

THE **LAW SOCIETY**
OF NORTHERN IRELAND



MEDICO-LEGAL CONFERENCE

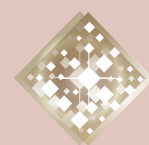
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WELCOME FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE LAW SOCIETY OF NORTHERN IRELAND

Dear Colleague

The Law Society of Northern Ireland is delighted to announce that it will be hosting a half day medico – legal conference on **Monday 17th November 2014 from 1.00pm – 5.00pm** at Law Society House in Belfast.

The conference, entitled '**The Importance of Time**', is sponsored by Radox Health and aims to provide legal practitioners, medical consultants and specialists and other interested parties with an examination of a number of interrelated issues including:

- **Clinical Negligence Procedure**
- **Running a medico-legal case: can we shorten the long haul?**
- **Experts, medical literature and creditability - a doctor's guide**
- **When systems fail: the potential for corporate manslaughter and corporate negligence in time critical conditions**
- **Time critical conditions: does time define what can be considered reasonable medical behaviour and how does it drive health outcomes?**

The Law Society hopes that this conference will provide a platform to:

- Discuss overarching themes and issues;
- Share knowledge of recent developments; and
- Network with peers and acknowledged experts from the medical and legal sectors.

Those attending will have an opportunity to hear from a series of medical and legal keynote speakers and to contribute to the event through panel discussions.

A light lunch and a wine reception, sponsored by Radox Health, will be provided for those attending.

Proceeds from this event will be donated to the Northern Ireland Hospice, the President's charity of the year.

I would encourage you to attend this important medico-legal conference on developing themes.



Richard Palmer

President Law Society of Northern Ireland



CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

12.30pm	Registration and lunch	
1.00pm	Introduction	Stephen Scott Law Society Council member
1.05pm	Judicial overview	The Honourable Lord Justice Gillen
1.30pm	Running a Clinical Negligence case – important practical issues.	Joe Moore, O'Reilly Stewart Solicitors
2.15pm	Experts, medical literature and creditability: a doctor's guide	Dr. Russell McLaughlin
3.00pm	When systems fail: The Potential for "Multiple Jeopardy" in Time Critical Conditions	Paddy Mullarkey, Campbell Fitzpatrick
3.45pm	Time critical conditions: does time define what can be considered reasonable medical behaviour and how does it drive health outcomes?	Dr. Phillip O'Connor
4.30pm	Are you taking your most important asset seriously?	Dr. Gary Smyth Medical Director, Radox Health
5.00pm	Concluding Remarks	Richard Palmer, President, Law Society of Northern Ireland
5 - 7pm	Networking Wine Reception	

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS PROFILES

Judicial Overview

The Honourable Lord Justice Gillen

The Honourable Lord Justice Gillen, was educated at Methodist College and Queen's College, Oxford. He was called to the Bar in 1970, took Silk in 1983 and appointed to the High Court in January 1999. He was Family Judge and Chairman of the Children Order Advisory Committee from January 2001 until December 2006. In January 2007 he became one of two judges assigned to Judicial Review and in September 2008 he was appointed Judge in Charge of the Queen's Bench Division. He is Chair of the Clinical Negligence Sub-Committee and in September 2014 he was appointed Lord Justice of Appeal.

Clinical Negligence Procedure

Joe Moore, O'Reilly Stewart Solicitors

Joe Moore has been Managing Partner of O'Reilly Stewart Solicitors since 2004. He was appointed as a Legal Chair of the Exceptional Circumstances Body in 2010. A qualified Solicitor Advocate, Joe specialises in High Court civil actions and has extensive experience in a diverse range of complex and sensitive litigation matters including: Serious Accident Investigation, Fatal Accidents & Inquests; Clinical Negligence Claims, Serious Adverse Incidents & Hospital Inquiries; Education law and Judicial Review.

Experts, medical literature and creditability: a doctor's guide

Dr Russell McLaughlin

Dr McLaughlin attended Bangor Grammar School from 1983-1990 and graduated in Medicine from Queen's University Belfast in 1995. After training in Emergency Medicine in Northern Ireland he was appointed to a Consultant post in Emergency Medicine at the Ulster Hospital Dundonald in 2004. In 2009 he was appointed to a Consultant post in the Regional Trauma Unit at the Royal Victoria Hospital Belfast where he is a full-time Consultant in Emergency Medicine and fulfilled the role of Clinical Director for Emergency Care (2009-2012).

When systems fail: the potential for corporate manslaughter and corporate negligence in time critical conditions

Paddy Mullarkey, Campbell Fitzpatrick Solicitors

Paddy received a Bachelor of Law from Queen's University Belfast in 1991 and was admitted to the Roll of Solicitors in Northern Ireland in 1993. Since then he has specialised in Healthcare Law, Personal Injury, Regulatory Representation and Litigation. He has a wealth of experience

in providing advices to private clients, managing a varied caseload which includes a substantial number of cases of the maximum severity involving catastrophic injuries, including cerebral palsy, quadriplegia and brain damage. He is a member of the Clinical Negligence Sub-Committee, a Committee chaired by the Senior Queen's Bench Judge and a co-opted member of the Law Society Committee on Clinical Negligence. He is currently Head of the Clinical Negligence Department in Campbell Fitzpatrick Solicitors and is the only solicitor from Northern Ireland to be a member of the AvMA Specialist Clinical Negligence Panel.

Time Critical conditions: does time define what can be considered reasonable medical behaviour and how does it drive health outcomes?

Dr Phillip O'Connor (Consultant)

MB, BCh, DICM (UK), MSc, MRCP (UK), FRCSEd (A&E), FJFICMI, FFICM, FCEM

Phillip was educated at Rathmore Grammar School before studying Medicine at Queen's University Belfast from 1993-1998. He obtained full registration with the General Medical Council in 1999 following a successful pre-registration year in the Mater Hospital Belfast. He embarked on a career in Emergency Medicine thereafter. In addition to specialist training in Emergency Medicine, Dr O'Connor became the only Emergency Medicine physician in Northern Ireland to successfully complete training in Critical Care Medicine. He is a registered specialist with the General Medical Council in both Emergency Medicine and Intensive Care Medicine. He holds the United Kingdom Diploma in Intensive Care Medicine, he has a Masters of Science in Critical Care Medicine (Cardiff University), he is a member of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh, a fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, a fellow of the joint faculty of Intensive Care Medicine of Ireland, a fellow of the Faculty of Intensive Care Medicine (UK) and a fellow of the College of Emergency Medicine. Dr O'Connor's special interests are trauma and the treatment of critically ill patients in the Emergency Department.

Are you taking your most important asset seriously?

Dr Gary J Smyth MB CHB DGM DMH DRCOG DFSRH MFHOM MRCGP

General Practitioner & Medical Director, Radox Health

Gary attended Methodist College Belfast before studying Medicine at the University of Dundee Medical School from 1994 – 1999. After spending eight years working in a wide range of medical specialities, he moved to General Practice in 2007 and has been working as a Portfolio GP since 2008 within both the NHS and Private Sector. In 2012 he joined Radox Health & Radox Laboratories Ltd as a Private GP and Medical Advisor and has been Medical Director of Radox Health since 2013. He has a Diploma in Geriatric Medicine, a Diploma in Mental Health, a Diploma of the Royal College of Obstetricians & Gynaecologists and a Diploma of the Faculty of Sexual and Reproductive Healthcare. He also has a qualification in Integrated Medicine and is a Member of the Royal College of General Practitioners.



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Do you have any special requirements?	

Please enclose a cheque made payable to the Law Society of Northern Ireland to the value of £ **(£75 per delegate)**

Please send your completed booking form and cheque to:

Medico – Legal Conference, Law Society of Northern Ireland
Law Society House, 96 Victoria Street, Belfast BT1 3GN

**CLOSING DATE FOR BOOKING IS
Friday 7th November 2014**

Please note that places at the conference are limited and will be allocated on first come first serve basis.

