



Garret Byrne B.L.

Hosted by: Tom Edwards; Jacksonville, FL

Garret received an honours degree in Law in University College Dublin in 1999, which included a year studying Spanish civil law and Roman law in the University of Salamanca in Spain. In 2000, Garret completed a postgraduate Higher Diploma in Business Studies in UCD and, in 2001, he graduated from King's Inns and was called to the Bar of Ireland.

After graduating, Garret moved to London, where he worked for five years in investment banking and corporate finance, including the Special Executions Group of Goldman Sachs International, the International Capital Markets department of Allen & Overy LLP and the Corporate department of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom UK LLP.

In 2006, Garret returned to Dublin and commenced practice at the Bar of Ireland. He worked as a “devil”, or pupil, with Patrick F. O’Reilly SC, the author of Commercial and Consumer Law in Ireland, and subsequently with John Breslin SC, the author of Banking Law in Ireland. Garret has a diverse practice, which includes litigation in areas such as banking, commercial, insolvency and personal injuries law.

Garret has a long-standing interest in the United States, having spent university summers working in the Washington DC office of Vinson & Elkins LLP and the San Francisco office of Bingham McCutchen LLP and as part of his training with Goldman Sachs in New York.

In his spare time, Garret is an avid sports fan, and particularly enjoys watching soccer and rugby.



Aisling Crowley, B.L.

Hosted by: LaBella Alvis; Birmingham, AL

Aisling Crowley was called to the Bar of Ireland in July 2007 and commenced practice in October 2008.

Prior to being called to the Bar in 2007, Aisling completed a Diploma in Legal Studies followed by the Barrister-at-Law degree in Kings Inns, Dublin. For her undergraduate degree, Aisling attained a Bachelor of Arts (International) from University College Dublin, studying politics and economics. As part of this degree, Aisling also spent a year studying politics in the Universitat zu Koln, Cologne, Germany.

Following the completion of her studies, Aisling worked as a legal executive in Arthur Cox, one of Ireland's leading law firms. Between her studies she also travelled widely, visiting the US, South America, Australia, New Zealand and Asia.

Since commencing practice at the Bar, Aisling spent two years working closely with two leading Junior Counsel gaining experience in a variety of areas. Aisling has a general civil law practice, but is often retained to act on behalf of insurance companies and state bodies to appear in personal injuries, medical negligence and material damage cases. She also appears on behalf of lending institutions in commercial matters.

Outside of the law, Aisling has a young family and enjoys music, cinema, reading, swimming and attending rugby matches.



Cathy Fitzsimons, B.L.

Hosted by: Jonathan Lisus; Toronto, ON, Canada

Cathy Fitzsimons was called to the Bar of Northern Ireland in 2008. She concentrates her practice on criminal defence, matrimonial and family law matters. Cathy is a member of the Young Bar Association, Criminal Bar Association and Family Bar Association. She is a recipient of the Eugene Grant Criminal Advocacy Award, JPB Maxwell Scholarship and the Northern Ireland Inn of Court Benchers Award.

Prior to being called to the Bar, Cathy attended Harvard Law School as a recipient of the John F Kennedy Scholarship and received a Masters degree in Law with concentration on criminal law, human rights, international negotiation and mediation. During her time there she was a member of the Harvard Human Rights Clinic and the Harvard Program on International Negotiation. She is currently an Alumna Volunteer at the Harvard Club UK and a Kennedy Scholar Mentor. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Law from Queens University, Belfast.

In her spare time Cathy enjoys spending time with family and friends, keeping active and exploring outdoors with long walks with her cocker spaniel, Darcy. She loves to travel and explore new places. Cathy is a huge sporting fan and enjoys going to rugby and gaelic games to cheer on her favourite teams. She enjoys the theatre and going to local music gigs and concerts; anything from rock to pop! Cathy volunteers at her local youth activity centre and enjoys spending time with and mentoring the children.



James Milliken B.L.

Hosted by: Alan Feldman; Philadelphia, PA

James Milliken was called to the Bar of Northern Ireland in 2008 and is due to be called to the Bar of Ireland in 2014.

Prior to being called to the Bar of Northern Ireland James achieved a joint honours degree in Law and Economics and a Certificate in Professional Legal Studies.

James undertook a period of pupillage with a leading practitioner in the commercial and chancery fields. Following this successful pupillage James has developed a wide ranging practice in commercial and chancery matters, appearing on behalf of many lending institutions, and personal injury matters (including a specialisation in noise induced hearing loss and industrial disease type cases).

Between his studies James travelled widely- including periods in Australia, Mexico, United States of America, Singapore and Hong Kong. On previous visits to America he has undertaken a trip by land and air from Miami to San Francisco.

James is a keen sportsman, with a particular interest in rugby, golf, football and the major American sports. James was fortunate enough to have been a guest of the Bank of America at Gillette Stadium, home of the New England Patriots, for a regular season game in 2008. James is also an avid reader and a fan of music.