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Foreword

It is a great pleasure to welcome you all to the Seventh Brian Lenihan Memorial Address. This event has been organised in cooperation with the Law School to celebrate the career of one of its most distinguished graduates, Brian Lenihan SC TD, who passed away in June 2011.

Mr Lenihan studied law in Trinity College Dublin before undertaking postgraduate study at the University of Cambridge. He subsequently worked as a lecturer in College, and a barrister in Dublin, taking silk in 1997.

He was first elected to the Dáil in the Dublin West by-election of 1996. During his time in politics, Mr Lenihan held a succession of ministerial posts: Minister of State for Children (2002-2007), Minister for Justice (2007-2008), and Minister for Finance (2008-2011).

During his time as Minister for Finance, while grappling with the worst economic crisis in the history of the State, Mr Lenihan was diagnosed with cancer. He nevertheless remained in office, devoting his final years to public service. He finally succumbed to his illness on June 10, 2011, shortly after leaving ministerial office. The Law School is proud to have contributed to the formation of such a person. It is hoped that this event will play a modest part in ensuring that Mr Lenihan's great contribution to the Irish State will not be forgotten.



Réamhrá

Is mór an onóir dúinn fáilte is fiche a chur roimh chách anseo inniu chuig an ochtú Aitheasc i gcuimhne Brian Lenihan AS TD. Tá an ócáid seo á heagrú ag an Scoil Dlí anseo i gColáiste na Tríonóide chun gairmréim an t-Uasal Lenihan a cheiliúradh. Cailleadh é go hóg agus roimh am dó sa bhliain 2011.

Rinne an t-Uasal Lenihan staidéar ar an dlí anseo i gColáiste na Tríonóide sular thug sé faoi obair iarchéimeach i gCambridge Shasana. Ina dhiaidh sin d'fhill sé ar Éirinn agus chaith sé seal ag obair mar léachtóir san ollscoil seo agus mar abhcóide sna cúirteanna. Ceapadh é mar abhcóide sinsireach sa bhliain 1997.

Toghadh é do Dháil Éireann don chéad uair sa bhliain 1996. Chaith sé seal mar Aire rialtais ag leibhéal sóisearach agus sinsearach i Roinn na Leanaí 2002 go 2007, sa Roinn Dlí agus Cirt ó 2007 go 2008 agus mar Aire Airgidis ó 2008 go 2011.

Nuair a bhí an t-Uasal Lenihan ag obair mar Aire Airgidis fuarathas amach go raibh aise air ach lean sé leis ag obair gan stad gan staonadh agus an ghéarchéim ba mheasa riamh i gcuimhne na ndaoine ag suaitheadh na tíre. In ainneoin an tinnis d'fhan sé ina phost mar Aire rialtais agus rinne sé a seacht ndícheall ar son na tíre. D'imigh sé ar shlí na fírinne i Mí an Mheithimh 2011, tamall gearr tar éis dó éirí as oifig mar Aire Airgidis. Is ábhar mór bróid is mórtais dúinn anseo sa Scoil Dlí go raibh baint againn le fás is forbairt an fhir uasail seo.

Tá súil againn leis go gcabhróidh an ócáid seo le gaisce an t-Uasal Lenihan maidir le seirbhís phoiblí a choinneáil beo in aigne na n-daoine agus chun a chinntiú nach ndéanfar dearmad air go deo. Ní bheidh a leithead ann arís.





Speaker:

Judge Anthony M Collins

The Brian Lenihan Memorial Address will be delivered by Judge Anthony M Collins, Chamber President of the General Court of the CJEU. In his speech, he will offer some reflections on the topic of “EU Law in Ireland Post-Brexit.”

In 2013, the government nominated Judge Collins to the bench of the CJEU in Luxembourg. A graduate of the College, he was called to the bar in 1986 and became a Senior Counsel in 2003, specialising in Administrative and EU Law. Before his appointment to the CJEU, Judge Collins worked as référendaire (legal secretary) to two Irish judges sitting on the ECJ between the years of 1990 and 1997.

In addition, Judge Collins has been a longtime member of the Labour party and has been politically active since an early age. He was general secretary of the Irish Union of School Students in the late 1970s and international vice-president of the Union of Students in Ireland from 1982-

1983. From 1993-2003 he was joint editor of the *Irish Journal of European Law*. He served as Director of the Irish Centre for European Law, based here in Trinity College Dublin, from 1997-2000 and continues to be a member of the Board of Directors. From 2006 until his appointment to the CJEU, Judge Collins was a member of the Permanent Delegation of the Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe to the EU and EFTA Courts. Additionally, he has written a number of books on Irish and EU law.

Since his call to the bar and subsequent appointment to the CJEU, Judge Collins has made a singular contribution to EU jurisprudence; it is our privilege to welcome him back to his alma mater and to learn from him today.





Chairperson: *Noel Whelan*

Noel Whelan is a barrister, author, political analyst and weekly columnist with *The Irish Times*. After completing bachelors and masters degrees in History and Politics, he was called to the bar in 1998. He primarily prosecutes in the Central Criminal Court, practising in Dublin for half of the year and Waterford for the other.

He has been politically involved since a young age and ran for Fianna Fáil in the 1997 General Election. Mr Whelan is the author of a number of legal and political books, including; *Ireland Said Yes: The Inside Story of How the Vote for Marriage Equality Was Won* (2015), *A History of Fianna Fáil:*

The Outstanding Biography of the Party (2011) and *The Talluman's Campaign Handbook* (2007).

In 2012, Mr Whelan founded the Kennedy Summer School in his home county, Wexford. The festival of Irish & American history, culture and politics has gone from strength to strength from its foundation, hosting a range of notable speakers and drawing international crowds.



A Note of Thanks

The Organising Committee of the TCD Law Student Colloquium, along with the Law School, Trinity College Dublin, would like to express their sincere gratitude to Judge Collins for delivering the seventh annual Brian Lenihan Memorial Address. We further wish to thank Mr Whelan for chairing the event.



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