Golden Bridges Giant Step Conference 2015 and is a regular speaker at industry conferences. Maureen is a member of the Firm's LGBTQ affinity group.



Ciaran Moynagh

Ciaran Moynagh is a Solicitor Advocate conducting human rights litigation in Northern Ireland and is a leading voice on equality issues. He has represented clients in a broad range of judicial reviews and civil actions which have challenged and successfully changed the law in Northern Ireland as it relates to underrepresented and overlooked communities. He is currently representing one of the couples challenging the ban on same-sex marriage in the Court of Appeal. He led the successful judicial review protecting transgender privacy rights and is instructed in the ongoing proceedings to overturn the ban on paying sex-workers which has put women at risk. He recently helped secure the right of humanist couples to marry in Northern Ireland and as a member of the UK LGBT Family Law Institute has worked to make fertility treatments more accessible. He is also involved in challenging the criminalisation of women who opt for abortion. Ciaran lectures in administrative/ public law at Ulster University and is a founding partner of McLernon Moynagh Solicitors based in Belfast and Holywood.