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## **FOIL Ireland Newsletter- November '20**

A warm welcome to the second edition of the FOIL Ireland periodical newsletter.

This is the second edition and whilst we have already had some positive comments, we would still very much appreciate your feedback on the content, style and also the frequency of this sort of newsletter. These days there is so much information coming out for people to read and we're keen to make sure that this newsletter provides genuinely valuable and easily accessible information for members of FOIL Ireland.

FOIL Ireland is a not for profit trade body and membership is only for law firms that have a defendant insurance practice. Since its official launch in July 2019, FOIL Ireland has attracted 29 new law firms.

To date, the work of FOIL Ireland has concentrated mainly on education and networking opportunities through hosting learning events and speaker seminars.

Obviously in the current climate, we cannot host these large gatherings. However we are building a programme of virtual learning events throughout November and December and these will be streamed live to FOIL Ireland members.

The first event is on 19<sup>th</sup> November and features talks from subject experts including Alistair Kinley, Partner BLM, and Denis Smyth, Claims Operations Manager, MIBI, on cross border motor claims, post Brexit.

We have David Nolan SC talking on remote mediations on 3<sup>rd</sup> December. We also have Pearse Sreenan SC giving a talk entitled "Costs - tenders, Calderbanks and other detritus - an update" on 9<sup>th</sup> December.

You can register to attend these and all other FOIL events [here](#) on our website.

We hope also to reprise some of the events that have already taken place and get these recorded as well. Watching these videos can accrue CPD points for the Law Society of Ireland and also for the Insurance Institute of Ireland.

We plan to hold a virtual meeting of all members of FOIL Ireland members before the year end. It is important that as many law firms as possible are involved in the evolution of FOIL Ireland.

One of the simplest things that members can do to get value for money from their subscription is to [register](#) as individual lawyers for access to the members' section of the FOIL website. This will give you access to a significant library of technical material.

Registering also puts you on our emailing list for news of any new Updates that go onto the FOIL website and importantly it gets you onto the guest list for forthcoming FOIL Ireland events (live or virtual) when they are being organised.

FOIL's Technical Author, Geoff Owen, continues to issue updates on changes to Court processes in Ireland. These are stored in the [Updates](#) section of the FOIL website and we hope these are useful.

FOIL Ireland has had an acknowledgement of our response to the consultation on the discount rate from the Department of Justice and Equality. FOIL's Technical Director, Shirley Denyer worked with the FOIL Ireland Executive to draught our reply. A copy of our response is available in the members' section of the FOIL website, under [consultation responses](#).

Finally, we recommend that your firm appoints a FOIL Ireland Champion who will receive a monthly Champion's Bulletin detailing everything that FOIL has done in the preceding month and everything that FOIL is doing in the coming month. We find that this is very helpful to firms as it means that the FOIL Champion can act as a conduit to steer information to the most appropriate people within your organisation.

If you haven't already identified a FOIL Champion, please let our Management Services Consultant Sarah Higgs ([sarah.higgs@foil.org.uk](mailto:sarah.higgs@foil.org.uk)) know the name of your firm's Champion.

We hope you have enjoyed this newsletter - please do feel free to contact us with your feedback.

Kind regards

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