



UCD Centre for
Constitutional Studies

Public Law Conference

Sutherland School of Law, University College Dublin

Thursday 23rd May 2019

12.30pm: Registration & Coffee

1.00 – 2.00pm: Public Law in the new Supreme Court
Chair: To be Confirmed

Brian Foley BL: Mootness in the new Supreme Court

Kevin Costello, UCD: De facto officer doctrine in modern administrative law and North East Pylon Pressure Campaign v An Bord Pleanála [2019] IESC 8

Ailbhe O'Neill BL, TCD: Revisiting Cahill v Sutton - locus standi in the modern Supreme Court

2.00 – 2.40pm: The Impact of EU law on Irish Public Law
Chair: Hon. Mr. Justice Charleton

Siobhan Stack SC: National citizenship and the scope and impact of Union law

Suzanne Kingston BL, UCD: The implications of Case 378/17 Minister for Justice and Equality v Workplace Relations Commission for Irish public law

2.40 – 3.00pm: Coffee Break

3.00 – 3.40pm: Panel Sessions I

Constitutional Rights I

Mary Rogan & Sophie van der Valk, TCD: Complaints procedures in prisons and recent caselaw

Sarah Fulham-McQuillan, UCD: Dignity, damages, and Simpson v Governor of Mountjoy Prison

Access and Use of Public Information

Lisa Joyce, Mason Hayes & Curran: Public law and information-access: Is Freedom of Information dead?

Michael Collins SC: Developments in data protection law



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3.40 – 4.20pm: Panel Sessions II

Constitutional Rights II	Child and Family Law
James McDermott BL, UCD: Rights, education and university admissions	Geoffrey Shannon: Developments in child law
John O’Dowd, UCD: Shades of Silence: Refinements of the Right?	Sarah Fennell BL: Developments in family law

4.30 – 5.30pm: Developments in Regulatory Law
Chair: Hon. Mr. Justice Noonan

Niamh Hyland SC: Fair procedures in regulatory enquiries

Helen Kelly & Aoiffe Moran, Matheson Solicitors: Recent developments in statutory investigations

Bernadette Quigley BL: Challenging regulatory decisions: Judicial Review v Statutory Appeals

5.30 – 6.30pm: Developments in Judicial Review and Administrative Law
Chair: Hon. Ms. Justice Finlay Geoghegan

Mícheál P O’Higgins SC: Procedural hurdles to judicial review – Evidence of a New Approach?

Rossa Fanning SC: Reflections on the Separation of Powers after *Kerins v. McGuinness & Others* [2019] IESC 11 and *O’Brien v Clerk of Dáil Éireann* [2019] IESC 12

Paul Gallagher SC: The limits of judicial review

Rates:

Conference rate: **€100**

Rate for practitioners with less than 3 years’ experience: **€50**

Rate for members of the Centre for Constitutional Studies: **€30**

CPD hours: **5.5**

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