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World Bar Conference 2024

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THE BAR of
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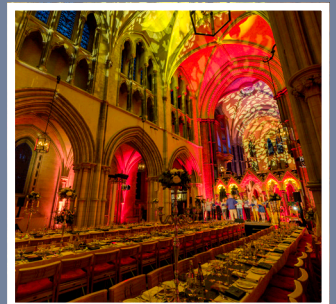
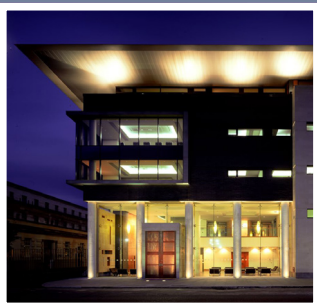


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Irish Rule of Law International is a project-orientated, non-profit, rule-of-law initiative established by the Law Society of Ireland and The Bar of Ireland in 2007.

The Law Society of Northern Ireland and the Bar of Northern Ireland joined as partners in 2015. IRLI is now an all-Ireland body supported by members of both branches of the legal profession throughout the island of Ireland.

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Ministerial Conference Contributors

Naomi Long MLA

Justice Minister,
Northern Ireland Executive



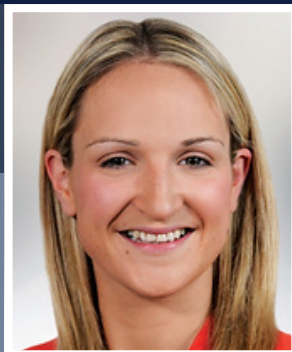
Naomi Long MLA is the Justice Minister in the Northern Ireland Executive and represents the East Belfast constituency.

Ms. Long served as Lord Mayor of Belfast between 2009 and 2010. In 2010 she became the first Alliance MP elected to Westminster, as Member of Parliament for East Belfast. In May 2016, Ms. Long returned to the Northern Ireland Assembly as MLA for East Belfast.

The 2019 European election saw Ms Long elected as a MEP. Following the UK's exit from the European Union and negotiations to restore devolution, Ms. Long returned to the Northern Ireland Assembly in January 2020, serving as Justice Minister until October 2022. The re-establishment of the NI Assembly and Executive in February 2024 saw Ms. Long again appointed as Justice Minister.

Helen McEntee TD

Minister for Justice,
Government of Ireland



Helen McEntee TD is the Minister for Justice of Ireland, a position held since June 2020.

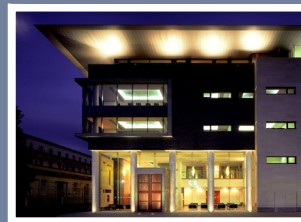
She has represented the Meath East constituency as a Teachta Dála (TD) since 2013. She previously served as Minister of State for European Affairs from 2017 to 2020 and Minister of State for Mental Health and Older People from 2016 to 2017.

Deputy McEntee was appointed by An Taoiseach Enda Kenny to the Oireachtas Committee on Transport and Communications.

She is also a member of the Oireachtas Committee on Environment, Culture and the Gaeltacht.

The Venues

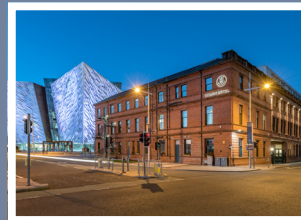
The World Bar Conference will take place at a number of venues in Belfast and Dublin. Details of these venues are listed below.



The Bar of Northern Ireland

91 Chichester Street,
Belfast BT1 3JQ,
Northern Ireland

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Titanic Hotel Belfast

Queen's Road,
Titanic Quarter,
Belfast BT3 9DT,
Northern Ireland

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The Sheds Bar

Distillery Building,
145-151 Church Street,
Dublin 7,
D07 WDX8,
Ireland

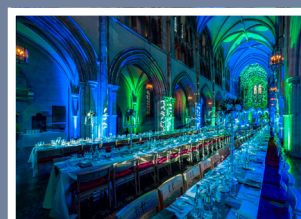
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Dublin Castle

Dame St,
Dublin 2,
D02 XN27,
Ireland

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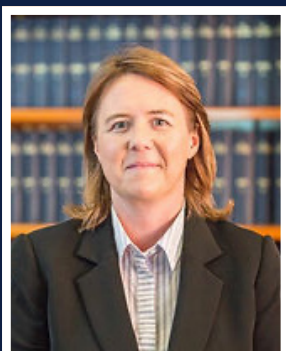


Christ Church Cathedral,

Christchurch Place,
Dublin 8,
D08 TF98,
Ireland

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Lady Chief Justice & Chief Justice



The Rt. Hon. Dame Siobhan Keegan

Lady Chief Justice of Northern Ireland

Dame Siobhan Keegan graduated from Queen's University Belfast in 1993.

She has been a High Court Judge, served as Vice Chair of the Bar of Northern Ireland, Chair of the Young Bar, Chair of the Family Bar Association, Chair of the Bar Charity Committee and a member of the Bar Professional Conduct Committee.

Dame Siobhan was the Judge in Residence at the Queen's University Belfast and became a Bencher of the Northern Ireland Inn of Court, an Honorary Bencher of Gray's Inn and an Honorary Bencher of King's Inns in 2022. She was a member of the Judicial Studies Board (JSB) and was also the Northern Ireland representative on the Franco-British-Irish Judicial Cooperation Committee.

Dame Siobhan has been the Presiding Coroner, the Senior Family Judge in the High Court of Northern Ireland, the designated Northern Ireland judicial member of the International Hague Network of Judges, was a Commissioner in the Northern Ireland Judicial Appointments Commission (NIJAC) and is now Chair of NIJAC.

Dame Siobhan was made an honorary member of the Society of Legal Scholars. She was sworn in as Lady Chief Justice of Northern Ireland on 2 September 2021.

In 2023, Queen's University Belfast conferred upon her an honorary degree in 'Doctor of Laws for Distinction in Public Service'.



The Hon. Mr. Justice Donal O'Donnell

Chief Justice Ireland

The Hon. Mr. Justice Donal O'Donnell was appointed the 13th Chief Justice of Ireland on the 11th October, 2021, by the President of Ireland, His Excellency Mr. Michael D. Higgins.

Mr. Justice Donal O'Donnell was born in Belfast and educated at St. Mary's C.B.S., University College Dublin (B.C.L.), the Honorable Society of King's Inns (B.L.) and the University of Virginia (LL.M).

Mr. Justice O'Donnell was called to the Bar of Ireland in 1982, commenced practice in 1983 and was called to the Bar of Northern Ireland in 1989. In 1995, he was appointed a Senior Counsel and has practised in all of the Courts of Ireland, in the Court of Justice of the European Union and in the European Court of Human Rights.

Mr. Justice O'Donnell was appointed a judge of the Supreme Court in 2010. He was a member of the Law Reform Commission from 2005 to 2012. Lectures he has delivered include the John Kelly lecture (U.C.D), the Brian Walsh lecture (I.S.E.L.), the Brian Lenihan lecture (T.C.D.), the Dan Binchy lecture (Brehon Law School) and the keynote address at a conference at the University of Limerick to mark the 80th anniversary of the Constitution of Ireland.

He has published articles on a variety of legal topics in publications including the Northern Ireland Legal Quarterly, the Irish Jurist, the Dublin University Law Journal, the Judicial Studies Journal, and has contributed to volumes of essays on legal issues. He was director of Our Lady's Hospice from 2009 to 2014. He was a Council member of the Irish Legal History Society from 2018 to 2021 and is now a Joint Patron of the Society. He is an Honorary members of the Society of Legal Scholars.

As Chief Justice, Mr. Justice O'Donnell is a member of the Council of State, the Presidential Commission, Chair of the Board of the Courts Service and Chair of the Judicial Council.

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Evening Welcome Reception

Wednesday 15th May

Dress Code: Business Attire / Business Casual

18:30 - 20:30

The Bar of Northern Ireland, Belfast

Opening Address from:



Naomi Long MLA

Justice Minister for
Northern Ireland Executive



The Bar of Northern Ireland & includes tour of the Great Hall, Royal Courts of Justice, Belfast

Our guest speaker, **Naomi Long MLA** is the Justice Minister for the newly formed Northern Ireland Executive.

Belfast Conference Sessions

Thursday 16th May | 08:30 to 16:30

Dress Code: Business Attire / Business Casual

09:00 - 09:15

Official Welcome from:



The Right Honourable Dame Siobhan Keegan

Lady Chief Justice of Northern Ireland



09:15 - 10:50

Navigating the Crossroads: Cancel Culture, Free Speech, and the Right to Offend



Panel Chair

Moira Smyth KC

Chair of the Bar of
Northern Ireland



Keynote Speaker

Joanna Cherry KC MP

Member of Parliament,
Edinburgh South West



Keynote Speaker

The Hon. Mr. Justice

David Scoffield

High Court Judge,
Northern Ireland

Attorney General Panel



Rossa Fanning SC

Attorney General of Ireland



Lord Keith

Stewart of Dirlerton KC

Advocate General Scotland

10:50 - 11:30 | Tea / Coffee Break

Belfast Conference Sessions (Cont.)

Thursday 16th May | 08:30 to 16:30

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11:30 - 13:00

Rule of Law Under Fire: Existing in an Age of Conflict



Panel Chair

Peter Coll KC

The Bar of Northern Ireland



Keynote Speaker

The Rt. Hon.

Victoria Prentis KC MP

Attorney General for
England & Wales



Keynote Speaker

Blinne Ní Ghrálaigh KC

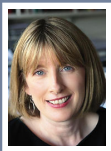
Matrix Chambers



Keynote Speaker

Yurii Bielousov

Head of Department
for Combatting Crimes
Committed in Conditions
of Armed Conflict, Office
of the Prosecutor General
of Ukraine



Keynote Speaker

Professor

Fionnuala Ní Aoláin KC Hon

Professor of Law, School of Law,
Queen's University Belfast

The Profession Responds



Peter Dunning KC

President of the
Australian Bar Association



Roddy Dunlop KC

Dean, Faculty of Advocates,
Scotland

13:00 - 14:15 | Lunch

14:15 - 16:00

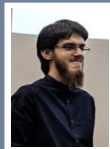
AI Unleashed: Tomorrow's Legal Landscape and the New Normal?



Panel Chair

Donal Lunny KC

The Bar of Northern Ireland



Keynote Speaker

Uwais Iqbal

Founder,
Simplexico



Keynote Speaker

Emma Wright

Technology and Data
Lawyer, Partner at
Harbottle & Lewis



Keynote Speaker

Professor David Leslie

Director of Ethics & Responsible
Innovation Research,
Alan Turing Institute

The Profession Responds



Victor Dawes SC

Hong Kong Bar Association



Felix Geiringer

New Zealand Bar Association

16:30 | Transport provided from Belfast to Dublin

Traditional Irish Night & Drinks Reception

Thursday 16th May | 20:00

The Sheds, Distillery Building, Dublin City Centre

Sample our all-island hospitality with an experience of
music, food and speciality drinks.



Dublin Conference Sessions

Friday 17th May | 08:30 to 16:15

Dress Code: Business Attire / Business Casual

09:15 - 09:30

Official Welcome from:



The Hon. Mr. Justice Donal O'Donnell
Chief Justice Ireland

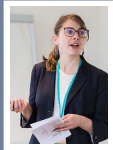


09:30 - 11:00

Law in the Era of Climate Crisis: Unearthing the Legal Challenges



Panel Chair
Sara Phelan SC
Chair, Council of
The Bar of Ireland



Keynote Speaker
Catherine Higham
Grantham Research Institute on
Climate Change & the Environment



Keynote Speaker
Sara Mead
Co-Director, Climate
Litigation Network,
Urgenda

The Profession Responds



Dr. Andrew Butler KC
New Zealand Bar Association



Samuel Townend KC
Chair of the Bar Council of
England and Wales

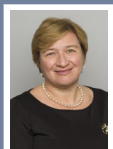


Andrea Gabriel SC
Society of Advocates of KwaZulu Natal,
South Africa

11:00 - 11:30 | Tea / Coffee Break

11:30 - 13:00

Humanity on the Move: Legal Frontiers in Migration and Human Rights



Panel Chair
Sara Moorhead SC
The Bar of Ireland



Keynote Speaker
Caoilfhionn Gallagher KC
Doughty Street Chambers



Keynote Speaker
**The Rt. Hon. Lord
Ben Stephens**
Justice of the Supreme Court
of the United Kingdom



Keynote Speaker
Gillian Triggs
Assistant High
Commissioner for
Protection, UNHCR

The Profession Responds



Dominique Hogan-Doran SC
Australian Bar Association

13:00 - 14:15 | Lunch

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14:15 - 16:15

An Independent Bar and an Independent Judiciary: Perspectives from Judges in ICAB Jurisdictions



Panel Chair

The Hon. Mr. Justice David Barnville

President of the High Court of Ireland

Panel of Judges



The Rt. Hon. Dame Siobhan Keegan

Lady Chief Justice of Northern Ireland



The Hon. Mr. Justice Raymond Zondo

Chief Justice of the Republic of South Africa



The Hon. Justice Mark Livesey

President, Court of Appeal of South Australia



The Rt. Hon. the Baroness Sue Carr

Lady Chief Justice of England & Wales



The Hon. Dame Susan Glazebrook

The Supreme Court of New Zealand / Te Kōti Mana Nui



The Hon. Ms. Justice Elizabeth Dunne

The Supreme Court of Ireland



The Rt. Hon. Lord Carloway

Lord President of the Court of Session and Lord Justice General of Scotland

Gala Dinner

Friday 17th May | 19:00

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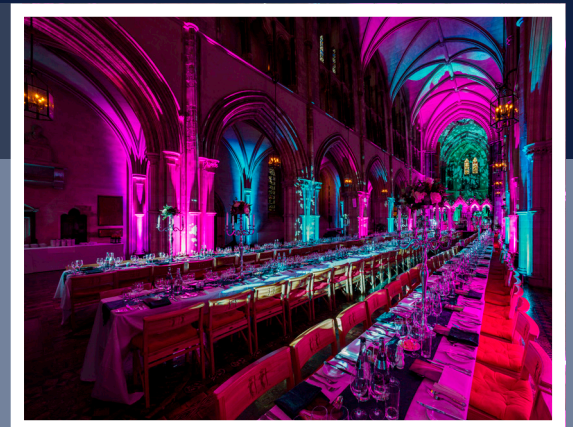
Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin

Closing Address from:



Helen McEntee TD

Minister for Justice, Government of Ireland



To conclude the conference, we are delighted to announce that **Helen McEntee TD**, the Minister for Justice at the Government of Ireland will deliver an address to delegates.

Discounted accommodation rates available for registered attendees on a first come, first served basis. For further details and to register, visit worldbar2024.com