

Marking Dublin Rape Crisis Centre's 30th Anniversary

Rape Law: Victims on Trial?

A Conference jointly hosted by
Dublin Rape Crisis Centre
and School of Law, Trinity College

Saturday 16th January 2010,

9am to 1.30pm

Dublin Castle Conference Centre

The President of Ireland, Mary McAleese
will open the Conference

•Attendees can apply for CPD hours•

CHAIRMAN:

The Honourable Mr. Justice Paul Carney

SPEAKERS:

Mr. James Hamilton, DPP

Senator Ivana Bacik

Tom O'Malley,

Senior Lecturer in Law, NUI Galway

Dr. Paul O'Mahony,

Criminologist, TCD

Professor Liz Kelly,

London Metropolitan University

Rape Law: Victims on Trial? *Our Speakers*

CHAIRMAN:

The Honourable Mr. Justice Paul Carney was appointed a judge of the High Court in 1991. He was appointed an Adjunct Professor of the Department of Law and Business at the National University of Ireland, Maynooth in 2008. He is the presiding judge of the Central Criminal Court.

SPEAKERS:

Senator Ivana Bacik, LLB, LLM (Lond), BL, FTCD, is the Reid Professor of Criminal Law, Criminology and Penology at Trinity College Dublin (on leave 2009/10). She is a Senator for Dublin University, a Fellow of Trinity College and a practising barrister. She has written and published extensively on criminal law, human rights, constitutional law and related matters, and has a long track record of campaigning on civil liberties, human rights and feminist issues. Her publications include 'The Legal Process and Victims of Rape' (with Maunsell and Gogan, DRCC, 1998).

Mr. James Hamilton, DPP was called to the Bar of Ireland and practised on the Northern and Dublin Circuits from 1973 to 1981. In 1995 he was appointed the permanent head of the Office of the Attorney General and senior legal adviser to the Attorney General. In 1999 he was appointed Director of Public Prosecutions of Ireland. The Director is the independent law officer who is responsible for the initiation and conduct of criminal prosecutions in Ireland.

Professor Liz Kelly holds the Roddick Chair on Violence Against Women at London Metropolitan University, where she is a Professor of Sexualised Violence and also Director of the Child and Woman Abuse Studies Unit (CWASU). Liz has worked in the field of violence against women and children for over 30 years. She is the author of *Surviving Sexual Violence*, which introduced the concept of 'the continuum of violence against women', and she recently led the European comparative study on attrition in rape cases."

Dr. Paul O'Mahony is a senior lecturer in Psychology, School of Medicine, TCD. He was criminological advisor to the National Crime Forum and a founder member of the Irish Penal Reform Trust and the Drug Policy Action Group. He is the author of six books on Irish criminal justice policy and practice, most recently *The Irish War on Drugs* (2008). He was the Irish partner on the recent European comparative study of attrition in rape cases.

Mr. Tom O'Malley is a senior lecturer in Law at NUI, Galway and a barrister. He has published widely in the fields of criminal law, criminal procedure and sentencing. His books include *Sexual Offences: Law, Policy and Punishment* (1996); *Sentencing Law and Practice* 2nd edition (2006); *The Criminal Process* (2009). As a practitioner he has appeared in many High Court and Supreme Court cases dealing with complainant and prosecution delay in sex offence cases, and is currently a member of the Steering Committee appointed by the Courts Service to establish an Irish sentencing information system.

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08.45 - 09.15 Registration

09.15 - 09.30 Welcome Address
Ellen O'Malley-Dunlop
CEO Dublin Rape Crisis Centre

09.30 - 10.00 Separate Legal Representation
in Rape Trials
Senator Ivana Bacik

10.00 - 10.10 Introducing the **President of Ireland,
Mary McAleese**
Brendan Spring Chairman of Dublin Rape Crisis Centre

10.10 - 10.30 Launch of Conference
President of Ireland, Mary McAleese

10.30 - 11.00 What We Can Learn from Attrition
in Rape Cases
Paul O'Mahony

11.00 - 11.30 Coffee

11.30 - 12.00 Sentencing and Legal Procedures
in Rape Trials
Tom O'Malley

12.00 - 12.30 The (In)credible Words of a Woman
Liz Kelly

12.30 - 1.00 Closing Address
James Hamilton, DPP

1.00 - 1.30 Questions and Answers
Summing Up
The Honourable Mr. Justice Paul Carney