

Biographies of Family Lawyer Mediators

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She is a member of the Family Law Civil & Legal Aid Committee of the Law Society of Ireland and has contributed to a number of reports and publications undertaken by the Committee. She is a Partner with John Callinan & Co. Solicitors, **Clare Road, Ennis, Co. Clare**. She can be contacted at 065 6828990. Email: jcallinansolicitors@eircom.net

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JOE MAGUIRE

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She is a collaborative lawyer and a Resolution trained mediator. She is the current chair of the Family Law & Minors Committee, Dublin Solicitors Bar Association, a Board Member of the Marriage Relationship Counselling Service (MRCS), a member of the Family Lawyers' Association and an Associate member of Resolution (formerly the Solicitors Family Law Association of England and Wales). Jennifer is also a member of the Association of Collaborative Practitioners and the International Association of Collaborative Practitioners. She can be contacted at 01 614 5000 Email: jobrien@mhc.ie Website: www.mhc.ie

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David is a member of the Family Lawyers Association of Ireland and a former Chairman of the Family Law Committee of the Law Society. He is also a former Chairman of the DSBA Family Law Committee and was President of the Dublin Solicitors' Bar Association 2006/2007. He is co-author of "The Law of Divorce in Ireland" (Jordan Publishing) and joint Editor of the "Irish Family Legislation Handbook" (Jordan Publishing). He can be contacted at 01 8732411 Email: davidbergin@connorbergin.ie. Website: www.oconnorbergin.ie

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Audrey is very interested in Alternative Dispute Resolution as a way of resolving family law disputes and is a CEDR accredited mediator. Audrey trained as a family mediator in association with the DSBA and Resolution in 2009. She can be contacted at. 01 - 6071729. Email: abb@mcf.ie Website: www.mccannfitzgerald.ie

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Kay is one of the few solicitors practicing in Ireland who has post-graduate qualifications in both Family Law and Employment Law. In September 2009, she completed the DSBA course in Family Mediation. She can be contacted at: 01 490 3394. Email: cdaly@iol.ie

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She has a keen interest in Alternative Dispute Resolution and has trained as a collaborative lawyer and mediator. She is a founder member and secretary of the Kildare and West Wicklow Collaborative Family Law Practice Group. She is a member of the Association of Collaborative Practitioners and the International Academy of Collaborative Practitioners. She sits on the Employment Committee of the Law Society. She can be contacted at 045 431542, email: helen.coughlan@pjf.ie; website: www.pjf.ie

BRENDAN DILLON

Brendan qualified as a solicitor in 1990. In my practice as a solicitor and Principal of Dillon Solicitors since 1993 I have been involved in many disputes which have been resolved in a variety of different ways. My experience has been in disputes relating to general litigation, commercial disputes, employment, family law and sport. In the area of family law I have practiced for over 15 years in this area and understand the complexities and the difficulties which can face couples trying to resolve their marital difficulties. In my practice as a solicitor I have acted for both employers and employees. There is huge potential for the growth of mediation in the area of employment disputes. Very often employment disputes arise by reason of lack of communication and differing perceptions from the employer and the employee or maybe between two employees. The resolution of the dispute by way of mediation may result in the parties to the dispute being able to work together in the future. This can be very important. The world of sport is an evolving area and one where the stakes have grown substantially. With that has come a greater volume of disputes. Again the disputes very often involve parties who are likely to have a further involvement into the future. It is for this reason that mediation is a very suitable model to resolve those disputes. I have over 30 years involved in sports administration, as honorary secretary and general manager of UCD Soccer Club, as Treasurer of the Athletic Union Council in UCD and have also served as Chairman of the FAI National League as well as being a Board member of the FAI. It is my view that an insight in relation to sport and how it works is a great advantage for sports mediation. Email: brendandillon@dillon.ie

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Nuala E. Jackson completed the Accredited Training Course and Examination in Mediation organised by the Bar Council of Ireland in Association with the European Training Team in June 2004. She successfully completed the DSBA/Resolution Family Law Mediation Course in September 2009. She is a practising barrister with 23 years experience. She has been involved in a number of lawyer assisted mediations. A law graduate of Trinity College Dublin, she completed her LL.M. Degree in the University of Cambridge in 1986. She has a Diploma in Arbitration Law (UCD) and a Diploma in International Arbitration Law (UCD). She is currently undertaking a Master's Degree in Canon Law in the University of Cardiff. Her areas of particular interest and expertise include family law, child law (including adoption, abduction and child care law) and education law.

DONAGH MCGOWAN

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Donagh qualified as a solicitor in 1993. He is a member of the Family Law Committee of the Law Society and is a member of the Family Lawyers Association of Ireland. Donagh is a trained mediator and a trained professional in Collaborative Law and is a member of the International Academy of Collaborative Professionals. He can be contacted at 01 614 5000 Email: dmcgowan@mhc.ie. Website: www.mhc.ie

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MURIAL WALLS

Muriel is a family lawyer for over 30 years and has been involved in a vast number of cases and a wide variety of situations. Muriel understands the emotional turmoil of relationship breakdown and the impact this can have on the client, their family and all aspects of life. Separating couples need good legal information and advice but they do not need to go to court. Solutions can be found in most cases and they are usually the best for the family. As a family mediator Muriel works with couples to help them to achieve the best outcome for each of them and their children. She is located at McCann Fitzgerald solicitors, Riverside One, Sir John Rogerson's Quay, D2. Tel: 01 6071217 email: Muriel.walls@mccannfitzgerald.ie

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Gearóidín Charlton, BCL, MSc (Systemic Organisations & Management) graduated from UCD in 1981, qualified as a solicitor in 1985, as a psychotherapist in 2000 and was awarded her Masters from the University of Sunderland in 2004. For eighteen years, she practised family Law in a medium sized firm heading up their Family Law Department. She subsequently set up her own practice in 2002, now, Charltons Solicitors, specialising in family Law and related issues. Gearóidín's training in psychotherapy equips her with additional skills to deal with the challenges facing clients and lawyers alike in cases of matrimonial/relationship breakdown. She is a trained Mediator and collaborative practitioner and is an advocate of alternative dispute resolution in family disputes. She is a member of the Law Society of Ireland, the Dublin Solicitors Bar Association, both the Irish and International Associations of Collaborative Practitioners and a co-founder of South Dublin Collaborative Lawyers.

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She holds a BA Degree from U.C.D in French and Spanish. In 1982 she qualified as a solicitor and practised in the area of civil litigation and family law for fifteen years. In 1997 she ceased practising as a solicitor to concentrate on bringing up twin boys and a child with special needs. She is now a full time family and civil mediator and she is a certified member of the MII (Mediators Institute of Ireland). She is a great believer in mediation as a process which saves time, money and stress. She as mediator is a neutral ,impartial empathetic facilitator who works to help couples /parties reach an amicable solution in confidence without having to resort to a long drawn out court process. Not being a practising solicitor she operates independeintly from any law firm but is able to draw on her legal knowledge and experience to assist in reaching workable solutions. Address 98 Lower Churchtown Road, Dublin 14. Tel 2960604 mobile#:087 2026137 email address:anitaclarkemedator@gmail.com

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