

**EPA – ICEL EU Environmental law enforcement conference**

***50 years of EU regulation: a golden opportunity to look back and forward?***

**Programme Dublin Castle, 16 November 2023**

- 08:30**                      **Registration and Coffee**
- 9.00**                        **Welcome from ICEL (Eoin Delap BL)**
- Introduction to Conference Themes and to Keynote Speakers  
Margaret Gray Senior Counsel, Law Library, and King’s Counsel,  
Conference Chair**
- 9.10**                        **The Honourable Mr Justice Donal O’Donnell, the Chief Justice of  
Ireland**  
*The Supreme Court: Looking back and forward at environmental law  
enforcement*
- 9.30**                        **Laura Burke, Director General EPA**  
*Welcome from EPA and Director General’s Address*
- 9.45**                        **The Honourable Mr Justice Richard Humphreys, Judge-in-charge  
of the Commercial Planning and Environment List**  
*How to make decisions: a judicial perspective*
- Q&A**
- Session 1**                      **Panel: Where are we now? Looking back and forward at Water,  
Waste and Access to Environmental Information Regulation**
- 10.30-11.30**                **Speaker 1     *Zoe Richardson, Partner, Fieldfisher Ireland LLP***  
*Water Regulation: recent developments*
- Speaker 2     *Alison Fanagan, Senior Counsel and Partner, A&L  
Goodbody LLP***  
*Waste Regulation: recent developments*
- Speaker 3     *David Browne, Senior Counsel, Law Library***  
*Access to information on the environment: recent  
developments*
- 11.30-12.00**                **Coffee Break**
- Session 2**                      **Panel of Selected PhD Researchers: Environmental threats and  
pressures**
- 12:00-13:00**                **Panel Chair: Dr Tom Ryan, Director of Environmental  
Enforcement**

	<b>Speaker 1</b>	<b>Luke Gibbons, TCD</b> <i>Should the ultimate corporate objective change in the face of climate change risks and more importantly, will it?</i>
	<b>Speaker 2</b>	<b>Niamh Guiry, UCC</b> <i>The Persistent Enforcement Challenges of Wildlife Crime in Ireland</i>
	<b>Speaker 3</b>	<b>Sinéad Mercier, UCD</b> <i>A haunting absence: Tracing the origins of international energy law from the laboratory of Ireland Energy</i>
		<b>Q&amp;A</b>
<b>13:00-14:00</b>		<b>Lunch break</b>
		<b><u>Session 3:</u></b>
<b>14:00</b>		<b>Afternoon address</b> <b>Oonagh Buckley, Secretary-General, Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications</b>
		<b>Q&amp;A</b>
<b>14:30</b>		<b>Panel: Regulatory Priorities at home and abroad</b>
	<b>Speaker 1</b>	<b>Laura Brien, Chief Executive, Maritime Area Regulatory Authority</b> <i>Regulation of the marine and foreshore: the new legal landscape</i>
	<b>Speaker 2</b>	<b>Professor Richard Macrory, OBE</b> <i>Comparative lessons from the United Kingdom</i>  <i>"The British Office for Environmental Protection - Brexit Fig-Leaf or Environmental Sea-Change?"</i>
<b>15:30</b>		<b>Coffee Break</b>
		<b><u>Session 4</u></b>
		<b>Theme: Environmental law adjudication</b>
<b>16:00</b>	<b>Speaker 1</b>	<b>Professor Áine Ryall, Chair of the UN ECE Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee</b> <i>Environmental Law Enforcement: State of Play and Outlook for 2024</i>
<b>16:30</b>	<b>Speaker 2</b>	<b>The Honourable Ms Justice Marie Baker, Judge of the Supreme Court of Ireland</b> <i>The new frontiers of judicial review and environmental law enforcement</i>
		<b>Q&amp;A</b>
<b>5pm</b>		<b>Conference close</b>