

# Circumnavigation

PROFESSIONAL NEGLIGENCE,  
LEGAL INNOVATION  
AND MARKET UPDATE

## Speakers:

Larry Fenelon – Chair – Leman Solicitors  
The Hon. Mr. Justice Anthony Barr - Judge of the High Court  
John Trainor SC  
Ben Patten QC - 4 New Square  
Stephen McCullough BL  
Stephen O'Connor – Leman Solicitors  
Ciaran Murphy BL  
Karl Manweiler - MD - LexTech  
Brian O'Connell - O'Connell Mahon Architects  
Aidan Brady - MD - ReSure Corporate Brokers  
Katy Manley – President – PNLA/Manley Turnbull Solicitors

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### 3 mins Larry Fenelon - Chair- Leman Solicitors

#### - "Introduction"

Larry co-founded Leman Solicitors LLP in 2007, was managing partner to 2018 during which the firm grew to 45 employees, €5.5m turnover and became synonymous with innovation.

Larry founded LexTech in 2018, a legal technology company that digitally transforms, automates and data captures legal, regulatory and compliance processes for businesses in a variety of industries. Larry is a director of LexTech.

He is Head of the Litigation and Dispute Resolution department in Leman Solicitors and practices primarily in commercial, property and construction disputes.

He is an experienced arbitrator and fellow and past committee member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and past chair of the Law Society's Arbitration and Mediation committee. Larry is a CEDR accredited commercial mediator since 2005.

He is an active member of the RDS Enterprise Committee and its 2030 Vision Series and Entrepreneurs Club initiatives and is a member of the Institute of Directors.

Larry will graduate from University of Oxford in a postgraduate diploma in strategy and innovation this year.

<https://leman.ie/theteam/larry-fenelon/>

### 42 mins The Hon. Mr. Justice Anthony Barr - Judge of the High Court

#### - "Introductory Address"

Mr. Justice Anthony Barr graduated from University College Dublin with a Bachelor of Civil Law Degree in 1983. He attended the King's Inns and became a barrister in 1985. He became a Senior Counsel in 2004. He was Counsel for the Morris Tribunal between 2002 and 2008.

Mr. Justice Barr was a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and was the vice chairman of the Irish Branch in 2013. He was then appointed to the High Court in July 2013. He has adjudicated on some of the most high-profile matters that have been before the Irish Courts across a wide variety of areas, including those related to medical negligence, personal injuries and judicial review. Additionally, he is a CEDR qualified mediator since 2008.

### 35 mins John Trainor SC

#### - "Liability of Construction Professionals"

John graduated from University College Dublin (UCD) with a Bachelor of Civil Law Degree in 1978. He attended the King's Inns and was called to the Bar in 1980. He became Senior Counsel in 1996. He is a qualified arbitrator, mediator and adjudicator.

John specialises in the fields of commercial law, construction law, non-jury and chancery actions, and in arbitrations, particularly in the field of construction law. John has acted in many Court actions concerning construction contracts, defective building works claims, as well as in the field of construction professional negligence claims.

Additionally, John has worked on numerous Superior Court level commercial disputes concerning breach of contract, as well as in medical and legal professional negligence cases. <https://www.lawlibrary.ie/members/John-Trainor/277.aspx>

### 16 mins Ben Patten QC – 4 New Square Chambers

#### - "Tortious Duties to Third Parties – Goodbye to the Threefold Test"

Ben Patten QC's expertise lies in a range of commercial work, including construction disputes, professional liability claims, commercial litigation and insurance and reinsurance disputes.

Described as "calm under pressure and always willing to stick his neck out on a case" he acts for both claimants and defendants in the TCC, Commercial and Mercantile Courts, Queen's Bench Division, Chancery Division and Arbitrations. He also appears in the Court of Appeal and in expert determinations, mediations and other ADR hearings.

Ben is the author of "Professional Negligence in Construction" [Spon] 2003, a co-editor of the Construction Professionals Chapter in "Jackson & Powell" and a co-editor of the Solicitors' Chapter in the Professional Negligence and Liability Looseleaf. He is also a frequent lecturer and author of legal articles. Ben is a member of TECBAR, COMBAR, the Professional Negligence Bar Association and the London Common Law & Commercial Bar Association. He has also been called to the Bar in the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland and has acted as an arbitrator.

<https://www.4newsquare.com/barristers/ben-patten-qc/>

25 mins      Stephen McCullough BL

- *“Delay and want of prosecution (effects of Covid-19)”*

Stephen McCullough graduated from University College Dublin with a Bachelor of Civil Law degree in 1996. Stephen qualified as Junior Counsel in 1998.

Stephen has worked on numerous high-profile matters within Ireland, including acting as Junior Counsel on the Moriarty Tribunal. Stephen's areas of practice are Commercial/Chancery and General Practice. He specialises in Banking / Finance & Securities, Medical Law, Professional Negligence and Defamation.

<https://www.lawlibrary.ie/members/Stephen-McCullough/1257.aspx>

27 mins      Ciaran Murphy BL - TrialView

- *“TrialView and Developments in Electronic Litigation”*

Ciarán Murphy graduated from University College Dublin with a Bachelor's Degree in Business and Law in 2013. Ciaran qualified as a Junior Counsel in 2015. His Areas of Practice include Tort & Personal Injury Law, Commercial/Chancery, General Practice and General Common Law. Since September 2018, he has also acted as Consultant/User Support at TrialView.

TrialView is a secure platform that enables lawyers to manage and present court documents from their laptop or tablet to any other device. Built by lawyers for lawyers, it allows you to present documents with extraordinary efficiency. TrialView also enables document-led hearings to be conducted remotely.

<https://www.trialview.com/>      <https://www.lawlibrary.ie/members/Ciar%C3%A1n-Murphy/6849.aspx>

15 mins      Karl Manweiler - LexTech

- *“How legal technology will improve your prospects of successfully defending EL/PL claims.”*

Karl is Managing Director of LexTech. A consummate technology professional, Karl brings value at all stages of the consultancy process. He is particularly experienced at eliciting and defining client requirements, leading teams, managing transformation projects, and delivering change. Karl has a deep understanding of technology and how it best serves an organisation. Karl brings over 20 years of technology and consultancy experience and still remains passionate about simplifying the complex and delivering successful projects.

Karl holds both academic and professional qualifications in law, technology, audit, and project management.

Karl has advised and managed several multinational enterprises on their technology strategy and digital transformation projects. <https://leman.ie/theteam/karl-manweiler/>

42 mins      Stephen O'Connor - Leman Solicitors

- *“Professional Negligence Update”*

Stephen is a Senior Associate on Leman Solicitors' Litigation and Dispute Resolution Team.

He has extensive experience in litigation and dispute resolution generally and has advised numerous clients in claims determined by the High Court, the Commercial Division of the High Court, the Court of Appeal and the Supreme Court or otherwise dealt with through mediation or arbitration.

He has particular expertise in professional negligence defence litigation, acting for professional indemnity insurers and their insureds in a diverse range of claim types. Stephen also regularly acts on behalf of Insurers and their Insureds in relation to cyber matters.

Stephen regularly advises corporate clients and shareholders in contractual and financial services disputes involving banking, pensions, insurance, funds and debt recovery and enforcement. <https://leman.ie/theteam/stephen-noel-oconnor/>

**68 mins      Brian O'Connell of O'Connell Mahon Architects****- "Briefing of an Expert"**

Brian O'Connell was a founder and director, and is now a consultant to, O'Connell Mahon Architects. Brian has been in practice and specialising in the area of healthcare and medical planning for almost 50 years.

Brian graduated from the UCD School of Architecture in 1968 with first class honours. He was President of the Architectural Association of Ireland in 1972 and became a Member of the Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland in 1970 and Fellow of the RIAI in 1987. He studied law at UCD and Kings Inns and was called to the Bar with first class honours in 1979. He was elected president of the Royal Institute of Architects in 1990-91.

Brian was Chairman of the European Commission GAIPEC International Sub-Committee on Liability in the European Construction Industry from 1992 to 1995. As Architect, Master of Building and Urban Conservation (NUI) and Barrister at Law (King's Inns), Brian was regularly instructed as an Expert Witness and is also an Arbitrator and Conciliator in construction and associated matters. <https://www.oconnellmahon.ie/>

**32 mins      Aidan Brady - ReSure Corporate Brokers****- "Market update"**

Aidan Brady has overall responsibility for the strategy, culture and direction of ReSure. In heading up the office, he draws on his 20+ years' experience in the insurance industry. He brings a wealth of knowledge, passion, drive and expertise, gained most recently as Board Member and Head of Office at a global broker. Aidan has a Business Degree, is CIP qualified and completed his Chartered Directorship with the IoD in 2018.

ReSure is one of the fastest growing Corporate Brokers in Ireland offering a fresh approach to broking. <https://www.lawsociety.ie/globalassets/documents/committees/pii/2020-21/2020-brokers-list.pdf>

**5 mins      Katy Manley – President – PNLA/Manley Turnbull Solicitors****- "Conference Closing Remarks"****Total 6 hrs 10 mins    Questions and discussion – PNLA WhatsApp +44 7930251578**

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