

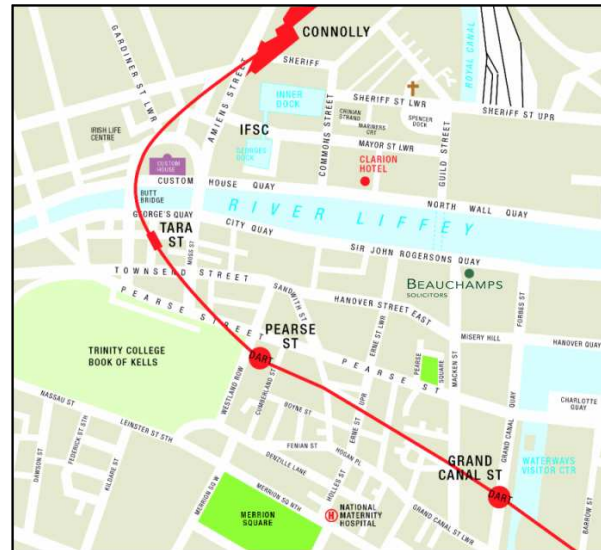
Beauchamps Corporate Governance Unit

Public and regulatory bodies perform their functions and exercise their powers in a challenging legal environment. Now more than ever, there is a growing need for vigilance in ensuring public bodies and their board members are aware of, and fully compliant with, their statutory requirements. Maintaining high standards of corporate governance in the public sector is a constant challenge, with new legislation regularly being enacted at national, EU or international level which impacts on the everyday workings of public bodies and organisations. The demand for expert legal advice in the field of public regulation has expanded significantly in recent years in the face of increasing levels of public and media scrutiny.

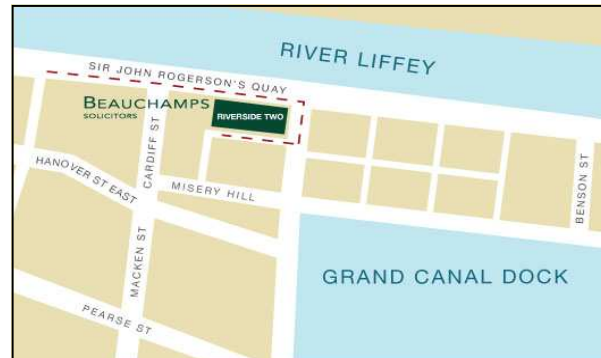
Public and regulatory bodies face increasingly sophisticated corporate governance issues with a greater readiness on the part of individuals and private organisations to challenge their decisions and independence. Our Corporate Governance Unit acts for public and private bodies in relation to these challenges.

Our expertise includes advice and assistance to Government departments, State bodies, semi-state organisations and regulators relating to compliance with statutory obligations, the exercise of powers and functions controlled by statute, the interpretation of primary and secondary legislation, the transposition of EU legislation, due process, ultra vires issues, judicial review proceedings, freedom of information requests, ethics in office issues, governance requirements and the application of public procurement and State aid rules.

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Corporate Governance - Challenges for the Public Sector

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Corporate Governance - Challenges for the Public Sector

Recent events have led to close scrutiny of the role and responsibilities of office holders in both the public and private sector. The purpose of this seminar is to focus on some of the key corporate governance issues facing office holders in the public sector.

It is not always fully understood or appreciated that office holders of public bodies can often owe common law duties similar to those of company directors. This briefing will lift the lid on this topic and will look at the various types of public entities (for example, authorities, executives, councils and so on), the different tiers of management and responsibility within these organisations, and the duties owed by the appointees at each level.

The second part of the briefing will examine how bias can undermine administrative decision-making. This is an area which has become a fertile breeding ground for judicial review in recent years. It will also consider how the Ethics in Public Office Act regulates conflicts of interest and how corporate governance can be an effective tool in minimising the risk of judicial review.

Chair:

Patricia Quinn, RTE Authority Member

Patricia Quinn is a former public servant, having served for seven years as chief executive of the Arts Council and before that as an executive director of Temple Bar Properties. She has served on a variety of state boards on commissions including the Newspaper Commission and the Forum on Broadcasting. Patricia is currently a member of the RTE Authority and chair of its Audit Committee.

Speakers:

Imelda Reynolds, Beauchamps Solicitors

Imelda is a partner in Beauchamps Solicitors and was managing partner from 2001 to 2008. She has both advised and been a member of the boards of companies and governmental forums. She is a member of the governing body of Dublin Institute of Technology and a council member of the Dublin Chamber of Commerce.

Mark Pery-Knox-Gore, Beauchamps Solicitors

Mark is a partner in Beauchamps Solicitors and regularly advises public sector bodies on a range of corporate governance, commercial law and public procurement issues. Mark also represents the Law Society of Ireland on the Company Law Review Group.

Programme

08:00 Registration and breakfast

08:25 Introduction from Chairperson, Patricia Quinn, RTE Authority Member

08:30 Imelda Reynolds, Partner, Beauchamps Solicitors

Public body members - what are your responsibilities?

- Different types of public entities and how they are structured.
- Legal status as an appointee to the board of a public body or a member of a governing body.
- Are you a director?
- What are your legal responsibilities?

09:00 Mark Pery-Knox-Gore, Partner, Beauchamps Solicitors

How bias can undermine administrative decision-making

- What is bias?
- How do you identify bias?
- How bias can affect decisions of public bodies.
- How relevant is the Ethics in Public Office Act?
- Preventing bias in the corporate governance of your organisation.

09:30 Questions and Answers

09:50 Seminar close

Registration

This event is complimentary but advance registration is required. To register online please visit the events section of our website at www.beauchamps.ie/seminars or by emailing your details to m.kirby@beauchamps.ie

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My colleague would also like to attend (or will attend in my place)

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