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SPORTS LAW COURSE



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OVERVIEW

This course is open to all those who have an interest in sport and sports law. The course will address many of the major themes affecting sport in this ever-changing global environment. It shall also consider the business of sport with a commercial focus on brands/sponsors, media companies, broadcasters, and marketing agencies.

Do you work or volunteer in a sporting governing body or a local sports club? The course will deal with many of key legal and governance issues in relation to sport.

A range of speakers are taking part in the course. Each are experts in their field and have a connection with the world of sport. Many of our speakers will be qualified solicitors or barristers. Learning will be delivered through a mixture of lecture presentations and workshops.

Solicitors and barristers attending the course will be able to claim continuing professional development hours. The course will be of particular interest if you would like to start advising in the areas of sports law.

The course will provide a unique opportunity to network with members of our local sporting community.



DATE To be confirmed

TIME Each night the sessions will be from 6pm-8.15pm.
Where the session is at IPLS refreshments will be available from 5.30pm.

COST £695

REGISTRATION

Applicants will be considered on a first-come first-served basis. Spaces are limited on the course and therefore you should register and pay as soon as possible by visiting our website at <https://www.qub.ac.uk/schools/InstituteofProfessionalLegalStudies/CPDCourses/>

VENUE

Institute of Professional Legal Studies Queen's University Belfast, 10 Lennoxvale, Belfast, BT9 5BY and Online through Microsoft Teams.

CPD

Time spent by Solicitors and Barristers attending lectures and workshops in person or completing these via e-learning as part of this course can be claimed towards your annual CPD requirement. Attendance at this course will cover 10 hours of group study CPD.

COURSE OUTLINE

WEEK 1 DATE TBC 6PM – 8.15PM	WEEK 2 DATE TBC 6PM – 8.15PM	WEEK 3 DATE TBC 6PM – 8.15PM	WEEK 4 DATE TBC 6PM – 8.15PM	WEEK 5 DATE TBC 6PM – 8.15PM
Disputes in Sport <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alternative dispute resolution and tribunals Arbitration in sport Dealing with selection disputes <p>Speakers <i>Sport Resolutions – Richard Harry</i> <i>Keith McGarry</i> <i>David Sharpe KC</i></p>	Governance in Sport <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Running a sports club Best Practice The Volunteers Liability What does good governance look like <p>Speakers <i>Keith McGarry</i> <i>Richard Honeyford</i></p>	Stakeholder Welfare in Sport <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Considering the welfare of athletes, coaches, officials, referees, volunteers, and whistleblowers. <p>Speakers <i>Ian Braid</i></p>	Safeguarding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safeguarding Recruitment and Access NI Dealing with concerns Good practice <p>Speakers <i>Bernie Fox - GAA</i></p>	Modern-day Athletes, Employees and Volunteers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dealing with agents and contracts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Player contracts and image rights agreements Representation agreements between players and agents Image Rights licensing Endorsement Deals Employment issues The challenges of dealing with volunteers and employees <p>Speakers <i>Jonny Madill</i> <i>Feargal Logan</i> <i>Jan Cunningham</i></p>

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+ MICROSOFT TEAMS

SPEAKERS



KEITH MCGARRY - COURSE LEADER

Keith McGarry is recognised as one of the leading sports lawyers in Northern Ireland having successfully run the Law Society/NI Sports Forum annual conference over the last 12 years.

He has represented and advised both individuals and Governing Bodies in relation to a wide spectrum of issues in the sports arena and has sat on the Disciplinary Panel of the Irish Rugby Football Union (Ulster Branch). He has been involved in Olympic selection disputes and disciplinary procedures including anti-doping. He has advised in relation to major sponsorship deals for professional teams and has been involved as Legal Adviser to the World Police and Fire Games 2013 successfully hosted in Belfast. He has advised several Governing Bodies in relation to selection policies in the run up to the 2014, 20198 and 2022 Commonwealth Games.

Notably he was retained in an International Eligibility Dispute regarding 3 Northern Irish Gymnasts prior to the 2022 Birmingham Commonwealth Games.

Keith represents the Northern Ireland Sports Forum, the umbrella body for amateur sports in Northern Ireland on the Board of Sport Resolutions in London. Sport Resolutions is the Independent Dispute Resolution Service for sport in the UK. As a trained mediator he is also on the panel of Just Sport Ireland. In a former life, Keith was a representative rugby player. He has been a coach for over 15 years with The Newforge Taggers, the first rugby club in Ireland exclusively established for children and young adults with learning disabilities which continues to spread the gospel of sport for athletes with special needs.

Whilst having a keen interest in all sports he continues to play competitive golf to Senior Cup standard. Keith is also a Board Member of the Mary Peters Trust and formally a Board member of The Golfing Union of Ireland.

SPEAKERS



BERNIE FOX

Bernie Fox is the Safeguarding Manager for Ulster GAA, a position she has held for over 10 years, where she is responsible for the development and implementation of Safeguarding policies, procedures practice and case management within the GAA in Ulster. A trained Mediator having completed her Foundation Mediation Theory and Practice and Group and Systemic Mediation with Mediation NI, Bernie promotes the use of mediation and restorative interventions to resolve conflict and issues in her role. Bernie is also Chairperson of the Northern Ireland Safeguarding Children in Sport Strategic Group, formed in 2017 to strengthen Safeguarding in Sport and improve working relationships with statutory agencies. Bernie currently represents the Sports Sector as a member of the Access NI Stakeholder Forum. Bernie is also actively involved at local level in her own club where her 4 children participate in Gaelic Football, Hurling, Camogie and Handball.



JONNY MADILL

Jonny Madill is a Partner in the Sports team at Sheridans, the sport, media and entertainment law firm. Jonny is based in London but his practice spans the sports industry in both UK and Ireland.

Jonny represents athletes and talent on all aspects of their on-field and commercial activities, from endorsement and ambassador deals to player contracts and image rights. His clients include some of the world's largest international athletes and their agents in football, rugby union, boxing, horse racing, cycling and golf.

Jonny also represents governing bodies and federations, clubs and teams and rights holders within sports and esports on sponsorship, media rights and governance/regulatory matters. His practice also involves advising marketing, creative and digital agencies across sport, as well as sports tech, data and media companies.

A Belfast native, Jonny joined Sheridans in 2015 after attending QUB and the IPLS, and qualifying at A&L Goodbody.

SPEAKERS



RICHARD HONEYFORD

Richard Honeyford has worked in sport for over 25 years. As a youth, he represented Ireland at two Youth World Sailing Championships in 1998 and 1999 and won multiple junior and youth Irish national titles before injury meant a step back from international competition. Richard went on to work as a watersports instructor and racing coach, working with international athletes for a period, before returning to NI and taking up roles with NI Youth Squads and Irish Youth Academy.

He acquired a PGCE in Modern Languages in 2006, before becoming High Performance Manager for RYA Northern Ireland to 2016; developing the performance pathway and supporting high performance athletes from NI in achieving over 13 international medals from junior to senior level. Within his role, he also coached the Irish men's single handed representative at the London 2012 Olympics. From 2016 to 2022 Richard was Chief Operating Officer for RYA Northern Ireland before taking on the role of Executive Manager at the NI Sports Forum and working across the sports sector.



RICHARD HARRY

Richard Harry has been Chief Executive at Sport Resolutions since April 2016. Richard joined Sport Resolutions in July 2010 and spent almost six years as firstly Dispute Resolution Manager and then Legal Director.

He is a sports lawyer and former Chief Executive of the Welsh Rugby Players' Association. Richard started his career as a specialist employment and sports lawyer at Hugh James Solicitors in Cardiff before joining Clarke Willmott in Bristol.

He left Clarke Willmott to establish the Welsh Rugby Players' Association and has acted as a Consultant to the World Anti-Doping Agency. Richard is a Visiting Fellow to the School of Sport and Exercise at the University of Gloucestershire, and has been appointed to the Board of the London-based International Dispute Resolution Centre (IDRC).

SPEAKERS



IAN BRAID

Ian brings his passion for sport, insight and experience all together in the award winning, independent company DOCIASport (Duty of Care In Action) he founded. His unique blend of experience has been gained as Major Events Director at British Triathlon, (an NGB perspective) , Trustee of SportsAid (next generation), CEO of the British Athletes Commission (the administrator's and athletes' perspective), member of the UK Coaching Advisory Panel (coaches' perspective) Management Board Director of Sport Resolutions UK (dispute resolution.) This led to a significant role in the DCMS review of Duty of Care in Sport chaired by Baroness Tann Grey-Thompson (published April 2017.)

Ian delivers change through consultation and collaboration, leading by his values of helping others, equality, inclusion, fairness and honesty. The welfare and wellbeing of the sector (and the people in it) and supporting the next generation to deliver a sustainable sport and activity society (not system) are real drivers. Ian's work has been recognised with DOCIASport winning the TCH 'Mental Health Consultancy of the Year' Award in 2020 for work across the sector and the Global Business Awards 'Best Sustainable Sport and Activity Provider' 2022 for work in community rugby league.

Clients include England Athletics, UK Coaching, The Rugby Football League, ECB, CIMSPA, Active Tameside EMD UK, Welsh Rugby Union, Sussex University and Cambridge University. www.dociasport.co.uk

SPEAKERS



FEARGAL LOGAN

Feargal Logan is a practising Solicitor Advocate and a former Tyrone Gaelic Footballer.

He was educated at St. Patricks Academy Dungannon and studied Law at Queens University Belfast, graduating in 1990. He qualified as a solicitor in 1992. Feargal is also a Law Society accredited Mediator and a founding partner of Logan and Corry Solicitors, founded in 1996.

Alongside his general practice Feargal has acted in a number of capacities for Sporting Organisations, their members and athletes/players. In particular, Feargal has been involved in national and international sporting disputes bringing all of his experience both inside and outside the sporting arena, to bear. Feargal has been closely involved in volunteer sports governance and participation over several decades bringing an understanding of the sportspersons requirements and expectations and those of the governing associations.

Feargal managed the Tyrone Senior Footballer Team to victory in the All Ireland Final 2021 and remains actively involved in his home Club in Stewartstown, Co Tyrone.



DAVID SHARPE KC

David Sharpe KC SC is an expert in sports law dispute resolution. He practices at the Bar in Belfast, Dublin and London (where he is joint-head of sports law at 12KBW Chambers) and has expertise across a wide range of sports law, including but not limited to player transfer, arbitration, mediation, regulatory challenges, contractual disputes, athlete selection, injury and clinical negligence in sport, and anti-doping cases.

He is the current Chair of the Sports Law Sub-Committee of the International Bar Association and a Committee Member of the Sports Law Bar Association. David is also a member of the Sports Resolution Panel of Arbitrators and Mediators, the UK Anti-Doping Panel, World Athletics Disciplinary & Appeals Panel, the Board of Appeal of the International Paralympic Committee, the Judicial Board of World Sailing, and is Chair of the Player Status Committee of the IFA.

SPEAKERS



JAN CUNNINGHAM

Jan qualified as a solicitor in 2006 and became a partner in Millar McCall Wylie in 2011. He created and developed the firm's well respected employment department. Whilst he covers all aspects of employment law he has a niche expertise in dealing with employment issues in the sport sector. He has acted for the Irish Rugby Football Union (Ulster Rugby) for a number of years advising them on issues such as player heads of agreements, employment contracts, compromise agreements and image rights agreements. He has also advised the Northern Ireland Commonwealth Games Council, Mary Peters Trust, the Golfing Union of Ireland, Show Jumping Ireland (Ulster Branch), Ulster Hockey, Royal Ulster Yacht Club, various other sports clubs and Kukri Sports on employment and sports law related matters. He is currently recognised as a Band 1 Lawyer in Chambers and as a Leading Lawyer in Legal 500, the two leading legal directories.

Prior to commencing his legal career Jan was a professional rugby player from 1997 to 2003. During that time he played for Ulster Rugby and was a member of the team that won the European Cup in 1999. He also represented Ireland at 'A' and 7s levels, playing in the 2001 7s World Cup in Argentina. At club level he was part of the Dungannon team that was the first from Ulster to win the All Ireland League. He also played cricket for Ireland at schools, U19 and U21 level.

Jan is still involved in sport sitting on the Boards of the Charitable Trust, which assists rugby players who have sustained serious spinal injuries, and Salto Gymnastics. He currently coaches youth rugby at Academy RFC.



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