

**EPA – ICEL EU Environmental Law Enforcement Conference**

**Programme – Dublin Castle, Friday 29 November 2024**

8.30a Registration and coffee

**9.15a Commencement – Introduction to Conference Themes and Speakers**

**Anthony M. Collins SC, President of the ICEL**

*Welcome from ICEL and opening remarks*

**9.25a Laura Burke, Director General EPA**

*Welcome from EPA and Director General's Address*

**9.40a Panel: Where are we now? The future of Environmental law enforcement in Ireland** (Chair: Margaret Gray SC KC)

**The Director of Public Prosecutions' role and recent experience in environmental law enforcement**

***Catherine Pierse, The Director of Public Prosecutions***

10.05 **Enforcing regulation of the marine and foreshore**

***Laura Brien, Chief Executive, Maritime Area Regulatory Authority***

10.20 **The Planning and Environment List a Year on: Looking ahead**

***The Honourable Mr Justice Richard Humphreys, Judge-in-charge of the Planning and Environment Court***

**Q&A**

10.50am **Coffee**

**11.15 Panel: Environmental threats and pressures - PhD Researchers**

(Chair: Dr Tom Ryan, Director of Environmental Enforcement)

11.20 ***Kamil Daniel Akdag, TCD***

**How can new technology help fulfil international, transnational, and domestic climate obligations starting in 2030?**

11.35 ***Eugene McKeown, UCG***

**Environmental Noise Criteria in the Planning and Permitting Process: should we be driving at the speed limit?**

11.50 ***Méabh Dowler, TUD***

**BIOcides: assessing Selection for Antimicrobial resistance and Fate in the Environment (BIO-SAFE)**

**Q&A**

**12.15 Panel: Current themes in law and practice in Ireland**

**Corporate responsibility, greenwashing and ESG**

***Brendan Slattery, Partner and Head of Planning and Development, McCann FitzGerald***

12.35 **Water law: recent developments**  
*Fintan Valentine SC*

12.50 **Circular Economy and Waste Reduction**  
*Collette Burns, Architectural Project Leader, TUD*

**Q&A**

1.20 Lunch  
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**2pm Afternoon address**

**Implications of recent policy developments for environment**  
*Oonagh Buckley, Secretary-General, Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications*

**2.20p Panel: International perspectives** (Chair: Margaret Gray SC KC)  
To be joined by *Oonagh Buckley, Secretary-General*

2.20p **A look across the water: recent developments in UK climate change litigation**  
*James Maurici KC, Landmark Chambers, London*

2.40p **The Aarhus Convention & Environmental Law Enforcement: Reflections on Recent Developments**  
*Professor Áine Ryall, UCC and Chair, UNECE Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee*

**Q&A**

3.15p Coffee

**3.40p Judicial Panel: Courts as Environmental law enforcers**

**Chair: Attorney General, Rossa Fanning SC**

3.45p **Recent judgments of the Irish Superior Courts**  
*The Honourable Mr Justice Maurice Collins, Judge of the Supreme Court of Ireland*

4.05p **The new frontiers of judicial review and environmental law enforcement**  
*The Honourable Marie Baker, Retired Judge of the Supreme Court of Ireland*

4.25p **A New Era? Focus on Environmental Law in Northern Irish courts**  
*The Honourable Mr Justice Michael Humphreys, Judge of the High Court in Northern Ireland*

**Q&A**

**5p** Conference close  
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