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**Wind Farms :
Planning & Judicial Review
12 March 2015**

Location: Hilton Hotel Kilmainham, Dublin 8.

Course Outline

To make candidates more aware of the planning issues with wind farms and in particular in relation to legal issues and judicial review. Recent planning referral cases have had significant impact on wind farm project timelines and costs.

Who Should Attend?

Managers, corporate legal professionals and those concerned with planning issues and the effects on wind farm projects and Environmental Impact Assessments. Managers or professions concerned with Grid connection awareness issues and cost implications.

Content:

- Introduction to Legal Judicial Review:
- Legal Judicial Review and the planning process in Ireland
- Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and Appropriate Assessment (AA)
- Legal Judicial Review and Grid Connection issues
- Wind Farms and Planning
- Public Participation

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Course Method:

Theory in classroom setting over 1 day in the IWEA training centre. Covering the financial, legal and construction aspects from a financial perspective. This will be an interactive session with 2 course trainers.

High Level Course Content

- Introduction to Legal Judicial Review:
 - Legal concepts
 - Grounds
 - Potential outcomes
 - Procedural issues

- Legal Judicial Review and the planning process in Republic of Ireland
 - Role of judicial review in planning
 - Recent developments

- Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and Appropriate Assessment (AA)
 - Introduction to environmental law
 - When is screening necessary and the differences between EIA and AA;
 - SEAs
 - Key considerations and updates regarding EIS, and AA, Natura 2000 & the Habitats and Birds Directives
 - Recent amendments to the EIA Directive

- Legal Judicial Review and Grid Connection issues
 - O’Grianna Case – Detailed analysis
 - Recent wind farm cases

- Wind Farms and Planning
 - Recommendations for avoiding/limiting the risk of Judicial Review
 - Section 5 applications
 - Exempted development

- Public Participation
 - Aarhus Convention and Access to Environmental Information
 - Cost Implications of judicial review—Section 160 Applications



Meet Your Trainer:

Eoin Cassidy of Mason Hayes and Curran will be the providers of the course material. MHC is a full service business law firm operating in Ireland, US and UK. The firm has a solution-driven approach to business with considerable experience advising wind farm owners and managers in all aspects to the legal framework in Ireland around wind farm purchases and development.

Eoin is a Partner in the and practises in both contentious and non-contentious construction law. He has acted for funders in relation to the funding of a number of wind farm projects in Ireland and on the construction aspects of project finance developments. He also provides ongoing advice to wind farm developers on construction, planning, environmental and grid connection for projects at the pre-development and construction stage.



Wind Farm Planning Legal JR

Date: 12 March 2014

Registration: 09:45 Start: 10.00AM Finish: 3:30PM
Location: Hilton Hotel Kilmainham, Dublin 8.

Cost: Company Member : €230
 Non Company Member : €388

Trainer: Mason, Hayes & Curran

I wish to reserve:
No. of Places: €

Trainee(s) Details:

Name: _____

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