

**Litigation Committee
LEGAL COSTS AND PROFITABILITY IN 2022
Is your work costing your clients or your firm?**

**8 December 2022
2.00 pm to 5.00 pm
Remotely by webinar**

The Hon. Mr. Justice Michael Peart will chair the proceedings and moderate a short questions and answers session.

Keith Walsh SC will provide an update on the implications of Section 150 of the Legal Services Regulation Act 2015 since its commencement and will discuss the trends emerging and lessons learned in the application of the legislation.

Remy Farrell SC will provide a barrister's perspective on changes to the legal costs environment and will provide recommendations on how to engage with counsel concerning legal costs and the different procedures and approaches taken when negotiating costs in criminal, civil, administrative and regulatory matters.

Paul Conlon will discuss recent developments in the adjudication of High Court Costs and provide useful suggestions regarding file management, time recording and presentation to help maximise the return from the adjudication process.

Maria Lakes Maria Lakes will discuss the meaning of "District Court Costs" as per Order 53 of the District Court Rules, within the context of personal injury claims in the District and Circuit Courts. This does not necessarily mean "scale costs" and there is significant discretion available to the Court when dealing with an Order for District Court Costs

The Hon. Mr. Justice Michael Peart

Mr. Justice Michael Peart graduated with a BCL from UCD in 1969 and was admitted to the Roll of Solicitors in 1970. Following admission, he joined the firm Pearts Solicitors, eventually taking up the role of Managing Partner. In 2002 he enjoyed the distinction of becoming the first solicitor in the state to be appointed a High Court Judge. He served in the High Court for twelve years during which time he became one of the leading voices in support of Alternative Dispute Resolution. In 2014 he was appointed to the Court of Appeal upon its establishment where he served for five years before retiring in 2019. Since retiring Judge Peart is in high demand as a mediator and arbitrator in addition to serving as the Chairman of the Independent Review Group into the Offences Against the State Acts.

Keith Walsh SC, Managing Partner of Keith Walsh Solicitors

Keith graduated from the University of Galway with a B. Comm LLB. in 1995 and was admitted to the Roll of Solicitors in 2001. He founded Keith Walsh Solicitors in 2004. Keith was a council member of the DSBA from 2004 to 2014 and the President of the DSBA from 2013 to 2014. He has served as a council member of the Law Society of Ireland since 2008 and was Chair of the Law Society Legal Services Regulatory Authority Legal Costs Working Group tasked with drafting s150 precedents. Keith has also written and lectured extensively on Section 150 of the Legal Services Regulation Act 2015. Keith is the author of Divorce and Judicial Separation Proceedings in the Circuit Court.

Remy Farrell SC

Remy is a graduate of UCD. He was called to the Bar in 1997 and to the Inner Bar in 2011. Remy has acted for the state and defendants in some of the country's highest-profile criminal trials arguing before the Central Criminal Court, Court of Appeal and Supreme Court. In recent years his practice has become more focused on white-collar crime and regulatory law where he has regularly appeared before tribunals of inquiry including the Tribunal into Protected Disclosures and the Central Bank Inquiry concerning the Irish Nationwide Building Society. Remy is the co-author of 'White-Collar Crime in Ireland: Law and Policy' and 'The European Arrest Warrant in Ireland'

Paul Conlon – Legal Costs Accountant with Behan & Associates

Paul joined Behan & Associates in 1994 and became a full member of the Institute of Legal Costs Accountants in 1997. In over 25 years of practice Paul has acted for clients in a wide range of matters including Personal Injury, Injunctions, Professional Negligence and Defamation and has appeared before the Taxing Masters of the High Court, Legal Costs Adjudicators, the County Registrars of the Circuit Court as well as before Arbitrators and Tribunals. Paul is a Fellow of the Institute of Legal Costs Accountants and a former member of the Council of the Institute of Legal Costs Accountants.

Maria Lakes, Partner with Tracey Solicitors

Maria graduated from Trinity College Dublin with an LLB in 2006 and was admitted to the Roll of Solicitors in 2011. She joined Tracey Solicitors in 2011 becoming Partner in 2021 where she specialises in Personal Injury and Professional Negligence Claims. Maria is a Committee Member of the Law Society of Ireland's Professional Indemnity Insurance Committee and a Committee Member of the Dublin Solicitors Bar Association Litigation Committee. Maria has had articles published on the new Personal Injuries Guidelines and District Court Schedule of Costs in both the DSBA Parchment Magazine and Law Society Gazette.



Conference Information

Date: 8 December 2022
Time: 2.00pm to 5.00pm
Location: **By Zoom webinar**

Fees: € 150.00 Member
€ 250.00 Non-Member
Registration: **LOG IN DETAILS WILL BE EMAILED TO ALL PARTICIPANTS**
CPD: **3 Hours Group Study**

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