



Disability & Charity Law

Saturday, 6th March 2010

Conrad Hotel, Earlsfort Terrace, Dublin 2

9.30am - 1.00pm

ABOUT THE SEMINAR

9.00 – 9.30: Breakfast and registration

9.30: Welcome address by Chairman Fergus Finlay Chief Executive, Barnardos

9.40: Charities Act 2009 - Orla Barry Murphy Secretary to the Commissioners of Charitable Donations and Bequests for Ireland

This talk will examine:

- The first statutory definition of charitable purpose in Ireland;
- The role and functions of the new regulatory authority;
- Registration of charities;
- Annual reporting requirements;
- Rules for fundraising.

10.15: Disability and the Law - John Costello Consultant, Beauchamps Solicitors

This talk will examine:

- Relevant legislation;
- Trusts and wills;
- Powers of attorney;
- Wardship;
- Advance directives;
- Capacity;
- Medical treatment;
- The Nursing Home Support Scheme.

10.50: Q & A Session

11.00: Coffee Break

11.20: The Challenges Facing Disability Organisations in 2010 - Paul Ledwidge CEO of St. Michael's House and Chairman of Disability Federation of Ireland

This talk will examine:

- The challenge of repeated funding cuts to disability organisations;
- The impact of Moratorium 2009 – 2014;
- How can organisations maintain, expand, and enhance the quality of their service in the current economic climate?

11.55: Governance, Management and Accountability of Charities - Mark Pery-Knox-Gore Partner, Beauchamps Solicitors

This talk will examine the Charities Act 2009 which imposes strict governance regulations on charities and will examine the implications for:

- Boards;
- Company directors;
- Trustees;
- Members.

12.30: Q & A Session

1.00: Conference Close