

This event is designed to get you up to date in just one day in key areas of education law. Delivered by highly experienced employment lawyers working here in Northern Ireland assisted by leading Principals and education specialists this full day annual conference promises to become an indispensable date in the diary for all those at senior levels of education in the Province.

Places are limited so be sure to book early to avoid disappointment.

Programme

9.00am Welcome and Introduction

9.15am Session 1

Good Practice in Relation to Admissions -

This requires you to be fair, objective and reasonable but what exactly does this allow you to do?

Areas covered include :

- What information can you ask for from parents/primary schools?
- Application of Department Guidance.
- Weighting of applicable criteria.
- Children who do not sit entrance exams.
- The extent of your duties to children with special educational needs.
- Appeals/Challenges to admissions.

10.15am Q&A Session

10.30am Session 2

Legal Issues Relating to Conduct, Suspensions and Expulsion

Areas covered include :

- Sanctions available to schools.
- The law relating to restraint and assault.
- Features of a correct suspension and expulsion policy and procedure.
- Rights of appeal against suspension and expulsion.

Panel Discussion & Consideration of Three Scenarios

11.30am Refreshments, Break and Networking

12 noon Session 3

Judicial Review -

Understanding the role of judicial review in the education sector and practical implications of legal challenges through the Courts.

Q&A Session

12.30pm Lunch

1.30pm Session 4

Data Protection & Freedom of Information in Schools -

Latest advice on how to handle requests for information in relation to pupils including :

- How long must you keep pupil records?
- Parents rights of access to records.
- When are you obliged to release information to outside third parties & bodies?

2.15pm Q&A Session

2.30pm Session 5

Bullying & Child Protection - Legal and Practical Considerations

Legal Introduction to this complex area followed by consideration of scenarios explored by our expert panel including Child Protection Agency, Lawyer and School Principal

3.15pm Refreshments, Break and Networking

3.30pm Session 6

What's Been Vexing YOU Recently?

Your opportunity to email in advance, questions for discussion by our expert panel via Education@legal-island.com

Questions submitted so far relate to :

- Special considerations for learning communities.
- Transport issues between schools.
- Procedures and guidance for school trips.
- Managing sexuality and ramifications of increasing sexualisation of pupils.
- Schools' authority to make rules.
- Children with Special Educational Needs.
- Dress codes and school uniform for pupils.
- Increased use of the latest technology by pupils in school.
- Admitting free school meals children first.

4.30pm Final Session

"Education and the world of Dreams" Eddie McArdle

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About the Contributors

Conference Chairman -

Jim McBain is the Northern Ireland Regional Officer for the Association of School and College Leaders (ASCL). Prior to his retirement in 2006 he was Principal of Omagh Academy Grammar School.

Speakers/Panel Members -

Eddie McArdle is Registrar and Chief Executive of the General Teaching Council, he has spent 35 years in the education service.

Frank Cassidy is Principal of St Louis Grammar School Ballymena. He is currently President of The ASCL.

Willa Mawhinney is currently Head of Compliance with Allianz in Ireland and has been working in consumer regulation since 2003.

O'Reilly Stewart Legal Team -

Seamus McGranaghan qualified as a Solicitor in O'Reilly Stewart Solicitors in 2003 and practices mainly in the areas of education and employment law. Seamus has assisted and advised many Boards of Governors, Senior Management Teams and Teachers in relation to all aspects of education and employment law. He has recently advised a number of Schools on the Transfer 2010 Guidance published by the Department of Education for Northern Ireland.

Joe Moore has been the managing partner at O'Reilly Stewart since 2004. A qualified solicitor advocate, he specialises in complex high court litigation cases.

Linus Murray qualified joined O'Reilly Stewart in 1999 and became a Partner in 2001. He heads up the Commercial Department and has assisted in the development of the firm's education practice which has resulted in the firm becoming the leading education specialists in Northern Ireland.

BOOKING FORM

Cost : **£295 + VAT**
Venue : **Corrs Corner Hotel, Newtownabbey**
Time & Date : **9.00 a.m.- 5.00 p.m.**
Thursday 24th September 09

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