



THE ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING LAW ASSOCIATION OF NORTHERN IRELAND & NORTHERN
IRELAND PLANNING BAR ASSOCIATION JOINT SEMINAR

**‘Planning and Judicial Review: Challenges to (and for)
Local Government’**

Monday 12 April, 3.30pm – 5.30pm

at the Good Room, Bullitt Hotel, Belfast

with speakers: Mr Justice McCloskey & William Orbinson QC

MR JUSTICE MCCLOSKEY



Appointments

- High Court Judge in Northern Ireland from 2008.
- Oct 2013 – Oct 2017, President of the UK Upper Tribunal, Immigration and Asylum Chamber.
- Chairman of The Northern Ireland Law Commission 2009-2012 .
- Judge In Residence at Queen’s University, Belfast 2010 - 2013.
- Former Deputy Chairman of the Boundary Commission of Northern Ireland.
- From Sept 2013, Senior Queen’s Bench Judge (NI) & Senior Judicial Review Judge (NI).

Memberships

- Association of European Administrative Judges.
- Commonwealth Magistrates’ and Judges’ Association.
- Franco-British Lawyers’ Society.
- International Association of Refugee Judges

Publications

Author of “The Human Rights Act 1998: Recurring Themes and Principles” and of various other papers in the fields of human rights law, EU law, public law, extradition law, immigration law, asylum law, procurement law, planning and environmental law, judgment writing, advocacy and procedural law.

Author of publications in The Commonwealth Law Journal, The Commonwealth Law Bulletin, The European Human Rights Review, The Bracton Law Journal and in Servicing The Legal System [N.I.] “Judicial Voices” series.

General

Occasional expert, South Eastern Europe
Regional Co-operation Council.

Has delivered some 700 judgments in the High
Court, Court of Appeal and UK Upper Tribunal
spanning a broad range of fields, specialising in
public law..

Occasional Judicial Studies Board lecturer

Occasional lecturer of students in advocacy and
other subjects.

Has also addressed a number of seminars and
conferences, national and international,
presenting papers on diverse subjects – mainly
human rights, public law, EU law, immigration
law, extradition law, planning/environmental
law, judicial responsibility and accountability
and modern litigation procedural practice.



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WILLIAM ORBINSON QC



With an exclusive specialism in planning, energy and related environmental law issues, William Orbinson QC spends his time providing outcome-focussed planning advice, and acting in development plan examinations, appeals, enforcement appeals, prosecutions and judicial reviews. A Northern Ireland Associate of PEBA: The Specialist Bar Association for Planning, the Environment and Local Government, Mr Orbinson is qualified as a Legal Associate of the Royal Town Planning Institute, and is an Affiliate of the Irish Planning Institute. He has written our main texts on planning appeals, planning policy, prematurity, enforcement, and local government planning functions, while his 'Planning and Judicial Review' and 'Planning and Judicial Review Case Summaries 1976 - 2016' draw on his extensive experience of the judicial review court. A major element of Mr Orbinson's practice is pursuing and defending planning and environmental judicial reviews, and advising developers on how to safeguard their permissions against judicial review. His judicial reviews include:

- defending the challenge to the North–South Interconnector inquiry for NIE
- defending Omagh Minerals against challenges to its gold mine permissions, in the High Court and Court of Appeal
- challenges to the PAC's refusals of permission for the Mullaghturk and Altgolan wind farms
- challenges relating to Tamboran's hydraulic fracturing proposals in Fermanagh
- defending the Woodburn Forest exploratory oil drilling challenge
- the Corbo challenge to competing major retail development at Boucher Place
- the Newry Chamber of Commerce and Trade challenge to the Carbane Way retail development
- the Kelvin Properties challenge to the PAC decision on the Riverside Regional Centre, Coleraine
- the Malone Ridge challenge to the decision not to withdraw a Stop Notice
- representing The Shaftesbury Estate in the Friends of the Earth challenge against the decision not to issue a Stop Notice preventing sand extraction in Lough Neagh, in the High Court and Court of Appeal
- representing the Diocese of Dromore in its challenge to the permission for a media screen beside listed Newry Cathedral
- the McGurk challenge to the grant of permission for a waste water treatment plan at Magilligan
- the No Arc 21 challenge to the grant of permission for the Mallusk incinerator.



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Programme

Introduction

Mr Justice McCloskey: Councils As Planning Decision Makers in NI: The New Dawn

Mr Orbinson QC: Conflicts of interest, personal and corporate, for Councillors taking planning decisions

Panel Discussion & Closing Remarks

Drinks & nibbles reception courtesy of NIPBA

Booking and Payment Details

To make a booking please contact Luke Thompson EPLANI Secretary on luke.thompson@tughans.com. Please forward cheques made payable to EPLANI to Luke Thompson, Tughans, Marlborough House, 30 Victoria Street, Belfast

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