Constitutional Law Summer School
Belfast, 10–12 August 2016

Lawyers, politicians, academics and policy makers are invited to join the Attorney General in exploring major constitutional law issues for the UK drawing on the particular perspective of Northern Ireland.

Cost
The summer school contributes to the maintenance of a positive legal and political culture in Northern Ireland. The cost to attendees is therefore £200 for the full three day programme or £40 per session. A further concessionary rate may be available on request. Tickets for the conference dinner are an additional £30.

CPD Accreditation
Participation in the summer school attracts 15 hours CPD accreditation.

Wednesday 10 August

Session 1 (10am – 12.30pm)
Opening session:
The constitution - between law and politics

Speakers
Attorney General
‘Constitutional layers: the multi-faceted United Kingdom/Northern Ireland constitution(s)’

Room

Attorney General
‘The Northern Ireland Ministerial Code’

Session 2 (2pm – 4.30pm)
‘Devolution challenges’: A discussion of case law, legislative developments and our political context

Speakers
Claire Duffy and Maura McCallion
Office of the Attorney General for Northern Ireland
‘The limits of legislative competence: challenges and opportunities for the Northern Ireland Assembly’

Colin Troup
Legal Secretary to the Lord Advocate
‘Devolution and the law, a Scottish perspective’

Tim Jones
Counsel General’s Office, Wales
‘Constitutional developments in Wales’
Thursday 11 August

Session 3 (10am – 12.30pm)
Democracy, sovereignty and the European Union

Speakers
Juris Rudevskis
European Court of Human Rights
‘The principle of subsidiarity and intermediate entities: autonomy or sovereignty?’

Professor Dr Dagmar Schiek
School of Law, Queen’s University Belfast
‘The past, present and future constitution of the EU’

Panel Session
Panel session on the impact of EU law

Session 4 (1.30pm – 4pm)
Views from the European Court of Human Rights
Hosted in Law Society House

Speakers
Pamela McCormick
European Court of Human Rights
‘The margin of appreciation: an analysis of the jurisprudence’

Michelle Lafferty
European Court of Human Rights
‘Recent case-law under articles 8-11’

Discussion
Chaired by Ian Wimpress
Solicitor to the Attorney General

Evening dinner at Parliament Buildings
from 6pm
Stormont Estate
Ballymiscaw
Stormont
Belfast BT4 3XX

Friday 12 August

Session 5 (10am – 12.30pm)
Constitutional centenaries

Speakers
Attorney General
‘Where we come from - history and the Northern Ireland constitution’

Dr Thomas Mohr
School of Law, University College, Dublin
‘Home Rule, dominion status and devolution: the Privy Council and Ireland 1914 to 1998’

Session 6 (1.30pm – 4pm)
Statute law revision

Speakers
Mr Justice Richard Humphreys
‘Reflections on ‘constitutional’ statute law revision in Ireland’

Brenda King
First Legislative Counsel
‘Legislative quality as a constitutional value’

Lisa Trueman, Alison McCaffrey, Clare Irvine, Mental Capacity Bill Team
‘From policy to law: reflections on the legislative process’

Closing drinks reception
4pm – 6pm

Session Locations
Session 4 will be held in:
Law Society House
96 Victoria Street
Belfast BT1 3GN

All other sessions will be held in:
Linum Chambers
2 Bedford Square
Bedford Street
Belfast BT2 7ES
Booking form for the Constitutional Law Summer School

Name
Company
Email
Telephone

Booking options and costs
The cost is £200 for the full 3 day programme or £40 per session.
Please tick as appropriate:

- [ ] The full event
- [ ] Session 1: The constitution – between law and politics.
- [ ] Session 2: ‘Devolution challenges’: a discussion of case law, legislative developments and our political context.
- [ ] Session 3: Democracy, sovereignty and the European Union.
- [ ] Session 4: Views from the European Court of Human Rights.
- [ ] Session 5: Constitutional centenaries.
- [ ] Session 6: Statute law revision.

Conference dinner
Please tick if you would like to attend the conference dinner on Thursday 11 August?

Special dietary requirements

Please return completed forms to Leigh Livingstone at: PO Box 1272, Belfast BT1 9FY. Alternatively email leigh.livingstone@attorneygeneralni.gov.uk. Booking forms must be received by Thursday 28 July 2016.