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Eamonn to deliver

Dr Eamonn Hall lined up as guest speaker at launch of a bigger, better new home for First Law's current awareness service

All case law information and legislation available through Ireland's respected First Law¹ website will transfer exclusively to Justis Publishing's² intuitively searchable, full-text online legal library, [Justis](#), in February.

To celebrate this, members of the press are invited to join other guests from legal practice, librarianship and the judiciary at our drinks launch at Dublin's Law Library Distillery Building between 6 and 8pm on Thursday 4th February.

Solicitor, notary public, gentleman, scholar, author, raconteur and all-round good egg of the Irish legal scene: it's none other than [Dr Eamonn Hall](#), our keynote speaker for an evening that also includes canapés, a string quartet and a chance to see the reinvigorated database in action.

From the Justis interface, new and existing First Law users alike will enjoy the full range of coverage back to 1999 currently offered, including:

- All Judgments of the Superior Courts
- All Acts of the Oireachtas
- All Statutory Instruments
- Selected Circuit Court Judgments
- Selected Employment Appeal Tribunals
- Unreported Judgments

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But on its new platform First Law's material will additionally benefit from:

- A more intuitive search platform and world-class results handling
- Sitting alongside other elements of Justis's full catalogue, such as the [Irish Reports & Digest](#) and the [Law Reports](#) from England & Wales, all of which can, if required, be searched simultaneously by subscribers of those series
- Links from Justis Publishing's provider-neutral citator, [JustCite](#), in which each report will be indexed and cross-referenced against other cases and legislation, showing how it sits within the common law at large

As part of this agreement the ownership of First Law's current awareness service data has transferred to Justis Publishing. But the two organisations will work closely to maintain the high levels of editorial standards associated with First Law products, with the latter's editorial team continuing to provide content for the new platform.

Bart D. Daly, BL, founder and managing director of First Law, said: "We have been delivering to the Irish practitioner Irish law since 1999 and our archive of judgments – all with head notes – Statutory Instruments and Statutes have grown to some 17,000 documents. On the Justis platform the First Law online service will be improved and can offer a wider range of facilities including IP authorisation."

Masoud Gerami, Justis Publishing MD, said: "I am very pleased and excited by the agreement, which reinforces our commitment to provide the Irish legal market with an outstanding resource for electronic legal research. First Law is a highly regarded publisher of legal information. The combination of their content and Justis's current collection of Irish material will offer a unique and valuable service for that market."

For further information, please call **+44 (0)20 7267 8989** or email press@justis.com.

¹ [First Law](#) was founded in January 1998 by Bart D. Daly, BL its Managing Director. Previously he was involved in publishing in the traditional format. Prior to the establishment of First Law he was managing director of Round Hall Sweet & Maxwell. First Law was established to bring Irish law to practitioners in an immediate, searchable electronic format. First Law has also produced a host of legal books, including the award-winning Going to Court.

² [Justis Publishing Ltd](#) has been publishing titles online and on CD-ROM since 1986 and in recent years has developed a citator to complement its own and third-party services. The company has secured a leading position in the sector, concentrating on United Kingdom, Irish, Commonwealth and European Union legal, official and business information.