# Medical Negligence & Access to Justice in Ireland Today



## **12 October 2017**

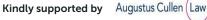
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We are delighted to return to Dublin for an essential one day conference covering the major issues currently affecting medical negligence litigation and patient safety in Ireland, including the Supreme Court decision in the case of Isabelle Sheehan v David Corr and the Civil Liability Amendment Bill. At such an important time for those working in the field of medical negligence law and patient safety in Ireland, this is a very timely event that you cannot afford to miss.

This conference will be of interest to medical negligence lawyers and healthcare related professionals including, nurses, directors of nursing, doctors, healthcare service managers, consultants, regulators, associations, government bodies and semi state agencies.

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# **CONFERENCE PROGRAMME**

Chair: Peter Walsh, Chief Executive, Action against Medical Accidents (AvMA)

#### 09.00 REGISTRATION AND REFRESHMENTS

#### 10.00 CHAIR'S WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION PETER WALSH, Chief Executive, Action against Medical Accidents (AvMA)

## 10.05 DUTY OF CANDOUR IN THE LEGAL CONTEXT PETER WALSH, Chief Executive,

Action against Medical Accidents (AvMA): & **ERNEST CANTILLON, Managing Partner, Cantillons** 

#### 10.45 MEDICAL NEGLIGENCE LEGAL UPDATE & RECENT IMPORTANT DECISIONS

JOHN HEALY SC, Barrister, The Law Library

- The suggested introduction of a law which would permit doctors to make a "protected disclosure"
- Delays in the litigation process
- The potential impact of the review of the Civil Jurisdiction Process
- Reduction in the real rate of return
- Can "no win no fee" survive in clinical negligence claims and what are the implications for access to justice?

#### 11.45 REFRESHMENTS

#### 12.00 RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN LEGAL COSTS

STEPHEN FITZPATRICK, Managing Partner, Peter Fitzpatrick & Co, Legal Costs Accountants

- Supreme Court decision in the case of Isabelle Sheehan v David Corr – the impact on the principles of the legal costs system
- The implications for plaintiffs/patients of applying the correct principles when assessing costs in complex clinical negligence claims

# 12.40 LUNCH

13.25 PERIODIC PAYMENT ORDERS UPDATE; & THE LATEST INITIATIVES TO INTRODUCE PRE-ACTION PROTOCOLS ON A VOLUNTARY **PILOT BASIS** 

MICHAEL BOYLAN, Partner, Augustus Cullen Law

14.05 OPEN DISCLOSURE - THE IMPACT OF RECENT **DEVELOPMENTS WITH THE CIVIL LIABILITY** AMENDMENT BILL ON PATIENT SAFETY MARGARET MURPHY, Patient Safety Advocate

#### 14.45 REFRESHMENTS

#### 14.55 THE IMPORTANCE OF GETTING THE RIGHT **EXPERT**

CIARAN CRAVEN SC, Barrister, The Law Library

- The effects of calling just one expert
- How to choose the right expert

15.35 THE INCREASE IN MEDIATION AND ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION IN **MEDICAL NEGLIGENCE CASES** 

EAMON HARRINGTON, Partner, Comyn Kelleher Tobin

16.15 HOW THOUGHTFULLY STRUCTURED LITIGATION FINANCE CAN EMPOWER CLAIMANTS TO TAKE BACK CONTROL OF THEIR LIVES

NICK SHAPLAND, Managing Director, Affiniti Finance Limited

#### 16.45 CHAIR'S CLOSING REMARKS

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