

Constitutional Law: An Update

Thursday, January 17th 2019.

Sutherland School of Law, UCD,

- 2.00 Registration opens.
- 2.15 Eoin Carolan BL: Welcome and introduction to the leading cases of 2018.
- 2.45 Tea and coffee
- 3.00 Tom Hickey: The effect of findings of unconstitutionality: *C v. Minister for Social Protection* [2018] IESC 57.
- 3.20 Suzanne Kingston BL: The duty to give reasons: *Connelly v An Bord Pleanála* [2018] IESC 31 and [2018] IESC 36.
- 3.40 Question and answers
- 4.00 Tea and coffee break.
- 4.15 Patricia Brazil BL: Family rights and immigration: *Luximon & Bachand v Minister for Justice & Equality* [2018] IESC 24.
- 4.35 Geoffrey Shannon: Recent developments in the interpretation of children's rights and Article 42A.
- 4.55 Catherine Donnelly BL: The mechanics of rights: Entitlements, obligations and remedies.
- 5.15 Questions and answers
- 5.30 Conference close

Speaker Details

Patricia Brazil is the Averil Deverell Lecturer in Law at Trinity College Dublin where she lectures in refugee and immigration law, family law and child law. She has also practised as a barrister since 2004, specialising in the areas of asylum and immigration, family and child law. She regularly delivers conference papers at both domestic and international conferences pertaining to refugee, immigration and child law and has extensive publications in these areas.

Eoin Carolan is a barrister and professor in University College Dublin where he is director of the Centre for Constitutional Studies.

Catherine Donnelly is a barrister in Dublin and London and a member of Blackstone Chambers in London. She is also a Fellow and Associate Professor of Trinity College, Dublin. Her publications include *De Smith's Judicial Review* (2018) (with Woolf, Jowell and Hare).

Tom Hickey works in the fields of constitutional law and political theory. He is the co-author (with Dr. Eoin Daly) of *The Political Theory of the Irish Constitution: Republicanism and the Basic Law* (MUP, 2015) and co-editor (with Dr. Laura Cahillane and Dr. James Gallen) of *Judges, Politics and the Irish Constitution* (MUP, 2017). He has published in the *International Journal of Constitutional Law*, *Legal Studies*, the *Irish Jurist* and the *Dublin University Law Journal*.

Suzanne Kingston is a barrister and professor in University College Dublin. She has published widely in the field of European law and governance, especially in the environmental, competition and economic, and human rights fields. Significant publications include *European Environmental Law* (Cambridge University Press, 2017, with Heyvaert and Cavoski) and *Greening EU Competition Law and Policy* (Cambridge University Press, 2012).

Dr Geoffrey Shannon is a solicitor and is a leading authority in Child Law and Family Law. He is the current Chairman of the Adoption Authority of Ireland. In 2006, he was appointed as the Special Rapporteur on Child Protection for the Irish government. He has been re-appointed by successive Irish governments to this role as an independent legal expert.

Dr Shannon is the recipient of several awards for his work in the area of national and international family law. These include the 2005 JCI Outstanding Person of the Year Award, the 2006 Canon Maurice Handy Award and the 2013 Irish Law Award. On 23 June 2017, Mr Justice Peter Kelly, President of the Irish High Court presented Dr Shannon with the Dublin Solicitors Bar Association Award for outstanding contribution to legal scholarship for his entire work to date.