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Presents a conference on

# **The Industrial Relations Act – Twenty Years On**

University College Dublin

Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> July & Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2010

## The Industrial Relations Act – Twenty Years On

The Industrial Relations Act 1990, which was enacted on July 18, 1990, involved the most far reaching changes in Irish labour law since the 1940s. The Act repealed the Trade Disputes Act 1906 in its entirety and re-enacted its provisions with significant amendments, in particular in relation to picketing. The Act also introduced a balloting requirement and imposed certain limitations on the Superior Courts' ability to grant injunctive relief. In addition, the Act established the Labour Relations Commission, charged with the general responsibility for promoting the improvement of industrial relations, and recalibrated the role of the Labour Court.

This High Level Conference will assess the impact of the Act over the last 20 years from the perspective of the Institutions, the Social Partners and lawyers.

### Conference schedule

#### Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> July 2010

Venue: Clinton Centre, University College, Belfield, Dublin 4

5.45pm Registration

6.15pm Welcome:

*Professor John Jackson*, Dean of the School of Law, University College Dublin,

*Anthony Kerr*, School of Law, University College Dublin.

6.30pm Dinner

7.30pm Conference Opening Address

*Bertie Ahern*, T.D.

8.00pm Coffee

**Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> July 2010**

Venue: Quinn School of Business, University College Dublin, Belfield, Dublin 4

9.00am Registration

9.30am Formal Opening of Conference

*Dara Calleary, T.D.*

9.45am **Session I**

The View of the Institutions

Chair: *Joseph Wallace*

Speakers: *Kevin Duffy, Labour Court*

*Kieran Mulvey, Labour Relations Commission*

11.15am COFFEE

11.45am **Session II**

The View of the Social Partners

Chair: *Kevin Bonner*

Speakers: *Jack O' Connor, SIPTU*

*Brendan McGinty, IBEC*

1.15pm LUNCH

2.15pm **Session III**

The View of the Lawyers

Chair: *The Honourable Ms. Justice Mary Laffoy*

Speakers: *Anthony Kerr, University College Dublin*

*Professor Keith Ewing, King's College, London*

3.45pm **Questions & Answers Session**

4.15pm Close of Conference & Distribution of CPD Certificates

## Speaker profiles

**Bertie Ahern T.D.**, as Minister for Labour, was responsible for introducing the legislation.

**Dara Calleary T.D.** is the Minister for State for Labour Affairs at the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Innovation.

**Joseph Wallace** is a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Personnel and Employment Relations, University of Limerick. His published work includes *Industrial Relations in Ireland*.

**Kevin Duffy** is Chairman of the Labour Court.

**Kieran Mulvey** is Chief Executive of the Labour Relations Commission.

**Kevin Bonner** was the Secretary General of the Department of Labour at the time of the introduction and enactment of the legislation.

**Jack O'Connor** is General President of the Services Industrial Professional Technical Union and President of the Irish Congress of Trade Unions.

**Brendan McGinty** is a Director of the Irish Business and Employers' Confederation.

**The Honourable Ms Justice Mary Laffoy** is a Judge of the High Court.

**Anthony Kerr** is a Statutory Lecturer in the School of Law, University College Dublin.

**Keith Ewing** is Professor of Public Law at King's College London. His published work includes *Working Life: A New Perspective on Labour Law*.

## Booking Details

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