



# The Medico-Legal Society of Ireland

Patron: Dr. Desmond McGrath.

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## CHILDREN: MEDICINE AND THE LAW

Saturday, 21st January 2012  
Dublin Castle Conference Centre

9:15 - 9:45  
9:45 - 10:00  
10:00 - 10:15

### Registration

**Welcome**..... Dr Mary Davin-Power, President, Medico-Legal Society of Ireland

**Opening Address**..... The Attorney General, Ms Máire Whelan SC

**Morning Session** **Chair Mr. Justice Peter Kelly** Judge of the Commercial Court,  
Former President, Medico-Legal Society of Ireland

10:15 - 10:40  
10:40 - 11:05  
11:05 - 11:20  
11:20 - 11:45

**Keynote Address**..... Ms Emily Logan, Ombudsman for Children

**At the Coalface**..... Dr Mary Gray, GP, Chairman, Irish Medical Organisation GP Committee

COFFEE

**'Out of the Mouths of Babes.....'** Psychological & Legal aspects of a children's capacity to make  
decisions and give evidence. Dr Teresa Burke, Senior Lecturer  
in Neuropsychology, School of Psychology, UCD

11:45 - 12:10  
12:10 - 12:50  
12:50 - 14:00

**Hearing the Child's Voice**..... Mr Gerard Durcan SC

**Panel Discussion / Q&A**

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**Afternoon Session** **Chair Judge Yvonne Murphy** Chairperson – 'The Murphy Report'

14:00 - 14:25

**Assisted Reproduction, Surrogacy and the Rights of the Child**..... Dr Deirdre Madden, Senior  
Lecturer in Law, UCC

14:25 - 14:50

**Paediatric Practice and the Law - A View from Within**..... Prof Alf Nicholson, Consultant  
Paediatrician, CUH, Temple Street

14:50 - 15:20

**The Children's Referendum**..... Mr Fergus Finlay, Chief Executive Officer, Barnardos

15:20 - 16:00

**Panel Discussion / Q&A**

### Evening Programme

19:15

Reception and Dinner Kildare Street and University Club 17 St Stephen's Green

## Registration:

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### Academic Day - Booking and payment

Members of Medico-Legal Society €75.00 .....

Non-Members €135.00 .....

Reception & Dinner: €60.00 per person. Guests welcome.....

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