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### Profile

International environmental law scholar specialising in EU environmental law, climate change law, human rights and access to justice; qualified Barrister (King's Inns, Dublin); currently Vice-Chair, UN ECE Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee; Co-Director, Centre for Law & the Environment, University College Cork.

### Education

**1991:** BCL, University College Cork  
**1992:** LLB, University College Cork  
**1995:** Barrister-at-Law, King's Inns, Dublin  
**1996:** LLM, London School of Economics  
**2003:** PhD, European University Institute, Florence

### Employment

**2021 - to date:** Professor, School of Law, University College Cork  
**2003 - 2021:** Lecturer / Senior Lecturer, University College Cork  
**2000 - 2003:** Researcher, Department of Law, European University Institute  
**1996 - 2000:** Lecturer, University College Cork

### Senior Research Fellowships

**2018 - 2019:** Fernand Braudel Senior Research Fellow, European University Institute, Florence  
**2014 - 2015:** Senior Emile Noël Fellow, Jean Monnet Centre, New York University School of Law

## **Current International and National Expert Appointments**

- 2017 - 2021:** Vice-Chair, UN ECE Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee; Member of the Compliance Committee since 2015
- 2015 - to date:** Member, Avosetta Expert Group of EU Environmental Lawyers
- 2014 - to date:** Member, Climate Change and Environmental Sciences Committee, Royal Irish Academy, Dublin
- 2014 - to date:** Member, Board of Directors, Irish Centre for European Law, Dublin

## **Previous Expert Appointments**

- 2017 - 2019:** Appointed to Environmental Protection Agency Statutory Advisory Committee by Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment
- 2017 - 2018:** Appointed to the Expert Advisory Group of the Citizens' Assembly on Climate Change
- 2015 - 2016:** Appointed Vice-Chair of *An Bord Pleanála* (the Planning Board) Expert Review Group by Minister for Environment, Community and Local Government
- 2013 - 2016:** Appointed to Environmental Protection Agency Statutory Advisory Committee by Minister for Environment, Community and Local Government
- 2010 - 2011:** Appointed to Environmental Protection Agency Expert Review Group by Minister for Environment, Heritage and Local Government

## **Selected other expert activity**

Invited to give evidence to Oireachtas (Parliament) Joint Committee on Climate Action on the General Scheme of the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development (Amendment) Bill 2020, 15 October 2020

Member, Academic Panel, Francis Taylor Building, Inner Temple, London

Cork Environmental Forum Public Sector Award 2019

## **Selected Publications**

### ***Monograph***

*Effective Judicial Protection and the Environmental Impact Assessment Directive in Ireland* (Oxford: Hart Publishing, 2009)

### ***Book chapters***

“Regulating the Cost of Access to Justice in Environmental Matters in the Member States of the European Union” in Moscati, MF, Palmer, M, and Roberts, M (eds) *Research Handbook on Comparative Dispute Resolution* (Edward Elgar, 2020) 353-365

“The Aarhus Convention: Standards Governing Access to Justice in Environmental Matters” in Turner, S et al (eds), *Environmental Rights: The Development of Standards* (Cambridge University Press, 2019) 116-146

“The Aarhus Convention: A Force for Change in Irish Environmental Law and Policy?” in Caranta R, Gerbrandy, A and Müller, B (eds), *The Making of a New European Legal Culture: the Aarhus Convention* (Europa Law Publishing, 2018) 129-156

### ***Articles***

“Data Centres, Masterplans and Environmental Assessment Obligations” (2020) 2 *Irish Supreme Court Review* 75-99

“Climate Case Ireland: Implications of the Supreme Court Judgment” (2020) 27 *Irish Planning and Environmental Law Journal* 106-111

“The Relationship between Irish Law and International Environmental Law: A Study of the Aarhus Convention” (2019) 41 *Dublin University Law Journal* 163-187

“Enforcing the Environmental Impact Assessment Directive in Ireland: The Evolution of the Standard of Judicial Review” (2018) 7 *Transnational Environmental Law* 515-534

“Access to Environmental Information in Ireland: Implementation Challenges” (2011) 24 *Journal of Environmental Law* 45-71

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