

“Innovation in Legal Services & the Law”

The 9th annual British Irish Commercial Law Forum will be held in the Inn of Court, hosted by the Bar of Northern Ireland, on Thursday the 23rd of April 2020 in Belfast.

REGISTRATION

DELEGATE REGISTRATION	Early Fee	Standard Fee
	before 19 Feb 2020	after 19 Feb 2020
BICBA Member Registration	£225	£250
Non-Member Registration	£275	£300
Junior Registration	£125	£150

Registration Fee includes:

- Entrance to the Conference Sessions
- Conference Documentation
- Tea/coffee during official breaks on Thursday 23 April
- Lunch on Thursday 23 April
- Conference Dinner in the Belfast Harbour Commissioners on Thursday 23 April

ONLINE REGISTRATION IS OPEN and payment can be made by credit card (Visa or MasterCard or by bank transfer). Please click on this link to register –

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CANCELLATION POLICY

Registration

- Before Friday 19 February - Full Refund
- Before Friday 1 April - 50% Refund
- After Friday 1 April - No Refund



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ACCOMMODATION

Special accommodation rates are available at the Malmaison Hotel. Please contact the hotel directly to book.

Malmaison Hotel ****	4 minutes' walk from the Inn of Court
<p>34-38 VICTORIA STREET, BELFAST , BT1 3GH, UNITED KINGDOM TEL: 02896001405</p> <p>The Malmaison Boutique Hotel in Belfast combine the city's amazing history with sleek, contemporary style. Inspired by Belfast's most famous ship, the Titanic, our hotel offers guests a luxurious stay with comfy beds, freestanding bathtubs and outstanding hospitality. The hotel is located near the famous Titanic Quarter in Belfast, one of the most popular areas of the city. The hotel is also ideally located if you're going to the SSE Arena, a few minutes away from the Victoria shopping centre, as well as some of the coolest bars and clubs that Belfast has to offer. It's the luck of the Irish to have a city like this to explore; don't miss out on this opportunity to see the best of Belfast with Malmaison.</p>	 The image consists of two photographs. The top photograph shows the exterior of the Malmaison Hotel at night, a grand, multi-story building with many lit windows and a prominent tree in the foreground. The bottom photograph shows the interior of the hotel, featuring a modern lounge area with yellow armchairs, a large chandelier, and a bar area in the background.

SOCIAL PROGRAMME

CONFERENCE DINNER AT THE BELFAST HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS – THURSDAY 23 APRIL 2020

Established in 1847, Belfast Harbour is Belfast's port authority and operates the principal maritime gateway on the island of Ireland. The harbour estate covers an area of 2,000 acres representing 20% of Belfast City area and is also Northern Ireland's logistics and distribution hub and home to major businesses including Baker McKenzie, Harland & Wolff, Capita, CitiGroup and Bombardier.

The 400 year-old history of Belfast Harbour is inextricably linked with the development and progress of the City of Belfast. The Port's history recognises the importance of the foresight and bold vision of previous generations of Trustees, Operators and Commissioners in creating today's modern Port.

TRAVEL

Getting to Belfast couldn't be easier. We've got two airports, sea crossings from Scotland and England and a direct rail link from Dublin. Coming from further afield? No problem. You can fly direct to Belfast from over twenty European cities and a number of North American locations. You can also fly to Dublin and take the Aircoach to Belfast – the coach stops outside the Europa Hotel.

By Air

George Best Belfast City Airport

The airport is situated just three miles from Belfast City Centre. Please check www.belfastcityairport.com for flight information.

Belfast International Airport

Belfast International Airport is 30 minutes drive via the M2 Motorway. Please check www.belfastairport.com for flight information.

Getting to and from our airports

George Best Belfast City Airport is situated just three miles east of the city centre. A taxi costs just £10 and there's also a shuttle bus service to the city centre every 20 minutes at £3 return. Belfast International Airport is 30 minutes drive via the M2 Motorway. The Airbus service runs every 15 minutes between the Airport and Belfast city centre (£11.50 return) and a taxi costs £27.

Airport Transfers. T: 028 7126 9996. www.airporter.co.uk

Value Cabs. T: 028 9080 9080. www.valuecabs.co.uk

By Bus/Coach

The Aircoach operates from and to Dublin Airport with a journey time of approximately 2 hours.

www.aircoach.ie

By Sea

Belfast is easily accessed by sea with crossings from both Scotland and England. Travel by state of the art superfast ferries with journey times from just 2 hours 15 minutes. Operators and travel times vary. Please check out **Stena Line**, **P&O Irish Sea** and the **Isle of Man Steam Packet Company** for travel options.

By Rail

An Enterprise service runs 8 times daily (5 times on Sundays) from Belfast to Dublin. The journey time is approximately 2 hours. T: 028 9089 9409. www.translink.co.uk

By Road from Dublin

From Dublin Airport, the M1 Motorway is well signposted for Belfast; this is a toll road and there is one Toll Plaza about 31 km from Dublin Airport. Continue on this Motorway signposted for Belfast. After passing the City of Newry, the road becomes a dual carriageway (A1) and Motorway regulations fall away. At the Sprucefield roundabout (approximately 137 km from Dublin Airport) the A1 joins the M1 motorway (sign-posted The North, Belfast). Once within the Greater Belfast area the signs will display as City Centre. At Grosvenor Road Junction (approximately 152 km) leave the motorway and follow signs City Centre onto the B38.

GENERAL INFORMATION

We've put together some useful information and advice when planning your trip and to help you make the most of your stay Belfast.

You can also download the free conference Android and IOS App from Belfast Convention Bureau, which has everything you need at your fingertips – directions, venues and accommodation, travel and tourist information – check out <https://visitbelfast.com/plan/belfast-visitor-apps/>.

Insurance

The Conference Organising Committee, or its agents, will not be responsible for any medical expenses, loss, damages or accidents during the Event. We would in particular draw your attention to the cancellation policy in respect of registration fees and accommodation. In the event that, for whatever reason, the Conference has to be cancelled or postponed, the Organising Committee, and/or its agents, will be responsible only for refund of monies received. We recommend that delegates insure themselves for medical and cancellation charges.

Climate

Belfast weather is relatively mild even in the winter with average temperatures ranging from 19°C in the summer to 2°C in the winter. Like most UK cities, the weather can be changeable so always best to be prepared and pack your umbrella and layers should you need them.

Dialling codes

The international dialing code for Northern Ireland is 00 44 28 and the area code for Belfast is 90. The number for the emergency services is 999 and this will connect you to the police, fire, ambulance, lifeboat and mountain rescue services. Directory enquiries can be accessed by calling 118 500 or you can use online services for free such as Yell.com to search for contact details of local businesses and amenities.

Electric Current

220 volts

Taxis

With a professional fleet of over 600 vehicles and a wide range of transportation services available, Belfast's official taxi company and BVCB partner is Value Cabs. Debit/credit card payment is available in every vehicle and bookings can be made by dialing 028 9080 9080. Further information can be found at valuecabs.co.uk

Banking

The currency used in Northern Ireland is sterling (£) but some shops do accept euro. Most banks are open on 9am-5pm Monday to Friday and all major credit and debit cards are widely accepted throughout the city. Foreign exchange facilities are available in the Belfast welcome centre, our tourist information centre.

Shopping

Most shops in the city are open on the following times:

Monday-Tuesday	9am-7pm
Wednesday-Friday	9am-9pm
Saturday	9am-6pm
Sunday	1pm-6pm

VISAS

Immigration and visa requirements

Northern Ireland is a constituent part of the United Kingdom, meaning it has exactly the same entry requirements as England, Scotland and Wales. Citizens of the UK and Crown Dependencies can travel to Northern Ireland without a passport and have the automatic right to reside and work. Once you are admitted into the UK from any other port-of-entry in England, Scotland and Wales, you can freely enter Northern Ireland within your time limit without going through passport control again.

- Citizens of the European Union do not require a visa, and have permanent residency and working rights in the UK.
- Citizens of Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland also have permanent residency rights, but may require a work permit in some circumstances.
- Citizens of Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Israel, Japan, Mexico, New Zealand, South Korea, Taiwan, the United States and Uruguay do not require a visa for visits of less than 6 months.
- Most other countries will require a visa, which can be obtained from the nearest British Embassy, High Commission or Consulate.

- While there is no passport control on the land border between Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland, visitors must still carry the required documents that permit them entry to the UK (passport, visa, identity card or documentation, depending on nationality).
- Most airlines insist on identification when flying, such as a driving licence or passport.
- For more information of UK Immigration and visa requirements, see the UK's Home Office website <http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/>

Please note that it can take 6 to 8 weeks to process a Visa Application and early application is recommended. Please also note that the Organising Committee, or its agents, cannot accept any responsibility in connection with Visa Applications and the normal cancellation policy, for registration fees and hotel deposits, will apply in the event that a delegate is unable to attend the conference due to late submission of their visa application and/or rejection of same.

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