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Annual Conference 2017

*The Legacy of 'The Crum'
a Modern Perspective*

THE CRUMLIN ROAD GAOL
SATURDAY 17TH JUNE 2017

3.5 CPD points



Black tie dinner will take place in The Crumlin Road Gaol at 7pm.
RSVP online at Eventbrite.co.uk, by phone 028 9056 2050, or in person at the Bar Council Office.

AGENDA

- 10:30 – 11:00 **Registration & coffee**
- 11:00 – 11:15 **Welcome** - *Michael Duffy BL, Chairman of the Criminal Bar Association*
- 11:15 – 11:30 **Reflections on the Crumlin Road** - *CM Lavery QC*
- 11:30 – 12:00 **Problem Solving Justice** - *Sir Declan Morgan, Lord Chief Justice*
- 12:00 – 12:45 **Guest Speaker: Prison Reform** - *Sir Geoffrey Nice QC*
- 12:45 – 13:45 **Lunch**
- 13:45 – 14:00 **Reflections on the Crumlin Road** - *Sir Malachy Higgins*
- 14:00 – 14:45 **Craig and Bentley Revisited: Joint Enterprise in Murder Cases**
- *Dr John Stannard*
- 14:45 – 15:15 **Bad Character: R v Mitchell** - *Liam McCollum QC*
- 15:15 – 15:30 **Questions & closing remarks** - *Michael Duffy BL, Chairman of the Criminal Bar Association*

Light refreshments and a tour of the gaol will be taking place after the conference - please state your interest upon booking.



SPEAKERS



Michael Lavery QC
Reflections on the Crumlin Road

CM Lavery QC was called to the Bar of Northern Ireland in 1956 and took Silk in 1971. He served as Chairman of the Bar Council from 1987 - 1989 and was appointed a Bencher in 1979, serving as Treasurer in 1987.

Michael has appeared in numerous high profile cases in 'The Crum' in what has been a lifetime of involvement in some of the most well-known cases in the jurisdiction.

Michael is The Father of the Northern Ireland Bar and is one of its most respected members.



Lord Chief Justice Sir Declan Morgan
Problem Solving Justice

Sir Declan Morgan was educated at Peterhouse, Cambridge. He was called to the Bar in 1976 and took Silk in 1993.

He was Senior Crown Counsel for Northern Ireland from 2002 until his appointment as a High Court Judge in May 2004. He was appointed to the Family Division in January 2007 and in September 2008 became one of two judges with responsibility for judicial review.

Sir Declan was appointed Chairman of the Law Reform Advisory Committee for Northern Ireland in 2004. In April 2007 he was appointed Chairman of the Northern Ireland Law Commission.

Sir Declan Morgan became Lord Chief Justice of Northern Ireland in 2009.

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SPEAKERS CONTINUED



Professor Sir Geoffrey Nice QC

Guest speaker

Sir Geoffrey Nice QC has practised as a barrister since 1971. He was made a Knight in 2007 and was appointed Professor of Law at Gresham College in 2012.

He worked at the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia between 1998 and 2006 and led the prosecution of Slobodan Milošević, former President of Serbia. Much of his work since has been connected to cases before the permanent International Criminal Court.

He works for several related NGOs and lectures and commentates in the media in various countries on international war crimes issues. He sits as a Recorder in England and has been a part time Crown Court judge since 1984 sitting at the Old Bailey and has served as a judge in several jurisdictions and in various tribunals and inquiries. Between 2009 and 2012 he was Vice-Chair of the Bar Standards Board.



Sir Malachy Higgins

Reflections on the Crumlin Road

Sir Malachy Higgins appeared in many of the most notorious trials to have taken place in The Crumlin Road Courthouse.

Sir Malachy Higgins is a retired Lord Justice of Appeal. He was called to the Bar in 1969 and took Silk in 1985. Sir Malachy served as a County Court Judge from 1988 - 1993, before being appointed to the High Court Bench in 1993 and then the Court of Appeal in 2007.

Sir Malachy was appointed a Bencher in 1993, serving as Treasurer in 2001. Sir Malachy has previously served as Judge in Residence at the Queen's University Belfast, and was also Chairman of the University's Board of Visitors from 2008 to 2013.

Sir Malachy retired from the Court of Appeal bench in 2014.

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Dr John Stannard

Craig and Bentley Revisited: Joint Enterprise in Murder Cases

Dr John Stannard is a Senior Lecturer at Queen's University Belfast. He graduated from Oxford University in 1973 with a BA in Jurisprudence and obtained the degree of BCL the following year. From 1974 - 1976 he was a lecturer in Roman Law at the University of Aberdeen. Since 1977 Dr Stannard has lectured at Queen's University Belfast.

Dr Stannard lectures on criminal law and has had works published in many internationally recognised journals. Dr Stannard has lectured every Queen's University law student since 1977.



Liam McCollum QC

Bad character evidence: R v Mitchell

Liam McCollum QC was called to the Bar in 1985 and took Silk in 2001. He has an extensive civil and criminal practice and has prosecuted in a number of high profile cases as well as having appeared regularly in the Court of Appeal and the UK Supreme Court (most recently in the appeal of R v Mitchell [2016] UKSC 55).

Liam is the current Chairman of the Executive Council of the Inn of Court and the Bar Council.

BOOKING

A black tie dinner will follow the conference in the Crumlin Road Gaol, 7.30pm for 8pm. A string quartet will perform in the Gaol Circle and guests of members are most welcome.

PRICES:

CONFERENCE: FREE TO CBA MEMBERS / £10 YBA / £25 NON CBA

DINNER: £50 / £40 YBA

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