



Attorney General  
for Northern Ireland

# Constitutional Law Summer School

Belfast, Northern Ireland  
10–12 August 2016



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*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.

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## **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)'

*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'

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## 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 Wimpres*

*Solicitor to the Attorney General*

### Evening dinner at Parliament Buildings from 6pm

Stormont Estate

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Stormont

Belfast BT4 3XX

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## 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

## Conference accommodation

### Clayton Hotel

22 Ormeau Avenue, Belfast BT2 8HS

Special conference rates (limited availability):

Single room - £75 per night B&B

Twin room - £85 per night B&B

Quote 'Civil Service rates – Attorney General's Summer School' to avail of special rates.

### Queens University, Belfast

Rooms are also available at Queens University:

Single en-suite room - £42 per night B&B

[www.stayatqueens.com/sites/StayAtQueens/SummerAccommodation/SummerSchools/](http://www.stayatqueens.com/sites/StayAtQueens/SummerAccommodation/SummerSchools/)

## Conference dinner

A conference dinner will be held on the evening of Thursday 11 August in Parliament Buildings. Delegates who wish to attend the conference dinner should indicate this (along with any dietary requirements) when booking. The price of the conference dinner is £30.

## 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:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>The full event</b>  | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Session 3:</b> Democracy, sovereignty and the European Union. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Session 1:</b> The constitution – between law and politics.   | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Session 4:</b> Views from the European Court of Human Rights. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Session 2:</b> 'Devolution challenges': a discussion of case law, legislative developments and our political context. | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Session 5:</b> Constitutional centenaries.                    |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Session 6:</b> Statute law revision.                          |

### Conference dinner

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

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