



THE DUBLIN SOLICITORS BAR ASSOCIATION
CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR

Assisted-Decision Making (Capacity) Act 2015- (Two years on)

1st April 2025

Via Webinar

2.30pm to 5.30pm

Ms Maria Dillon of Horan & Co Solicitors - Advanced Healthcare Directives
Dr Bernadette Brady - Experience facilitating patients exercising wishes
Ms Emma Slattery BL- Update on Circuit Court
Ms Marie Claire Butler, General Solicitor for Minors and Wards of Court – Dismissal from Wardship

Chair: Ms Katharine Kelleher

SPEAKERS

Maria Dillon is a Solicitor with Horan & Son Solicitors, Woodquay, Galway. She has considerable experience in Wardship, Inherent Jurisdiction, Health & Social Care law, and the law relating to Vulnerable Adults & Children. She is a Chairperson of Mental Health Tribunals, and a Member of the Law Society Mental Health and Capacity Task Force

Dr. Bernadette Brady is a Consultant in Palliative Medicine in St. James's Hospital and Our Lady's Hospice & Care Services, Harold's Cross. She is a graduate of Trinity College Dublin and also holds a PhD from UCD. She undertook her Palliative Medicine training in Ireland & Uganda. She has a particular interest in Healthcare Ethics & Medical Law, with an MSc (RCSI) in Healthcare Ethics & Law, and an Advanced Diploma in Medical Law (King's Inns). She regularly facilitates Ethics training for medical trainees for the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland with legal colleagues.

Emma Slattery BL is a practising barrister specialising in capacity law and the Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) Act. Emma is the author of the Assisted Decision-Making Handbook (Bloomsbury, 2024). Called to the Bar of Ireland in 2013 and the Bar of England and Wales in 2018, Emma is also a CEDR qualified mediator. She is also member of Bar Council's Human Rights Committee and IHREC's Specialist Human Rights Law panel of barristers

Marie-Claire Butler is the Deputy General Solicitor in the Office of the General Solicitor Minors and Wards of Court where she has worked for almost 10 years. Marie-Claire has extensive experience in deprivation of liberty, minors, elder abuse cases and the representation of persons who are placed outside the jurisdiction for specialist treatment. Marie-Claire has a particular interest in eating disorder cases, and cases involving complex psychiatric issues. Marie-Claire is currently leading the review and transition of Wards of Court from Wardship (where the General Solicitor is Committee) to the new ADM(C)A regime.

Chairperson

Katharine Kelleher BCL LL.M qualified as a solicitor in 1989. She has a special interest in area of mental health, disability, regulatory and capacity law.



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