

# THE SOCIETY OF ACTUARIES IN IRELAND

## Professionalism Event

Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> May 2010 – Alexander Hotel, Dublin

### PROGRAMME

<b>8.00</b>	Registration and Coffee	
<b>8.30</b>	Welcome & Introduction	Yvonne Lynch, Director of Professional Affairs Mike Claffey, Course Facilitator
<b>9.10</b>	Plenary Presentation Topic: <i>Ethics in business: the good, the bad and the difference</i>	Pierce Kent Corporate Governance Specialist at the Centre for Corporate Governance at UCD
<b>10.40</b>	Coffee	
<b>10.55</b>	Business ethics case studies	Mike Claffey
<b>11.45</b>	Plenary Presentation Topic: <i>Professionalism: A Lawyer's View of the Actuarial Profession</i>	Caroline Hunter-Yeats Solicitor-Advocate (All Higher Courts) (UK)
<b>12.30</b>	Lunch	
<b>1.30</b>	Practice-specific case studies	Moderators: Tom Barry, Declan Moore & Philip Shier
<b>3.00</b>	Coffee	
<b>3.15</b>	Proposed Code of Professional Conduct <i>Overview &amp; Discussion (breakout groups)</i>	Paul O'Faherty Chairman, Professional Affairs Committee
<b>4.15</b>	Panel Discussion	Mike Claffey, Yvonne Lynch, Paul O'Faherty, Philip Shier
<b>4:55</b>	Closing remarks	Mike Claffey

Biographies of our guest speakers are on the next page.

## **Pierce Kent**

Pierce Kent is Corporate Governance Specialist at the Centre for Corporate Governance at UCD. A Chartered Accountant by profession, he is a former President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland and a founder member of the Chartered Accountants Joint Ethics Committee. He has chaired the ICAI Ethics Committee and is a former member of their Disciplinary Tribunal. He represented Ireland on the International Federation of Accountants (IFAC) Ethics Committee and chaired the IFAC "Ethical Standards for Employed Professional Accountants" Committee.

Pierce is a member of the Disciplinary Panel of the Society of Actuaries in Ireland. He is also Chairman of the Arts Council's Appeals Committee. He has acted for the Institute of Certified Public Accountants in Ireland as their "Subject Expert" for Auditing since 2001.

Pierce is a founder director of Griffith College Dublin and non-executive director of a number of Irish companies involved in Derivative Trading, Training and Education.

He lectures on the Centre's Diploma in Corporate Governance and is a Senior Fellow with the Master of Accounting Programme at the Michael Smurfit Graduate School of Business.

In the last few years, Pierce has presented at several of the Society's Professionalism Events and we are delighted to welcome him back to share his thoughts on ethics in business and the impacts on actuaries.

## **Caroline Hunter-Yeats**

Caroline Hunter-Yeats is a partner at law firm Simmons & Simmons. She specialises in complex financial disputes, with a particular focus on defending actuarial negligence claims. She has worked on actuarial disputes involving both pensions and general insurance matters, including some of the largest actuarial disputes in the London Market.

Caroline has been a regular speaker at Professionalism Events and other conferences run by the UK Actuarial Profession. She also has spoken at the Society's Professionalism Event on several occasions and we are delighted to welcome her back to give her views on professionalism and what it means for actuaries.