THE DUBLIN SOLICITORS BAR ASSOCIATION
CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR

LEGAL PRACTICE MANAGEMENT & COMPLIANCE CONFERENCE - 6 HOURS MANDATORY CPD

3rd DECEMBER 2026
9.30am-5.30pm
Radisson Blu Royal Hotel, Golden Lane, Dublin 8.

A.I - Practical tips and traps. Ann Henry, Bird & Bird.

Starting a file/Seven steps to opening a file - Start compliant: Stay compliant - Susan Martin, Martin Solicitors

Beyond the Templates: Building an Effective AML Framework for Your Firm - Riona Leahy, Law Society of Ireland

Managing Staff, obligations, duties & rights- Ciara O'Kennedy, Byrne Wallace Shields

Mental Health & Capacity – Aileen Curry, Curry & Hickey Solicitors

Cyber Crime: How not to be victim! - Rory O'Neill, (Law Society of Ireland)

Practice Directions for Property Law Practitioners - Aine Gleeson, AMOSS

Panel Discussion: Q & A

Chaired by: Niall Cawley & Orla Coyne

SPEAKERS

Ann Henry is a partner based at Bird & Bird LLP Dublin. She has been ranked as a "Leading Individual" in Dispute Resolution in Ireland for many years. recognised particularly for her role in a number of major patent disputes and data breach cases. In recent years she has successfully led some of the most complex Commercial Court cases in Ireland in both patent litigation and data privacy. Ann is co-founder of the Data Protection and Intellectual Property Committee of the Law Society of Ireland, she is also Chair of the committee for 2016 to 2018 which coincided with the introduction of GDPR. Ann was appointed by the Government to the Data Forum which sat in the Department of An Taoiseach and considered data related issues relevant to Ireland's digital economy

Susan Martin Solicitor is a past-President of the DSBA, a Council Member of the Law Society of Ireland, and Rules of Court enthusiast. She has co-authored a number of legal textbooks. Susan is a doctoral candidate and recently submitted her doctoral thesis on the topic of solicitor regulations

Rory O'Neill is a Fellow Chartered Accountant and is the Financial Controller of the Compensation Fund of the Law Society. Prior to this Rory, spent 14 years as an investigating accountant, carrying out over 500 investigations and has been involved in a number of contentious matters before the High Court and Solicitors Disciplinary Tribunal. He has been consulted in relation to regulatory matters on state projects and is extensively involved in raising the profession's awareness of cybercrime and property fraud and the risk they pose to their practice

Riona Leahy is a solicitor and AML Executive in the AML Unit. Her duties include supporting the operation of the AML Unit, as well as contributing to monitoring, guidance, and engagement with the profession. In her role as AML Executive, Riona assists in the provision of practical guidance and support to solicitors in relation to their AML obligations and the provision of AML training and education initiatives to the profession. Further duties involve supporting the Regulation of Practice Committee and the Money Laundering Reporting Committee, and liaising with colleagues, legal professionals and external stakeholders such as government departments or the Central Bank. Riona graduated from University College Cork with a BCL honours degree. Riona qualified as a solicitor in 2015. Prior to joining the Law Society, she worked in private practice for a number of years, specialising in civil litigation, family law and general practice.

Aileen Curry is a partner in Curry Hickey Solicitors and was previously employed as a Senior Solicitor in the General Solicitors for Minors and Wards of Court. Aileen has a special interest in the law relating to vulnerable adults and minors, the Assisted Decision Making (Capacity) Act, wards of court, deprivation of liberty and mental health law. Aileen has been involved in some of the most significant cases in this rapidly developing area of law. Aileen is Chair of the Dublin Solicitors Bar Association Mental Health and Capacity Committee and Probate and Tax Committee. Aileen is also a committee member of the Solicitors for the Elderly.

Áine Gleeson is a Partner in AMOSS LLP. Áine sits on the DSBA Council and has chaired the DSBA Property Law Committee for the past 3 years. She is also a member of the Law Society of Ireland Associate Faculty, lecturing and tutoring on the Professional Practice Course for Trainee Solicitors in Blackhall Place together with the Law Society's Certificate in Conveyancing and Diploma in Commercial Property

CHAIRS

Niall Cawley is a sole principal practicing for over twenty nine years in Blackrock Co Dublin. He is a past president of the DSBA and was Chair of the DSBA Practice Management Committee for four years, he was also a member of the Law Society Council as a DSBA nominee

Orla Coyne is a qualified solicitor for over 30 years. She has previously served as a Council/Committee member and Committee Chairperson in both the Law Society and the Dublin Solicitor's Bar Association (DSBA), including having held the position of past President of the DSBA. She was appointed to the Board of the Private Residential Tenancies Board from 2005-2013 and served as Chairperson of the PRTB from 2009-2013 and remained on as a Tribunal member from 2013 to 2016. She was previously appointed to the Rent Tribunal (as member and Chairperson) and more recently to the Valuation Tribunal from 2015 to date. She is currently a member of the Property Services Appeal Board since 2022. She is a graduate of UCD and holds a post graduate Diploma in Arbitration and European Law.

***Seminar Day includes tea/coffee breaks and light working lunch.**
To conclude this DSBA Conference Event there will be a drinks reception for all attendees*

Conference Information

Date:	3rd December 2026
Time:	9.30pm to 5.00pm
Location:	Radisson, Blu Royal Hotel. Golden Lane. Dublin 8

Fees: €400.00 Member. **EARLY BIRD OFFER OF €385 if booked before Nov 25th 2026. (coffee, lunch and drinks reception included)**
€ 515.00 Non-Member (includes DSBA membership fee for 2027)

CPD: 6hrs Mandatory In person hours to include 3 hours Professional Development and Solicitors Well Being, 2 hours client care and professional standards, and 1 hour accounting and anti-money laundering compliance.

Book: Contact anna@dsba.ie or call 01 6706089

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