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## **LSRA hosts more than 100 attendees at international legal regulators conference in Dublin**

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The LSRA is pleased to welcome more than 100 attendees to Ireland for the two day International Conference of Legal Regulators (ICLR) which opened this morning in Dublin. [Thursday 26 October]

The annual event, now in its twelfth year, sees legal regulators from around the world gather to share experiences and good practices, explore trends and themes, and network.

As a member of the legal regulators network, the LSRA is hosting this year's conference, which takes place in the Royal Marine Hotel in Dún Laoghaire, county Dublin. The Minister of State at the Department of Justice with responsibility for Law Reform, James Browne, made a welcome address to delegates this morning by video.

The theme of the conference is *The Future of Legal Regulation – Navigating the Decade Ahead*. Speakers include regulators, academics, practitioners and experts in a range of fields including Artificial Intelligence (AI), access to justice and ethics in the legal profession.

Irish speakers include Mr Justice David Barniville, the President of the High Court, Dr Catherine Day, the former EU secretary general of the European Commission and Kathryn Stone OBE, the chair of the Bar Standards Board of England and Wales. Academic speakers include Steven Vaughan, Professor of Law and Professional Ethics at University College London, and Prof Dr Matthias Kilian, the Hans-Soldan-Professor for the Law of the Legal Profession at the University of Cologne, Germany.

Delegates have travelled to Ireland from jurisdictions including: New Zealand, Australia, Canada, the US, England and Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland, the Netherlands, Germany, South Africa, Singapore, Hong Kong and the United Arab Emirates.

**Speaking ahead of the opening of the event this morning, the LSRA's Chief Executive, Dr Brian Doherty said:**

"It is our absolute pleasure to host a gathering of international colleagues, academics and experts. We have so much to learn from each other about internal and external challenges facing legal regulators in a post-pandemic world, as well as possible strategies and solutions. Change is the theme of this year's event and there are many common issues we face arising from evolving legal landscapes, emerging regulatory demands and fresh demands on the lawyer of tomorrow.



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“The threats and opportunities posed by Artificial Intelligence for regulators, lawyers and citizens is a key topic for discussion at this week’s conference. There are also many factors arising from the changing social make-up of the legal profession worldwide, and these can affect our work as regulators and in particular impact on conduct and fitness to practice regimes, as well as legal education and training. The event will also explore ethics within the profession and ask what it means for lawyers to uphold the rule of law.”