

DUBLIN, IRELAND

CLE 2023

June 10 - 17, 2023



17.5 CLE Hours



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CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Saturday, June 10

- Check-in at the hotel, get rest and get acclimated to the new time zone

Sunday, June 11

10:00 a.m.

Epic The Emigration Museum

We'll take a short .5 mile walk to the museum. Inquire about transportation if unable to make the walk. Discover why 10 million people left Ireland, and the impact they had on the world. Irish history should never be a long list of names and dates, it should be an experience. Get hands on with Irish culture and its past with the fully interactive museum – swipe through video galleries, dance through motion sensor quizzes, listen to remastered audio from 100 years ago and watch videos that bring Irish history to life.



8:00 p.m.

Dinner at the Guinness Storehouse

Join us at the Guinness Storehouse to experience the history, heart, and soul of Ireland's most iconic beer. Explore the story of Guinness across the seven floors of the iconic building, before joining us for a buffet dinner.



Monday, June 12

9:00 a.m.

An Introduction to Dublin Tour

Visit to Trinity College Book of Kells & St. Patrick's Cathedral. Other locations based on availability and announced as we approach the departure date.



7:00 p.m.

Dinner at Johnnie Fox's Hooley Show

You'll be transported by coach to Johnnie Fox's Hooley Show, famous throughout Ireland and abroad for its originality and unique atmosphere that cannot be found anywhere else.

You'll be treated to a wonderful meal followed by live Irish music, ranging from traditional and folk, to ballads and singalong pieces.





CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Tuesday, June 13

8:00 a.m. **Breakfast provided for registered attendees**

8:30 a.m. **Announcements**

8:45 a.m.

The Digital Transformation of Law

Presented by: Larry Bridgesmith J.D., CEO of LegalAlignment LLC, USA

Digital data is doubling every day in the wake of COVID. This is due to an exponential increase in the applications and users of software solutions to life's challenges and opportunities. Some have labeled these data reserves "the new oil". The business and the practice of law stands to gain or lose economic value and relevance depending on its response to the digital transformation reshaping every business sector.

How will Artificial Intelligence (AI), Machine Learning (ML) and Natural Language Processing (NLP) affect your practice? This session will demonstrate how data science will impact the practice of law and what to do about it.

10:15 a.m. **Break**

10:30 a.m.

International Humanitarian Law (IHL) - Rules In War

Presented by: Nedra L. Wick, Esq., USA

This introductory course to the rules seeking to limit the effects of armed conflict for humanitarian reasons, International Humanitarian Law (IHL), focuses on the history, sources, and limitations of the laws related to the challenges of regulating the means and methods of contemporary warfare in the 21st century. The session seeks to provide a working understanding and application of the Geneva Conventions and additional protocols in addition to other treaties and customary law defining IHL. Other topics include the unique role of the International Committee of the Red Cross in IHL including oversight and absolute neutrality. Concepts of enforcement and punishment in IHL as well as key differences between IHL and International Human Rights Law (IHRL) are also explored.

12:00 p.m. **Lunch provided for registered attendees**

1:00 p.m.

Access to Justice in a Virtual World

Presented by: Stephen Dowling, Senior Counsel, Ireland

COVID-19 brought many things, but one positive is has been the access to virtual communication. Stephen will discuss the acceleration of remote hearings, advantages and dis-advantages of remote hearings, typical issues which arise in practice, how to handle witnesses, and how to manage evidence. As a group we'll discuss the limitations of Internet in rural communities and how it impacts the access to justice in a virtual world.

2:30 p.m. **Break**

2:45 p.m.

Dual Citizenship: The Advantage of Having Two Countries with Different Tax Systems

Presented by: Linda Vega, Esq., USA

The advantage of earning income in one country with a stable tax system and government. How do you choose the country to apply for residency or investment? The advantage of paying yourself and earning income in the more stable country.

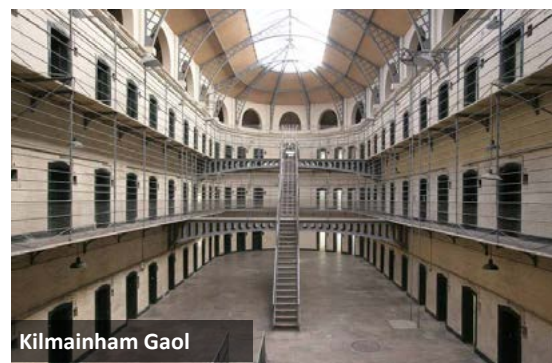
4:15 p.m. **CLEs end for the day**

Wednesday June 14

Tour to Kilmainham Gaol (time to be announced)

For over 100 years Kilmainham Gaol held thousands of men, women and children for crimes that ranged from minor offences to being involved in some of the most momentous events in Irish history

A visit to Kilmainham Gaol will take you on a journey through Irish history. You will discover the stories of people held here as ordinary criminals alongside those who fought for Irish independence. From the 1798 rebellion, to the 1916 Easter Rising, the Anglo-Irish War (1919-21), to the devastation of the Irish Civil War (1922-23) all these important events have a chapter in the story of Kilmainham Gaol.



Kilmainham Gaol



CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Thursday, June 15

Breakfast On Your Own

8:30 a.m.

**Meet in front of The Davenport Hotel for transportation
Assemble at Courts of Criminal Justice**

9:30 a.m.

Irish Criminal Courts Procedure

Presented by: Irish Senior Counsel or Judge (TBA)

10:30 a.m.

**Observe a criminal trial in session and learn the process
differences between Irish and US courts**

12:30 p.m. **Lunch**

1:15 p.m.

**Walk as a group to the Law Society of Ireland, Blackhall
Place**

1:30 p.m.

How Irish Solicitors are trained in Ireland

Presented by: Incoming Head of the Law School

2:00 p.m.

**The European Union Powerful Legal Architecture and Its
Law-Making Institutions**

Presented by: Professor Dermot Cahill, Ireland

Professor Cahill will address the role of Law and Supranational Institutions in underpinning the longevity and endurance of the European Union, looking at the main legal doctrines, law-making institutions, methods

of law making, and methods of legal interpretation of the European Union legal framework, as well as the relationship between the Court of Justice and the national EU Member States' judicial systems. The lecture introduces participants to the legal and political framework and institutions of the European Union, including the European Commission, the Council of Ministers, the Court of Justice, the Court of Auditors, and the European Parliament. The lecture examines the interlocking web of European treaties, the expansion of the EU, the EU as a trade block, and Ireland as a gateway to the EU or non-bloc nations (e.g., USA) enterprises, goods and services, and plans for future integration of the bloc.

The legal and political framework and institutions of the European Union and how they contrast with US Federal law-making institutions will be considered, as will their interaction with each other in the law-making and dispute resolution process; the different types of EU legislation will be considered and how they apply across the EU Member States; the composition and role of the European Commission shall be considered, both as the proposer of new EU laws and as Enforcer of EU Law, as well as its role in global merger control which can adversely affect mergers in the USA; the composition and role of the Council (of Ministers) as EU law-making body; the composition and role of the European Council; the composition and role of the Court of Justice and its judicial dialogue with Member State Courts, as well as its jurisdiction to hear enforcement actions brought by the Commission or Private or State parties; the role and powers of the European Central Bank vis the Euro currency; and the role of the European Parliament in law-making, and its relationship with the Council.

The lecture also has a substantial international comparative focus (US vs EU) and also contextualizes the EU within the socio-legal environment of the host country (Ireland).

Participants acquire substantial international and comparative focus during this lecture by becoming familiar with the European Union legal framework; its major judicial and law-making institutions; and its case law, doctrines, and legislation. This enables participants to reflect and make apt comparisons with corresponding US law-making processes and legal principles, giving them a broader world view both in terms of legal and socio-legal perspectives.



Courts of Criminal Justice



CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Thursday, June 15 (Continued)

3:00 p.m.

The Greatest Show on Earth: The European Union's Four Freedoms of Goods, Services, Corporations and Money. Why US corporations use Ireland as their European HQ

Professor Cahill will introduce us to the Four Freedoms which underpin the world's largest free trading area, the European Union. The relationship between the EU's Four Freedoms and National Laws is considered, as is the Single European Act Treaty and the subsequent development of the EU's Internal Market. Consideration of the Four Freedoms covers:



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1. The Free Movement of Goods (the Prohibition on Border Tariffs; the Permissible Tolerances of Non-Discriminatory Internal Taxation; The Prohibition on Quantitative Restrictions between EU Member States; tariff and quota-free trade between EU Member States and how US corporations in Europe benefit from this regime;
2. The Free Movement of Workers and Residence in other EU Member States;
3. The Free Movement of Services & The Freedom of Establishment for Corporations and Professionals in the EU;
4. Freedom of Capital & the Euro.

This course will confer on participants knowledge of one of the world's major legal orders and how the Four Freedoms underpin European Integration and are continuously reshaped by Court of Justice Jurisprudence. US based clients contemplating doing business in the European Union will require advice on strategic issues when considering trading inside the EU's 27 Member States, whether in taxation, workers rights, tariffs, cross-border provision of services and establishment of corporations, freedom of capital etc.. The lecture will conclude with some examples from Professor Cahill showing how the European Commission can exercise its global jurisdiction to prohibit mergers taking place in the US even though the corporations concerned have no European presence.

4:00 p.m. **CLEs end for the day**

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CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Friday, June 16

8:00 a.m. **Breakfast provided for registered attendees**

8:30 a.m. **Announcements**

8:45 a.m. (ETHICS)
Ethically Representing the Petitioner and Beneficiary in Business Immigration: The Business and the Employee
Presented by: Linda Vega, Esq., USA

A conflict arises when the beneficiary and petitioner break ties. How do you represent the client without causing an ethical dilemma? We will explore who is protected and who may be exposed in immigration cases.

10:15 a.m. **Break**

10:30 a.m.
DAOs for Justice
Presented by: Larry Bridgesmith J.D., CEO of LegalAlignment LLC, USA

Emerging technologies like blockchain, cryptocurrency and NFT's are proving to be more than toys for the techies to play with. A new global economy is developing around them. The foundations of Web 3.0 are being built in which the huge quantities of digital data each of us generates daily is retained by us and deployed as we see fit.

Decentralized Autonomous Organizations (DAOs) are created for the benefit of their members to democratize the use of data and generate economic benefit. They can remove most of the transaction costs of the legal supply chain and provide access to justice for many who currently lack the economic means to obtain legal representation.

DAOs deployed for access to justice can automate an economic exchange on behalf of both legal service providers and their clients through "smart contracts".

This session will illustrate how a global "tokenomics" industry will become a trusted economic model for justice.

12:00 p.m. **Lunch provided for registered attendees**

1:00 p.m. (2 ETHICS, 1 PROFESSIONALISM)

When Every Day Becomes the Lost Weekend: The Ethical Challenges Presented by Attorney Alcohol Abuse
Presented by: Matthew J. McKeown, Esq., USA

Alcohol does not discriminate in its ability to disrupt the lives of those who abuse it. Not only are licensed attorneys not immune to this simple fact, but there is ample evidence to suggest that alcohol abuse by attorneys far exceeds the habits of the general public and other kinds of highly educated professionals.

The reason for the prevalence of this problem among lawyers could be as simple as a profession-wide failure to understand and accept the fact that alcoholism is a disease. As such, it cannot be overcome by advocacy, argument, or negotiation.

This session will focus on the conduct that this illness can generate that causes attorneys to risk violating the Rules of Professional Responsibility. Model Rules of Professional Responsibility 8.3 and 8.4 are now being regularly relied upon by multiple jurisdictions to discipline attorneys for everything from creating hostile work environments, compromising the interests of their clients and as sanctions for criminal conduct by licensed attorneys. And the common factor that lurks behind all these ethic challenges for practitioners is the abuse of alcohol.

You will not leave this session with the skills needed to be an alcohol abuse counselor. But you will be equipped with the knowledge to know when behavior that is rooted in the disease of alcohol abuse becomes behavior that puts an attorney at risk for violating the Rules of Professional Responsibility.

4:15 p.m. **CLEs end for the day**

Saturday, June 17

– Check-out of hotel (or add-on to your trip)

– Transportation to the airport





OUR FEATURED SPEAKERS



Bridgesmith

Larry Bridgesmith J.D., is CEO of *LegalAlignment LLC* and a lawyer in Nashville, Tennessee. Larry is a member of the *Global Advisory Group* and co-founder of the *International Institute of Project Management (IILPM)*.

He founded *Lipscomb University's Institute for Conflict Management*. Larry teaches at

Vanderbilt University School of (where he co-founded the Program on Law & Innovation) Belmont University Massey Graduate School of Business, The Nashville School of Law and the Albany Medical School Alden March Institute for Biomedical Ethics.

As an accredited trainer for the *IILPM* Larry teaches Legal Project Management at Vanderbilt Law School and trains to qualify Legal Project Professionals under the *ILLPM* credentials and criteria. He speaks and writes globally on LPM and contributed to the 2021 publication of *Next Stage Legal Project Management*

In 2013, Larry was awarded the *Grayfred Gray Award for Public Service in Mediation* by the Coalition for Mediation Awareness in Tennessee. In 2017, he received the *Justice Janice Holder Award* and the *Tennessee Bar Association President's Award* for technology innovation in the legal system. Larry served as chair of the *Tennessee Supreme Court Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee* until 2021.

The *American Bar Association* chose his article *Collaboration is the Future* for its 2019 publication reprint.



Dowling

Stephen Dowling is Senior Counsel (Trial Lawyer) with over 20 years' experience in commercial and civil litigation. Author of the leading book on Ireland's Commercial Court, Stephen is also founder of TrialView, a complete digital disputes platform which facilitates virtual & hybrid hearings, offering evidence presentation and video integration in one streamlined platform.



McKeown

Matthew J. McKeown has more than a quarter of a century experience in front line leadership for the federal, state, and local government. Matt recently retired from a 19-year federal career where he held national leadership positions in both the United States Department of Justice and the United States Department of the Interior. Prior to that, Matt was a Deputy Attorney General for the state of Idaho for seven years. Matt is a frequent speaker and a recognized authority on a variety of legal and litigation subjects and his area of focus is on natural resources and jurisdictional sovereignty issues.



Wick

Nedra L. Wick is an attorney/mediator/arbitrator/case evaluator and guardian ad litem (family law & probate matters) of over 35 years. She teaches negotiation, dispute resolution and has written and presented numerous programs in the private and public sectors including the Veteran's Administration. With a lifetime interest in the rules of war she is certified as an Expert Level Instructor with International Humanitarian Law which she most often teaches through her work as a volunteer with the American Red Cross*.



OUR FEATURED SPEAKERS



Vega

Linda Vega is currently in private practice at the Vega Law Firm. She is also the owner of Legal Immigration For Everyone, LLC (LIFE, LLC) which assists people with their Visas, Waivers, N-400s Citizenships, DACAs, and refers clients to experienced immigration attorneys. Ms. Vega is a frequent guest on FOX News as an expert on immigration law.

Ms. Vega was named as one of the Top 100 immigration Attorneys in Texas for 2014 and 2016 and 2017. She was recognized as one of the top 15 Immigration attorneys in Houston, Texas, in 2021, and a Top-rate Attorney for 2021 by AVVO.

She previously worked for the US Department of Labor in the Wage and Hour Division where she was an investigator. Her areas of expertise are in Immigration and Labor/ Employment-Labor Law. Ms. Vega practices nationally (50 states) and internationally as many of the issues regard federal law and international law. She is a member of the New Mexico Bar, Federal Bar Association, the American Bar Association, American Immigration Lawyers Association, American Trial Lawyers Association, National Res. Senatorial Committee for Small Businesses, U.S. Senate Hispanic Task Force, New Mexico District Court, Texas Southern U.S. District Court. AIPAC Club Member.

Ms. Vega is also the founder of Latinos Ready To Vote!, a conservative organization that encourages Latinos to engage in their Civic Duty to Vote.

In 2012, Linda Vega was appointed by Gov. Rick Perry to the Family Practice Residency Advisory Committee. The FPRA committee makes recommendations to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board regarding the funding of family practice residency training programs.

Ms. Vega was the first Latina to run for U.S. Senate in Texas in the 2014 Republican Primary. She garnered fourth place among 8 (eight) candidates including the incumbent, Sen. John Cornyn. This was Ms. Vega's first run for public office.

She is a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin and the George Washington (GW) Law School in D.C. She is completing her MA in Jewish Education, in 2017, from Hebrew University, in Jerusalem, Israel.



OUR FEATURED SPEAKERS



Cahill

Director, Head of Client Strategies, HelpUsTrade

Professor Dermot Cahill is an Irish Solicitor and former Law School Dean with over 25 years experience specialising in the Law of the European Union. Dermot has worked in a variety of high-powered roles including as specialist National Legal Expert with the College of Europe in conjunction with the European Commission's EU Internal Market Directorate on the EU's 1992 Internal Market

Program; as Antitrust and Corporate Finance Lawyer with major international Law Firms; as Senior Lecturer at the National University of Ireland, Dublin; and more latterly as Dean of the Law School at the University of Wales, Bangor, UK which saw the Law School ranked in the Top 20 UK Law Schools (out of over 125) at the time of his departure to HelpUsTrade in 2019.

A graduate of the famed College of Europe, the oldest college exclusively devoted to European Studies, Professor Cahill bridges between the Common and Civil law worlds, with Professor Cahill (and teams he has led) being the recipient of many prestigious awards and accolades during the course of his career, including the *Robertson-Horsington Prize*, awarded in Paris in 2017, awarded by the British-Franco Lawyers Association to recognise Dermot's contribution to excellence in developing a transnational law degree in English & French Law with Toulouse-Capitole I University, France.

Recent major peer-reviewed pieces by Dermot are published in the *Fordham Journal of International Law*; *World Competition*; *Harvard Celtic Colloquium*, *Public Contracting Law Journal* and *European Public Law*.

Long recognised as a leading authority in the field, known for his independence and rigour, Professor Cahill's expertise has been recognised with many appointments, including service as:

- Chair of the *Irish Society for European Law* and also Editor of the *Irish Journal of European Law* for many years.
- Expert Member for House of Commons Parliamentary Inquiries into specialist subjects such as E-Invoicing;

- Membership of the Wales Advisory Committee to the Law Commission of England & Wales;
- Advising leading figures in the major UK political parties on government contracting "forward-thinking",
- Drafting Parliamentary Questions for the House of Commons Political Parties
- Advising on conundrums relating to BREXIT.
- External Examinerships in EU Law for 8 different Universities in Ireland and the UK, as well as acting as Examiner in EU Law for the two Professional Lawyers bodies in Ireland, the Law Society of Ireland and the King's Inns.

Over the last 20 years Professor Cahill has led major European cross-border competitiveness projects across several EU countries, funded by major international organisations including the *European Union* and the multilateral banks, including the World Bank, where his work has focused on Governance, Institution-Strengthening, Capacity-Building and public procurement workforce optimisation and professionalisation in Afghanistan led to the professionalisation of the National Procurement Institute's civil service training programmes to international standards.

Professor Cahill's work as lead author in the *Barriers to Procurement Opportunity Report* in 2009 changed Government contracting policy in Wales, with his co-authored work being hailed by the UK Research Excellence Framework as being "international in quality, in terms of originality, significance and rigour" when assessing the Impact of his work on Society in 2014 (because it advanced steps to bring more Transparency to Government contracting). Professor Cahill's work on the Barriers Report was hailed by Sir John McClelland in his Report *Maximising the Impact of Procurement Policy in Wales* (2012) as "outstanding evidence-based research", and the Confederation of British Industry, which observed it was the "best piece of research" into procurement (government contracting) dysfunctionality seen for many years.

Dermot also serves as Co-Director of the UMKC Ireland Summer Law Academy which brings US law students to Ireland to study EU Law and its implications for US Corporations doing business in Europe.



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\$6,500 for 1 attorney and 1 non-attorney guest sharing the same sleeping room

\$7,800 for 2 Attorneys sharing the same room

\$5,500 for 1 attorney in a single sleeping room

\$7,500 for 1 attorney and 2 non-attorney guests sharing the same sleeping room

All reservations must be guaranteed with a \$1,000 deposit. 100% must be paid by March 1, 2023.

Registration includes:

- Hotel stay for 7 nights (June 10-17, 2023) at The Davenport Hotel.
- Round-trip transportation from/to the airport (renting a car is not advised)
- 18 hours of Continuing Legal Education seminars for ONE attorney
- Entry to EPIC The Irish Emigration Museum with group tour guide
- Dinner at The Guinness Storehouse
- An Introduction to Dublin Tour
- Dinner at Johnnie Fox's Hooley Show with transportation
- Tour to Kilmainham Gaol with transportation
- Breakfast and break food on Tuesday and Friday
- Lunch on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday
- Transportation where necessary

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- Airfare (Yet we can quote and book this for you)
- Travel insurance. You must have insurance coverage or sign a waiver.
- Costs associated with required COVID pre-testing, if required.
- Additional days and tours in Ireland, yet we can book these for you.
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- Meals not listed in the brochure

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