

## In Association with the School of Law, Trinity College Dublin

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2019

Ed Burke Theatre, Arts Building, Trinity College Dublin.

- 9.00**      **Registration**
- 9.30**      Welcome: Peter Ward SC FLAC Chairperson, Eilis Barry, FLAC Chief Executive & Prof Mark Bell, School of Law, Trinity College Dublin  
**Opening address by the Hon Mr Justice Frank Clarke, Chief Justice of Ireland**
- 10.00**      **Perspectives from the UK - Chaired by Attorney General Seamus Woulfe SC**
- **The reform of the Courts**  
Lord Briggs of Westbourne, Justice of the Supreme Court of the United Kingdom
  - **The role of an NGO in bringing reform**  
Andrea Coomber, Director JUSTICE
- 10.45**      **Tea/Coffee Break**
- 11.00**      **Current Challenges - Chaired by Attorney General Seamus Woulfe SC**
- **Pro bono work as an inherent professional responsibility of a lawyer**  
David Hillard, Pro Bono Partner, Clayton Utz.
  - **Providing for the Litigant in person**  
Les Allamby, Chief Commissioner, NIHR
- 12.00**      **Irish Perspective in Detail - Breakout Sessions**
- **Legal services for specific disadvantaged groups and individuals**  
Chaired by Sinead Lucey, Managing Solicitor, FLAC
  - **Legal services for people in mortgage arrears facing repossession**  
Chaired by Paul Joyce, Senior Policy Analyst, FLAC
  - **The legal needs of people experiencing domestic violence**  
Chaired by Stephanie Lord, Legal and Policy Officer, FLAC
  - **Building a pro bono culture**  
Chaired by PILA, Public Interest Law Alliance
- 12.45**      **Lunch: The Dining Hall, Trinity College**
- 13.45**      **Feedback from Breakout Sessions**  
**Access to Justice: Future Perspectives - Chaired by Ms Justice Mary Laffoy**
- **Access to Justice: the European Dimension**  
David Fennelly BL School of Law, Trinity College Dublin
  - **Access to Justice in Environmental Matters: Puzzle With A Piece Missing**  
Dr Áine Ryall, Centre for Law & the Environment, UCC and Vice-Chair Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee
- 14.45**      **Plenary Panel - Looking to the Future - Chaired by Ms Justice Mary Laffoy**
- Philip O’Leary, Chair of the Legal Aid Board
  - Patrick Dorgan, President of the Law Society of Ireland
  - Mícheál P O Higgins SC, Chair, Council of the Bar of Ireland
  - Professor Gerard Whyte, School of Law, Trinity College Dublin
  - Her Honour Judge Rosemary Horgan, President of the District Court
  - Angela Black, Chief Executive of the Citizens Information Board
- 16.00**      **Closing Comments – Eilis Barry, FLAC Chief Executive**