

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

COMMITTEE FOR JUSTICE

Mr Alastair Ross MLA Chairman, Committee for Justice

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Dear Sir/Madam

Committee for Justice Conference – Justice in a Digital Age – Thursday 15 October at W5 at 2pm

The Committee for Justice is currently holding a series of seminars to identify and discuss innovative approaches that could be adopted to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the justice system in Northern Ireland.

One of the areas that has been highlighted is the issue of social media and changing technologies.

The Committee for Justice has therefore decided to hold a conference to consider and generate discussion around the following issues –

1. **Social Media** –online protection for children, cyber-bullying and online reputation.

Presentations by Jim Gamble and Wayne Denner followed by a Q&A session.

2. **Cybercrime** – considering organised crime, identity theft, fraud and cyberattacks on businesses and institutions.

Presentations by Europol and PSNI, followed by a Q&A session.

3. **The Legal Response to Changing Technologies** - considering how legislators and the justice system can respond to these new challenges.

The Lord Chief Justice will speak on this issue followed by a panel Q&A session.

There is considerable interest in the Conference I have great pleasure in extending an invitation to you and your colleagues to attend. If you are interested in attending please contact the Justice Committee Office on 02890 521582 or by email at <u>committee.justice@niassembly.gov.uk</u> as soon as possible and let them know how many spaces you wish to reserve.

I look forward to seeing you at the conference.

Yours sincerely

Mr Alastair Ross MLA Chairman, Committee for Justice