

THE LAW SOCIETY
OF NORTHERN IRELAND



CPD WEBINAR CALENDAR

On the 8th April 2020 the Council of the Law Society took the decision to disapply the current rules relating to compulsory Continuing Professional Development until further notice with members now encouraged to complete their CPD by means of self-certified private study.

The Society's CPD Department has been working to make new online CPD resources available to support members undertaking private study. In addition to written materials which have been uploaded online, the CPD Department is pleased to offer a series of free online webinars for members to avail of. Please see below the first series of webinars and note that additional webinars will be produced during the summer months with further details to follow.

If you have any queries regarding webinars or the completion of CPD please email:
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Impact of Covid-19 on Investments & Pensions and what to do about it

John Baxter, Law Society (NI) Financial Advice Ltd

Tuesday, 23 June, 2020

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

Covid-19 has undoubtedly had a significant impact on our nation's health but what about our wealth?

With news stories talking about billions having been wiped off stockmarkets, the UK's economy suffering its worst fall since records began and a deep recession being forecast, it is clear that Covid-19 has posed a significant threat to our wealth and our investments and pensions.

This session will look at what has happened and explore practical steps that can be taken to preserve and improve your future investment experience.

John Baxter

John Baxter is a Chartered Financial Planner with almost 25 years' experience in the financial advice sector spanning the provision of private client wealth management advice, turnkey and technical solutions for other financial advice firms and providing assistance to the Regulator.

In June 2015 John took over as Chief Executive of the Law Society's advice business in Northern Ireland in addition to his other business interests. John was previously the UK CEO of Europe's second largest advice business and the Divisional Director in charge of UK financial planning for one of the world's largest investment banks.

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PACE - The Basics

Séamus Mcllory BL

Thursday, 25 June, 2020

2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

This webinar session will introduce attendees to the basics of the 1989 Order and its accompanying Codes of Practice. It will cover the basic elements, under PACE, of:

- Stop and Search;
- Entry, Search and Seizure;
- Detention; and
- Arrest

The session will provide a summary of all of the above including the relevant legislation and links to the most important case law.

It would be of assistance to those starting off in the field of criminal law or practitioners who wish to refresh their knowledge.

Séamus Mcllory BL

Séamus Mcllory qualified as a solicitor in 2006. He worked in private practice before moving on to numerous public sector roles. These included drafting legislation and giving advice to senior civil servants and ministers. Most recently he was the Police Ombudsman's Director of Legal Services, giving advice on all areas of law and, in particular, regarding criminal law, civil litigation, inquests and judicial review.

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An Introduction to Health and Safety Law

Ben Johnston, Carson McDowell

Friday, 26 June, 2020

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

Join Ben Johnston of Carson McDowell who will provide an Introduction to Health and Safety Law.

This webinar will cover the following topics:

- The legal framework for companies and individuals
- Corporate manslaughter
- Sentencing
- Recent caselaw
- The health and safety challenges of COVID-19

Ben Johnston

Ben qualified in 2016 and currently works as an assistant solicitor at Carson McDowell, specialising in health and safety law.

Ben regularly assists in advising and representing companies and individuals facing health and safety investigations and prosecutions.

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Would you insure that? (Conveyancing)

Kirstin Nee, DUAL Asset

Monday, 29 June, 2020

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Join Kirstin Nee - Head of Scotland and Northern Ireland at DUAL Asset Underwriting, as she delves into what underwriters look at and weigh up when underwriting your clients title defects. Using interactive polls she will look at common and unusual real estate matters to see what you think is important and how you may approach things as well as how creative solutions can be used to provide cover depending on the specific requirements in deals.

Kirstin Nee

Kirstin entered the legal indemnities market straight from law school and has been underwriting high net worth commercial and residential defective title policies for Scotland, Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland since then. This involves a detailed knowledge of commercial and residential property law and keeping up to date with case law and legislative changes. She joined DUAL Asset Underwriting in 2016 where she heads up the Scottish and Northern Irish team.

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UPDATE: The Commercial Hub – Revised Practice Direction (No. 1 of 2019)

The Honourable Mr Justice Horner

Tuesday, 30 June, 2020

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

This webinar will provide an update on the operation of the Commercial Hub and the Revised Practice Direction No 1 of 2019, In The High Court Of Justice In Northern Ireland, Queen's Bench Division (Commercial).

This webinar will be delivered by The Honourable Mr Justice Horner and will also provide members with details of the introduction of the 'paperless' Hub in September 2020.

The Honourable Mr Justice Horner

The Honourable Mr Justice Horner was called to the Bar in 1979 and appointed a QC in 1996.

Mr Justice Horner was appointed as a High Court Judge in Northern Ireland on 5 September 2012. He sits as a coroner in legacy inquests, when required.

His areas of special interest include practice and procedure and other jurisdictions, chancery, commercial litigation and public law.

He is currently in charge of the Commercial List and looking after the new Property and Business Hub.

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Vulnerable Witnesses Webinar Part 1 & 2

Sir John Gillen & Fiona Donnelly

Wednesday, 1 July, 2020

10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

The Law Society of Northern Ireland has commissioned a specialist training course looking at all aspects of handling vulnerable witnesses and clients. The course which is introduced by Sir John Gillen will be directed by Fiona Donnelly who teaches courses for the Law Society of England and Wales.

The possibility of the witnesses being questioned remotely using technology has never been more relevant. The skills required will assist lawyers with remote hearings in any forum.

PART 1 Half Day session

- Welcome and Introduction Sir John Gillen
- Lecture on Vulnerable Witnesses Fiona Donnelly - What makes a witness vulnerable?
- Discussion of the issues and the Guidance. (Interactive session looking at recommendations)
- Discussion of questioning techniques

PART 2 Independent work (optional)

- Consideration of Areas of Questioning, Form of Questions, Pre-drafting questions, Preliminary hearings.
- Preparation of Case File (4 hours independent preparation)

Additional sessions will be provided bespoke to criminal and family practitioners which will follow on from parts 1 & 2. Details to follow.

Sir John Gillen

The Right Honourable Sir John Gillen is a retired Lord Justice of Appeal. He was appointed by the Lord Chief Justice to lead the Review of Civil and Family Justice in September 2015. The findings of the review were published in 2017, and included recommendations relating to the overhaul of the courts system to include specialist domestic violence courts in Northern Ireland.

Fiona Donnelly

Fiona Donnelly is a Senior Lecturer at the Institute of Professional Legal Studies at Queen's University, Belfast, and has been admitted as a solicitor since 1987.

The Institute is the primary training organisation for solicitors and barristers in Northern Ireland. Fiona designs, teaches and examines courses in litigation and advocacy. She has held a number of positions within the Institute including Associate Director and Head of Teaching Quality.

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(Criminal) Applications in the Magistrates' Courts

Séamus Mcllory BL

Wednesday, 1 July, 2020

2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

This webinar session will cover:

- Legal Aid (solicitor and counsel);
- Disclosure;
- Third Party Disclosure;
- Bad Character;
- Hearsay;
- Special Measures;
- Adjournment;
- Galbraith.

The session will provide a summary of all of the above including appropriate forms, relevant primary legislation and court rules.

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