



Údarás um Fhorfheidhmiú Corparáideach
Corporate Enforcement Authority

**MARKING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
COMPANY LAW ENFORCEMENT ACT 2001 (CLEA)**

COMPANY LAW - THE PAST, THE PRESENT, THE FUTURE

**CONVENTION CENTRE DUBLIN
11 SEPTEMBER 2026**

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
8:00	Registration & coffee	
<i>MC for the morning: Fallon Judge, Director of Investigations</i>		
8:50	Chairperson's opening remarks	Ian Drennan <i>Chairperson, CEA</i>
9:15	Reflections on the Working Group's 1998 Report, the Company Law Enforcement Act 2001, and how the landscape has evolved over the ensuing years	Michael McDowell <i>Independent Member of Seanad Éireann, Senior Counsel, Chair of the Working Group on Company Law Compliance and Enforcement</i>
10:00	A quiet revolution: 25 years of fixing broken companies and public protection	Tom Murray <i>Managing Partner & Head of Insolvency Friel Stafford</i>
10:45	Coffee & networking	
11:15	New Authority Member's remarks	Gráinne Mannion <i>Member of the Authority, Criminal Investigation & Digital Analytics Division</i>
11:30	Reflections on the evolution of company law and on the work of the Company Law Review Group (CLRG) (Pre-recorded interview)	Dr. Thomas B. Courtney <i>Author & former CLRG Chair</i>
11:45	Garda National Economic Crime Bureau	Nigel Mulleady <i>Detective Chief Superintendent Garda National Economic Crime Bureau</i>

12:15	Commissioner's Address, followed by fireside chat with the Authority Chairperson	Michael McGrath <i>EU Commissioner for Democracy, Justice, the Rule of Law, and Consumer Protection</i>
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13:00	Minister's address	Peter Burke, TD <i>Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment</i>
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13.45	Lunch	
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MC for the afternoon: Dr. Michael Dillon, Director of Legal

15:00	New Authority Member's remarks	Seán Cotter <i>Member of the Authority, Insolvency Supervision, Civil Enforcement & Advocacy Division</i>
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15:15	Future directions in company law: Some perspectives	Deirdre Ahern <i>Professor in Law, Trinity College Dublin & Chair of the Company Law Review Group</i>
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16:00	Reflections on corporate governance in Ireland in 2026	Dr. Margaret Cullen <i>Programme Director, Professional Diploma in Corporate Governance, UCD Michael Smurfit Graduate Business School</i>
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16:45	Chairperson's closing remarks	Ian Drennan <i>Chairperson, CEA</i>
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17:00	Conference close	
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