



THE DUBLIN SOLICITORS BAR ASSOCIATION
CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR

**Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) Act
Guidance on Circuit Court applications, the role of the
DMR and Advance Healthcare directives.**

28 November 2022

3.30-5.30pm

VIA WEBINAR

AREAS THAT WILL BE COVERED

Niall Brunell - Update on Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) Bill

Aine Hynes - Circuit Court applications

John Costello - Advance Healthcare Directives

Mark Felton - The role of the DMR

**We are delighted that the seminar will be chaired by His Honour
Judge John O'Connor.**

SPEAKERS:

Niall Brunell

Niall Brunell is a Principal Officer in the Department of Children, Equality, Disability Integration and Youth. Niall heads the Disability Policy function of the Department and is responsible for the development of policy on disability, including for the coordination of disability strategies and for relevant legislation. The Disability Policy team holds responsibility for the Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) (Amendment) Bill 2022."

Áine Hynes S.C.

Áine is a partner in public and administrative law in St. John Solicitors. Áine is a member of the Council of the Law Society and many of its committees. She was appointed by Minister Lynch to the Expert Steering Group on the Review of the Mental Health Act 2001 (2012-2015). In May 2022, she was appointed by the Minister for Justice to the Civil Legal Aid Review Group. Áine currently chairs the Law Society Mental Health Law and Capacity Taskforce and has made extensive submissions to the department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth on appropriate amendments to the Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) Act 2015 to ensure a more orderly transition from wardship to the new legal capacity framework. Áine was one of the first solicitors appointed Senior Counsel in October 2020.

John Costello is a Past President of the Law Society. He has over 40 years' experience in administering trusts for beneficiaries with special needs acting for Attorneys under Enduring Powers of Attorney and in dealing with Wardship matters.

MARK FELTON

Mark is a partner in Felton McKnight Solicitors in Greystones. He is a member of the DSBA Mental Health and Capacity Committee, the Law Society Mental Health and Capacity Task Force and Mental Health Commission Legal Representatives panel.



Conference information

Date: 28 November 2022

Time: 3.30pm to 5.30pm

Registration: 2.00pm

Location: **VIA WEBINAR**

Fees: € 100.00 Member

€ 200.00 Non-Member

CPD: 2 Hours Group Study

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