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FOIL Ireland Newsletter- May '21

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

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 delivering an ongoing programme of virtual learning events throughout 2021 and these will be streamed live to registered FOIL Ireland members.

So far this year we have heard from

- 1) Shane English on defamation in shoplifting cases – “Who Are You Calling a Thief?”
- 2) Vincent Nolan on a review of 2020 - “2020 – A Year Like No Other”
- 3) Simon Kearns on recent CoA cases - “2021 in the Court of Appeal and CV19”
- 4) Fred Gilligan on - “The new judicial guidelines on general damages”
- 5) Vincent Nolan on litigation process - “Not a suitable matter for particulars”

We are working on events covering a) the application of the new guidelines and we hope to have Maura McNally speaking on this and b) Declan Buckley talking on BI Claims & CV19 in June and July.

Write ups of all events are available to FOIL members on the FOIL website [Updates - Forum of Insurance Lawyers \(FOIL\)](#) and full recordings of some of the events also appear here [Streamed Events - Forum of Insurance Lawyers \(FOIL\)](#).

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.

Michael Corrigan and I had a very positive meeting with Moyagh Murdock the CEO of Insurance Ireland and her colleagues on 28th May to discuss how we can work together going forward and we will be meeting again in a few weeks' time.

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.

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) 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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