



November/December 2023 Summary

Law Society Representation & Member Services

Practising Certificate (PC) and Membership Renewal 2024

We are pleased to announce that the [Practising Certificate](#) renewal for 2024 opened early this year on 1 December, with applications now being accepted through the Law Society website. The deadline to submit your online form and full payment of fees is **1 February 2024**.

All applications for the practising certificate renewal period must be made online. For assistance, please see our [instructional video](#). To renew, [log in](#) to the Law Society website with your solicitor number and password.

The PC area of the website contains detailed guidance notes. If you have any queries, please email [Practice Regulation](#) or phone 01 672 4800. If you need help logging into the website, [contact webmaster](#).

Benefits of Law Society Membership

Don't forget your Law Society membership which entitles you to a wide range of exclusive services, including access to the Gazette, the Law Directory and our Library services. Other member services include access to the practising member logo, and a chance to have your say in matters affecting the profession through the AGM and Council Election. If you are non-practising, it's easy to renew your Law Society [membership online](#).

Financial Scheme for PC 2023/24

The Law Society has partnered with Bank of Ireland to provide a Practising Certificate Finance Scheme up to 1 March 2024. If you or your firm wishes to fund the cost of Practising Certificates over 11 months, see more information on the [Finance Scheme](#).

New Law Society President

Cork solicitor Barry MacCarthy has been named the 153rd President of the Law Society of Ireland, with effect from Friday 10 November 2023. Mr MacCarthy will serve a one-year term as president of the 24,000-strong Irish solicitors' profession until November 2024. [More about Barry MacCarthy](#).

Council Elections: Results

The ballot for the 2023/2024 Law Society Council Election has been approved and reviewed by the Scrutineers. Thank you to everyone who nominated, voted and ran for election. Congratulations to the new Council members. [Meet the 2023/2024 Law Society Council](#).

14 December: Complimentary CPD - Building High Impact Habits

A great way to earn CPD and optimise your lunchtime on 14 December is to attend the third complimentary talk in the High Impact Professional Series, taking place online from 12.30pm-1.30pm. Delivered by Law Society Psychological Services in partnership with Law Society Professional Training, this CPD webinar will be chaired by Representation and Member Services Director, Teri Kelly, who will be joined by an expert panel including Anne Marie Kennedy, Sport, Exercise and Performance Psychologist, Aoife McNickle, Criminal Law Barrister and Jason Murphy, Financial Advisor. [Register now](#).

Group Life Assurance Scheme for 2024

The Law Society will continue to offer a group life-assurance scheme in 2024. Membership of the scheme is provided as part of a practising certificate (PC), and the annual scheme premium of €64 is included in the PC fee for 2024. [Learn more about the scheme or sign up as a new member](#).

Phishing Attack Alert

Members of the profession are reminded to take caution with emails containing attachments or links, particularly if they are unexpected. Practitioners may have received an email purporting to come from Douglas Kelly Solicitors in Swinford, Co. Mayo using a misleading email address. The Law Society believe this to be a phishing attack and did not originate in Douglas Kelly Solicitors. Be vigilant and learn [how to prevent phishing attacks](#).

Newsletter Survey

The Law Society is committed to continuously improving its digital services, informed by feedback from the profession. Your feedback will help to prioritise improvements and deliver more targeted and useful email newsletters to you and your colleagues. Please take two minutes to [share your feedback now](#).

Updated Business Hub

The Law Society website has been updated with resources and information to meet the unique needs of smaller practices. [Visit the Business Hub](#) for information services, practice support pointers, practice management, rules and much more.

November 2023 In-house Update

The Law Society provides resources, news and training for in-house solicitors in the private and public sectors. The November 2023 update looked at rectifying fraudulent or mistaken entries in the Land Register. [Read the November In-house update](#).

Conveyancing Committee Practice Notes

The Conveyancing Committee has decided to update its [practice note published on 1 July 1997](#) in light of the introduction of compulsory registration and the increased availability of title insurance.

Recent Events:

Ukraine Lawyers Networking and Support Event

On 29 November 2023, the Law Society, in partnership with the Ukraine Ireland Legal Alliance (UILA), welcomed distinguished speakers, displaced Ukrainian colleagues and Irish solicitors to discuss pathways to Ukrainian Lawyers practising in Ireland and supportive associations for Ukrainian lawyers in Ireland. Thank you to all who attended. [See an image gallery of the event here.](#)

Human Rights Conference Resources

The Law Society's Human Rights and Equality Committee hosted the sold out Annual Human Rights Conference on 'Digitising Justice' on 18 November 2023. The conference featured expert Irish and international perspectives and explored technology as an enabler to justice. [Download resources](#) and presentations from the conference.

Climate Justice Conference

The Law Society's inaugural Climate Justice Conference took place on 6 November 2023. Hosted by the Law Society Environmental and Planning Law Committee in collaboration with Law Society Professional Training, the event explored 'Policies and Actions for a Climate Responsive Justice Sector'. [Download speaker slides](#) to explore more.

Upcoming Events:

Assisted Decision Making: Where are we now?

Join colleagues on 12 December 2023 from 12.30pm for a live webinar to explore the practical effect on The Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) Act, 2015 has had on practice 6 months on from implementation. This webinar earns one general CPD point (by Group Study) and will be an opportunity to hear from two practitioners with knowledge and experience of the new legislation. [Register now.](#)

All profits from this event will go to the [Attracta O'Regan Ovarian Cancer PhD Scholarship.](#)

Law Society of Ireland History Lecture Series

You are invited to an evening of talks exploring the life and work of Lithuanian-born, Irish solicitor, Michael Noyk, who worked as Michael Collins' Legal Advisor. This complimentary event takes place in the Law Society on Wednesday, **24 January 2024** from 6pm. [Register now](#) and view the full programme.

Business Information Sessions

These web-based sessions continue to be produced by the Law Society Practice Support team and are available on the website under the [Business Hub](#). Access previous sessions as a [playlist of videos](#) or [audio recordings on SoundCloud](#).

- **13 December** – Practising Certificate and membership renewal with Council Member Niamh Coughlan and Simon Treanor from Regulation. [Register now.](#)

2024 sessions will be announced on the Business Hub soon. If you have any suggestions or ideas for speakers or content, please contact [Justin Purcell](#), Practice Support Executive.

New OUP Publications for sale

The Law Society hosted the launch of a trio of publications on 15 November 2023. They were the 7th edition of Business Law, 8th edition Landlord & Tenant Law and 10th edition of Conveyancing published by the Law Society in conjunction with Oxford University Press. The texts can be [purchased online](#).

Maximise your legal staff recruitment for 2024

As the year comes to a close, recruit the right staff now for a successful 2024. Maximise your reach with discounted member rates and over 50,000 monthly views. The Law Society's [Legal Vacancies](#) website is acknowledged as the best place for employers to advertise legal jobs. Take advantage of reduced member rates to post any current opportunities you may have.

[Advertising prices](#) start at:

- €350 plus VAT for members
- €550 plus VAT for non-members
- €200-€400 plus VAT for a display ad

Exclusive Member Supports and Benefits

- [Complimentary Client Care Leaflets](#) - series of multi-lingual information leaflets on a range of legal topics that are free to download and distribute to your clients.
- [Practising Solicitor logo](#) - free to download to your website/stationary and emails. Window stickers also available with the practising solicitor logo – order from [Justin Purcell](#).
- [Digital Law Directory](#) – login to view contact information for solicitors and firms in Ireland and the rest of the world and other resources like Courts Service information, service providers to the profession, expert witnesses, statutory / reference material.
- [Psychological Services](#) – access updated information on the resources, programmes and activities available to solicitors and trainees by this new member service.