

VULNERABLE WITNESS CONFERENCE

**INSTITUTE OF PROFESSIONAL LEGAL STUDIES
12 November 2014**

**6 CPD Hours
(including Client Care)***

SPEAKERS:

- **The Lord Chief Justice**
- **Senior Representative of Government**
- **His Honour Judge James Patrick**
- **Joyce Plotnikoff**
- **Siobhan Keegan QC**
- **Fiona Donnelly**

Interactive Workshops:

- 1: The Child as a Witness**
- 2: Autism and the Justice System**
- 3: Working with Learning Disabilities**
- 4: Working with Mental Health Issues**
- 5: Registered Intermediaries — the local experience**

*A follow-up event is planned for 2015 at a nominal rate for attendees of this course. The papers for this event will provide the preparatory independent study and attract CPD hours for 2015

Running Order
Registration
9.30am Introduction & Welcome Professor Tony Gallagher Pro-Vice Chancellor QUB
Improving Support for Vulnerable Witnesses Senior Representative of Government
Vulnerable Witnesses in the Court System The Right Honourable Sir Declan Morgan Lord Chief Justice of Northern Ireland
Refreshment Break
Special Measures: A Perspective from the English Bench His Honour Judge James Patrick
Workshops Workshop 1: The Child as a Witness Workshop 2 : Autism and the Justice System Workshop 3: Working with Learning Disabilities Workshop 4: Working with Mental Health Issues Workshop 5: Registered Intermediaries-the Local Experience
Lunch
The Child as Witness Joyce Plotnikoff
Advocacy and the Vulnerable Witness Siobhan Keegan QC
What Lawyers Know Fiona Donnelly
Refreshment Break
Workshops Workshop 1: The Child as a Witness Workshop 2 : Autism and the Justice System Workshop 3: Working with Learning Disabilities Workshop 4: Working with Mental Health Issues Workshop 5: Registered Intermediaries-the Local Experience
Feedback Session
4.30pm Close Paul Mageean Director Institute of Professional Legal Studies

SPEAKERS

Sir Declan Morgan

Sir Declan Morgan is President of the Courts of Northern Ireland and is Head of the Judiciary of Northern Ireland.

His Honour Judge James Patrick

James Patrick was called to Bar of England and Wales in 1989. After his pupillage in chambers in Bristol, he practised in civil, family and crime, before specialising in criminal law for his last 10 years. He was appointed a circuit judge at Wood Green, North London in 2010. He is a tutor with the judicial college on the Serious Sexual Offences Course, and also has an interest in IT and its use in court.

Joyce Plotnikoff

Joyce Plotnikoff is a member of the Bar of the US Supreme Court. In 2013 she received an award 'in recognition of her national and international contributions to improving the administration of justice'. She is on the panel of experts to the Judicial College and is author of several Bench publications. She is an originators of the Advocate's Gateway 'responding to communication needs in the justice system'.

Siobhan Keegan QC

Siobhan Keegan is an experienced practitioner in all areas of family law. She is a former Chair of the Family Bar Association and is currently Vice Chair of the Bar of Northern Ireland.

Fiona Donnelly

Fiona Donnelly is a Senior Lecturer at the Institute of Professional Legal Studies and former Associate Director thereof. She teaches advocacy internationally and is on the faculty of the University of Strathclyde Masters in Advocacy. She chairs the Law Society of Northern Ireland's Children Order Panel Accreditation Board and Advocacy Working Party.

FACILITATORS and PANEL MEMBERS are from:

PPS, NSPCC, PSNI, JUDICIARY, SOLICITORS, BARRISTERS, REGISTERED INTERMEDIARIES, NATIONAL AUTISTIC SOCIETY NORTHERN IRELAND, MINDWISE, DOJ, TILII.

BOOKING FORM

Please reserve _____ place(s) for the Vulnerable Witness Conference on 12 November 2014

Cost: £180 per person (Reduced rate for charitable organisations available on request)

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Please indicate your preferences in respect of work shops in order of priority 1-5:

(ranking 1 the highest and 5 the lowest)

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