



David Dodd B.L.

David is a Barrister at Law, practising at the Law Library, Four Courts, Dublin. He graduated from the Honourable Society of the Kings Inns (2000-2004) with honours. He was called to the Bar of Ireland in Michaelmas 2004, completing two years of pupillage in 2006. He completed the Advanced Diploma in Legislative Drafting, Kings Inns (2011).

He has a varied practice which is almost exclusively in civil litigation in the areas of commercial, public and common law. Last year this included acting for an applicant in judicial review litigation involving an airfield, for the State in the deregulation of the Dublin bus market and for a defendant logistics contractor in a delay and disruption claim on a major infrastructure project. In addition, he regularly acts in personal injury matters, contract disputes, debt collection and insolvency cases.

He is an elected member of the General Council of the Bar of Ireland and is a member of the Bar Council External Relations / Strategy Group (dealing with issues of regulation, competition law and public relations), the State Bar committee, the Professional Practices Committee and the Arbitration Committee. He is a Bar Council representative to the Honourable Society of the Kings Inns

He is the author of the textbook *Statutory Interpretation in Ireland*, Tottel, Dublin, 2008, which has been quoted extensively in judgements of the Supreme and High Court of Ireland.

He was recently appointed by the Houses of the Oireachtas (the Irish senate and congress) as Parliamentary Counsel for private members of the Oireachtas. This is a part time appointment and he remains in practice at the Trial Bar.

He has lectured widely including at events organised by Public Affairs Ireland, the Statute Law Society, the Irish Institute of Bankers and the Incorporated Law Society of Ireland.

His hobbies are golf, mountain biking and road biking. He is a Leinster Rugby season ticket holder and a member of 'Show-and-go' tag rugby team. He has an interest in Japanese culture and has passed the Japanese - Government Proficiency Test level 3 and 2.



Tara Maguire B.L.

Tara Maguire has been a practising Barrister in Northern Ireland for the last 4 years. Tara received an honours degree in History & Politics at the University of Liverpool before returning to Belfast, to study at Queen's University, graduating with a 1st in Bachelor of Legal Science. She continued at Queen's University, completing her professional qualification at the Institute of Professional Legal Studies and was called to the Bar of Northern Ireland in Michaelmas term of 2007.

After the completion of her professional qualification and before being called to the Bar, Tara studied Human Rights & European Union Law at the European University Institute, in Florence, Italy. During her pupillage she studied part time, for her Masters in Criminal Justice and Human Rights, at Queen's University Belfast. Tara continues to assist the School of Law, at Queen's, as a teaching assistant while maintaining a varied practice in the fields of Civil, Criminal, Family, Immigration law and Judicial review.

In her civil practice Tara deals with personal injury, bankruptcy, contract cases and recently represented an airline in their defence to an application for losses incurred due to a flight being missed because of a faulty communication system. She also appears regularly in the criminal courts, defending youth and adult clients who face a wide range of charges including disorderly behaviour, theft, robbery, drug, and driving offences. Her family work involves disputes in relation to contact and residence of children, divorce and the financial repercussions.

The immigration work, Tara is involved with results in frequent appearances in front of the Asylum and Immigration Chamber for appeals against visa and asylum applications. In addition, she advises on the merits of judicial review and has been briefed in judicial review hearings. A recent judicial review centred on the issues of the failure of the UK Border Agency to make a decision regarding a client's asylum claim, and the failure to grant him permission to work. Another case was a judicial review of a Housing Association, on behalf of a mother and daughter who resided in one of their properties. The matter focussed on the failure of the Association to remedy the unhealthy and unreasonable living conditions of the family.

Tara has also been led by Senior Counsel, in a judicial review case which involved a youth and his suspension from school as a result of a criminal charge he faced for assaulting a teacher. Following the hearing of this case she drafted his application to the European Court of Human Rights, Strasbourg, which is currently being dealt with by this Court.

In addition, to her work, Tara is actively involved in the life of The Bar of Northern Ireland. She is a member of the Bar Library Pro- Bono Committee that advises on the merits of cases and assist where it can. Recently, with a Senior Member of the Bar and colleagues from the Law Society, Tara helped to establish a group to address and assist the increasing number of Personal Litigants in Court. She is also a member of the Young Bar Association and was a member of the Bar Library Human Rights Advisory Committee which was tasked to comment on relevant consultation papers on human rights issues. For two years running, she has been asked by the new Attorney General, John Larkin Q.C, to address a group of school children, as part of his programme 'Living the Law,' designed to encourage pupils to think of a career in law.

In her spare time she volunteers with Women's Aid and a youth mentoring scheme.

Tara Maguire works both in Belfast and around the border counties of Northern Ireland and in October 2011 was called to the Republic of Ireland Bar.



Imogen McGrath BL

Imogen McGrath is a Junior Counsel - barrister, practising at the Law Library, Four Courts, Dublin.

Imogen attended undergraduate university at Trinity College, Dublin (including a year at the University of Paris II Assas Pantheon) where she graduated with a First Class Honours degree in Law & French in 2001. Imogen is a scholar of Trinity College Dublin and in 2003 completed a Master's Degree (M.Litt) comprising a thesis on the legal implications of tobacco advertising restrictions in a number of jurisdictions. She was awarded a scholarship for her thesis from the Irish Research Council for Humanities and Social Sciences.

Imogen completed the Barrister-at-Law degree in the Honorable Society of King's Inns in 2003 and was successful in the New York Bar exams in that year also.

Imogen was an intern in the European Court of Justice with Advocate General Leger from September to December 2003. She practised as an Associate in Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP in Brussels in the Antitrust department from January 2004 until April 2005. Imogen then worked as an Associate in the Antitrust Department in Mallesons Stephen Jaques in Sydney until commencing practice at the Bar of Ireland in October 2005.

Imogen practices in civil litigation with an emphasis on general commercial law, European and competition law, and medical malpractice. Imogen regularly acts for large corporations in commercial disputes and for public and private hospitals in the defence of medical malpractice claims. She has represented a pharmaceutical company and a collective society of the Irish beef industry before the European Court of Justice in competition law actions.

Imogen is a member of the external relations committee of the Bar Council of Ireland, the Education Committee of the Honourable Society of King's Inns and is a Bar Council representative for the European lawyers' representative group, the Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe ("CCBE").

Imogen has been recently elected to the Irish Council of Law Reporting.

Imogen is a keen sailor and runner, having sailed at intervarsity level and participated in the New York Marathon in 2008 and 2010.



David John Reid B.L.

David Reid is a practising barrister in Belfast. He read Law at St John's College, University of Cambridge, graduating with a B.A. (Hons) in 2005, with a M.A. in 2009. He completed his professional qualification at the Institute of Professional Legal Studies, Queen's University, Belfast, achieving a Distinction, and was called to the Bar of Northern Ireland in Michaelmas 2006, completing his pupillage in 2007.

He has a broad and varied practice, but the majority of his work is in general civil litigation, particularly in personal injury and contract cases. In the former, he has developed specific experience in claims involving noise-induced hearing loss for current and former members of the Armed Forces and the Police.

For the past 18 months, he has been instructed as one of the Junior Counsel to the Public Inquiry into Hyponatraemia-Related Deaths, which is a detailed and rigorous investigation into the deaths of children in the Health Service of Northern Ireland which gave rise to issues of significant public concern.

He also appears on a regular basis in criminal courts on behalf of both the Public Prosecution Service and defendants. In particular, he has an interest in cases involving the prosecution of environmental law offences.

He was elected Chairman of the Young Bar Association of Northern Ireland from 2008 and was re-elected the following year. He organised the Pupil Exchange Programme between the Bars of Northern Ireland and Republic of Ireland in 2009.

He is a Member of the Bar Council's Fees Collection Committee which assists members of the Bar, particularly junior members, in the task of collecting fees, and which is currently piloting a fees collection system. He has been Treasurer of the Bar Music and Drama Society since 2008, and is a tenor in the Law Society & Bar Choir. He has also been a tutor at the Institute of Professional Legal Studies.

He is applying to be called to the Bar of Ireland in the coming year.