



PBNi Probation Board
for Northern Ireland

JUSTICE IN TRANSITION

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10.30am-1pm

Long Gallery,
Parliament Buildings,
Stormont

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SEMINAR SPEAKERS

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



**THE HONORABLE
GREGORY JACKSON**

ASSOCIATE JUDGE
SUPERIOR COURT
OF THE DISTRICT
OF COLUMBIA

Judge Gregory Jackson was appointed to the District of Columbia Superior Court in 2005 by President George W. Bush. He began his legal career in 1978 at the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission in its Honor Law Graduate Program. In 1986, he was sworn in as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Office of the U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia.

In 1999, Judge Jackson was appointed General Counsel for the D.C. Department of Corrections. He served as legal counsel to the department during one of the most unique events in correctional history in the United States, the closing of an entire prison system. Judge Jackson provided critical legal advice and guidance as the Department of Corrections successfully closed the Lorton Prison complex, transferred more than 10,000 inmates to the Federal Bureau of Prisons, eliminated three decades of court supervision, and transitioned from a state-like prison system to a municipal detention operation. He received the Department of Corrections' "Public Service Award" in 2003 and 2004 for his participation in the termination of the court orders and consent decrees by which the federal courts had maintained oversight of the operations of the D.C. Jail for more than thirty years.

As an associate judge, Judge Jackson has presided over misdemeanor and felony cases in the Criminal Division, civil and criminal cases in the Domestic Violence Unit and civil matters in the Civil Division. He is the longest serving judicial officer to date in the Superior Court Drug Intervention Program. Throughout his tenure on the Court he has served a member of the Court Security Committee and currently is a Court representative on the D.C. Sentencing Commission.



**Vilma
Patterson MBE**

Chairman of the
Probation Board
for Northern
Ireland

Vilma Patterson has been Chairman of the Probation Board for Northern Ireland since 2012. Her background is in the private sector and she was a Director of a sportsground construction company. She is interested in skills development and has been a member of the Training Committee for the Construction Industry Training Board for Northern Ireland and worked with ConstructionSkills to form the Women in Construction Network.

In 2002 she was the founding Chair of the Women in Business Network and was a Board member of Women on the Move Network. She is a former Chair of the Independent Monitoring Board for Maghaberry Prison and the Northern Ireland Association of Members of Independent Monitoring Boards, as well as having been a member of the Parades Commission. She was previously a Civil Service Commissioner for Northern Ireland and a Non-Executive Member of the Audit Committee with the Office of Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland. Mrs Patterson is currently a member of the Armed Forces Pay Review Body.



**Cheryl
Lamont**

Chief Executive
of the Probation
Board for
Northern Ireland

Cheryl Lamont has been Chief Executive since November 2016. Cheryl is the Chief Officer and Accounting Officer and is responsible for the leadership, strategic direction and management of PBNI; the organisation's operational and financial performance and the quality of its external relationships. She is the Probation Board's principal adviser on policy and practice on the management of offenders and the main representative of PBNI in all its external dealings. She is responsible to the Probation Board and to the sponsoring Department (Department of Justice) for all aspects of PBNI's activities including expenditure.

Cheryl joined PBNI in 1985, having previously worked for a voluntary organisation. She is a qualified social worker and has an MBA in Business Administration. Cheryl completed research through the Winston Churchill Fellowship Programme in 1997 on Perpetrator Programmes and travelled across the USA and undertook intensive training in Duluth, Minnesota and also in Boston. She used her research to establish perpetrator programmes within the justice sector in Northern Ireland. Cheryl's leadership interests are in collaborative working and innovation.

SEMINAR SPEAKERS



Nick Perry

Permanent
Secretary of
the Department
of Justice

Nick Perry has been the Permanent Secretary of the Department of Justice (DoJ) since 12 April 2010. Before that he was Director General of Criminal Justice & Policing in the Northern Ireland Office.

His previous posts there included policy and finance roles, as well as being Principal Private Secretary to Mo Mowlam and Peter Mandelson. Nick also worked in the Ministry of Defence (1984-1991) in London, and in HM Customs & Excise (1981-1984) in Belfast.



**Dr. Mary
Rogan**

Associate
Professor in Law,
Trinity College
Dublin

Professor Mary Rogan's research interests include prison law, human rights and imprisonment, and penal policymaking. A barrister, she is also the Principal Investigator on the PRILA project which examines accountability in the prison system, funded by the European Research Council. She leads research on bail and pre-trial detention in Ireland as part of research examining seven European Union countries, as well as on leadership and penal change.

Professor Rogan is committed to using research to improve penal policy and the policymaking process. She is the Chairperson of the Implementation and Oversight Group on reforms to penal policy which reports to the Minister for Justice and Equality. Professor Rogan is a representative of Ireland on the International Penal and Penitentiary Foundation, a body with advisory status to the United Nations. She is also a member of the Board of the Irish Association for the Social Integration of Offenders, the Victims' Rights Alliance, and is a former Chairperson of the Irish Penal Reform Trust.