



THE DUBLIN SOLICITORS BAR ASSOCIATION
CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR

FAMILY LAW COMMITTEE

**DSBA Family Law Update 2023,
New proposed Bill, s.47/32 Reports and legal forensic
accounting and legal costs**

**30 May 2023
2.00pm – 5.00pm
VIA WEBINAR**

Columb Fortune BL - **The proposed new Family Law Bill 2022.**
Dr. Anne Byrne Lynch, psychologist - **Family Law assessments.**
John Healy, forensic accountant - **Why forensic accounting may be required
in Family law cases.**
Stephen Kearney, legal cost accountant - **Family Law legal costs.**

Questions and Answers session at the end for about 30-40 mins

CHAIR: Cliona Costelloe, Family Law Solicitor, current Chair of the Family Law Committee. Practicing in Blackrock, Co Dublin.

SPEAKERS

Columb Fortune is a barrister practicing predominantly in the areas of Family Law and the Law of Succession/Probate. He was called to the Bar in 2013, is an active member of the Family Lawyers Association of Ireland and practices mainly on the Dublin and Eastern Circuits.

Dr Anne Byrne-Lynch is a Consultant Clinical Psychologist with a specialist clinical practice providing assessment, consultations and reports in the context of Family Law proceedings and parenting capacity assessments for Tusla in complex childcare matters. Her previous background in clinical psychology with the HSE, which included 15 years in Adult Mental Health Services and 11 years in Child and Family Services, provided her with a strong background in the assessment of both individual clinical issues and complex family dynamics. She has been involved in the assessment of complex and high conflict families for the Courts for about 15 years. She is interested in the development of evidence-based practice in family law assessments.

John Healy, Partner in Kirby Healy Chartered Accountants, an accounting firm based in Dublin 2. The firm focuses on insolvency appointments, fraud investigations, white-collar crime, forensic accounting, expert witness work and shareholder disputes. I have carried out numerous forensic accounting assignments and prepared reports for use in Court proceedings. I have acted as Expert Witness in Court and given evidence where required. I have also given statements and oral evidence in criminal cases. The firm provides services to a broad range of clients including the Revenue Commissioners, banks, financial institutions, law firms, private companies and company directors.

Stephen Kearney is an Associate member of the Institute of Legal Costs Accountants and has been practicing Legal Costs since 2015, joining Lowes Legal Costs Accountants in 2017. Alongside drafting bills of costs and providing clients with advice on matters of costs, he also attends before the Legal Costs Adjudicators in Dublin and County Registrars throughout the country on adjudication/taxation. During his time as a Legal Costs Accountant, Stephen has amassed knowledge, both as the moving party and also in opposition, in a wide range of areas of practice including personal injury claims, judicial reviews, professional negligence, medical negligence, family law and probate among other areas.



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Date: 30 May 2023
Time: 2.00pm to 5.00pm
Location: **By Zoom webinar**

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€ 275.00 Non-Member

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