



THE DUBLIN SOLICITORS BAR ASSOCIATION
CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR

The Assisted Decision-Making Capacity Act 2015 - Implications for Probate practice, update on Advanced Healthcare Directives and Discharge from Wardship

24th February 2026

2.00pm to 5.00pm

Via Webinar

Deirdre Clarkin – Probate
Maria Dillon – Advanced Healthcare Directives
Laura McEnery – Dismissal from Wardship

Chair: Trea McGuinness – Senior Associate BHSM LLP

SPEAKERS

Deirdre Clarkin – Partner at Fagan Killeen specialises in Wills and succession law, the administration of deceased estates and contentious Probate issues. Deirdre is a Trust and Estate Practitioner (TEP) and holds the STEP Diploma in Trust and Estate Planning. She is also a member of STEP. Deirdre is a CEDR Accredited Mediator and a member of the Panel of Mediators of the Injuries Resolution Board. Deirdre graduated from University College Dublin with a Bachelor of Civil Law in 2003 before completing a Masters (LL.M) in Trinity. She was called to the Bar of Ireland in 2005 and practiced as a barrister until 2018 when she converted to solicitor and joined Killeen Solicitors in 2018.

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

Laura McEnery qualified in January 2025 and is a Solicitor with Curry & Hickey, Laura specialises in the areas of mental health and capacity law attending both Circuit and High Court regularly in relation to these matters. Prior to joining Curry & Hickey she worked in the area of medical negligence defence, with over five years experience assisting in the defence of medical negligence claims for public sector bodies. Laura has a 2:1 degree from University College Cork and an Advanced diploma in Medical Law from Kings Inns.

Chairperson

Trea McGuinness is a Senior Associate with BHSM LLP Solicitors. She specialises in the areas of estate planning, establishment and administration of trusts, and administration of estates. She also has extensive experience in the registration and activation of Enduring Powers of Attorney, advising both donors/relevant persons and attorneys/supporters, and in Decision Making Representative applications. Trea has been a member of Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (STEP) since 2010. She is a long-standing member and current Chair of the Dublin Solicitor's Bar Association (DSBA) Probate and Taxation Committee and former Committee member of STEP Ireland.



Conference Information

Date: 24th February 2026
Time: 2.00pm to 5.00pm
Location: **VIA WEBINAR**

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