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# ANNUAL PUBLIC LAW CONFERENCE

## 2026

**Friday, 2 OCTOBER 2026**
The Convention Centre Dublin

A joint conference hosted by
the Attorney General
and the Chief State Solicitor

12.45

## ARRIVAL AND REGISTRATION

Lunch

13.45

## Welcome and Housekeeping

Ciara Murphy, Assistant Chief State Solicitor

13.50

## OPENING ADDRESS

Maria Browne, Chief State Solicitor

14.00

## SESSION 1
## THE ROLE OF GOVERNMENT LAWYERS IN THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS

**Chair**: Margaret Kennedy, Parliamentary Counsel

**Keynote**: Rossa Fanning SC, Attorney General

**Panel Discussion:**
Dame Brenda King, Attorney General for Northern Ireland
June Reardon, Chief Parliamentary Counsel
Professor David Kenny, Trinity College Dublin

15.15

## COFFEE BREAK

15.30

## SESSION 2
## THE INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION ACT 2026: EVOLUTION OR OVERHAUL?

**Chair:** The Hon. Mr Justice Frank Clarke, President, Law Reform Commission

**Keynote:**
Úna McEvoy, Advisory Counsel
Brendan McMahon, Parliamentary Counsel

**Panel Discussion:**
Professor Cathryn Costello, University College Dublin
David Fennelly SC
Bonnie Costelloe, Assistant Chief State Solicitor

16.45

## CLOSING REMARKS

Marion Berry, Director General, Office of the Attorney General

17.00

## NETWORKING RECEPTION

# Thank you for joining us.

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