Immigration Seminar

Introduction to Refugee Law and Update on Relevant Immigration Issues
In this seminar we will be looking at this potential new area of practice and the evolving law in relation to it. We shall also be giving a general update on relevant immigration issues for practicing lawyers.

With a rise in the number of asylum seekers applying for refugee status while residing in Northern Ireland, all of whom require good quality legal advice and representation, it has become increasingly important for lawyers to understand the law and practice relating to international protection. This seminar will provide you with an introduction to the key legal issues in refugee law and the different stages of the UK asylum seeking process.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?
This session is also available for those working in the sector to attend.
This seminar is designed for those with some basic experience of refugee law, as well as those who would like an overview and introduction to this highly relevant subject.

SPEAKER
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Fidelma qualified as a solicitor in London where she practised immigration and prison law. Returning to Northern Ireland in 1999, she took up her post as immigration solicitor in Law Centre (NI). During her 18 years with the Centre, Fidelma specialised in immigration law and managed the immigration unit within the organisation. She has delivered training, published articles and co-wrote the immigration law chapter in “Human Rights in Northern Ireland, The Committee for the Administration of Justice Handbook” (Hart, 2015). Fidelma currently works in the Departmental Solicitor’s Office, teaches the Immigration Law and Practice module at the IPLS and sits as an immigration judge of the First-tier Tribunal (Immigration and Asylum Chamber).