

I-I Update Spring 2017 – A Properly-Functioning Justice System – or a Police State?

We open with our sincere apologies for any perceived lack of contact with members or prospective members, but with over 7.5 million hits on the main website and over 50,000 direct contacts since 2013, we ask that people are understanding of how much work is being done behind the scenes as we do our best to tackle State-sponsored corruption and criminality – while we ourselves are being constantly monitored, obstructed, harassed and unlawfully targeted.

Political policing and the targeting of whistleblowers: The plain fact of the matter is that we do NOT have a properly functioning justice system. What we have is a network of State agencies overseen by far too many unscrupulous, ‘politically-connected’ individuals whose first and only priority is to protect the status quo and their own cosy place on the gravy train. As we have seen recently with the McCabe sex-smear scandals; with the horror of the Tuam babies; and with the appalling criminal neglect and abuse of vulnerable children in State care; the one unifying response by all of the State agencies involved is to try to deny the facts, suppress the evidence and protect the wrongdoers. Senior politicians casually lie through their teeth with gall and impunity, while the Minister for Justice directs the machinery of the so-called ‘justice system’ to intimidate, oppress and tyrannise anyone who speaks up for *real* justice, and as we have repeatedly seen, neither Garda Management, the DPP’s Office or our Courts have any scruples whatsoever when it comes to ‘dealing with’ dissenting voices. And if crimes have to be committed and laws have to be broken in order to protect an utterly rotten establishment – then so be it! Nothing is off-limits any more. Intimidation and false arrests by Gardaí; perjury, fraud and forgery by lawyers; Judges in blatant contempt of their own Courts and in violation of the law; and an army of often-uncooperative and obstructive Courts Service personnel some of whom seem to gain a perverse satisfaction at the frustration and misery they cause to so many struggling lay-litigants. With all due and sincere respect to those in agencies of the State who DO try their best in these compromised surroundings, the plain fact of the matter is that we do NOT have a functioning justice system at all. What we have is a publicly-funded network of ‘connected’ individuals who have basically hijacked the instruments and agencies of the State in order to feather their own nests and suppress any public dissent or disapproval. Unfortunately, Ireland is just small enough—and just big enough—to be almost ‘perfectly’ corrupted. We are big enough to be thought of as a modern democracy but small enough to be able to hide most of our dirty secrets. Our mainstream media, controlled by so many of the ‘connected elite’ is likewise quick to publish unfounded smears and damaging gossip about certain persons, but reluctant to name-and-shame the *real* crooks and criminals in our midst – namely, those in high places who sanction the exploitation of the most vulnerable; who order the targeting of whistleblowers; who direct the ‘political policing’ of activists and campaigners, and who sanction the alienation and sacking of outspoken journalists.



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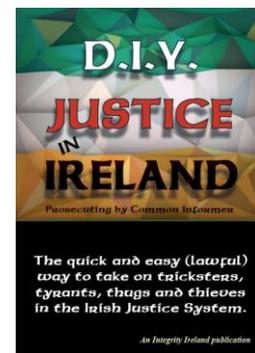
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I-I 'S.O.S. Guide'



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What can WE do? The use of the ‘common informer’ process which is explained in our [‘D.I.Y. Justice in Ireland’](#) booklet seems to be *the* only short, sharp and effective (lawful) recourse open to those who are being targeted and abused by agents of the State – whereby any member of the public can prosecute any other person in the State *for free*—using two simple forms—without going through Gardaí or lawyers; and although the establishment is doing its utmost to obstruct us right now, it is clear that we have found a simple and effective means to hold errant authority figures to account. But this system only works if the people make use of it. Surely we have all seen by now that ‘the system’ isn’t going to reform itself – not unless those driving the collusion and cover-ups begin to realise that they WILL now be held accountable.

Our criminal, justice system! Perhaps amongst the more alarming developments of recent weeks and months are the growing number of reports of very serious misconduct—and even outright criminal acts—by people operating within the Irish justice system. Certain senior Gardaí, agents of the DPP’s Office, Courts Service personnel, solicitors, barristers, County Registrars, and even certain Judges all seem to be of the opinion that ‘the rules’ simply don’t apply to them; that they can act in flagrant violation of the law—with impunity—without any fear of ever being held to account. The same appears to be true of *anyone* in a position of power or authority, where reckless dishonesty and greed—and abuse of power and position—are partnered by truly astonishing displays of arrogant entitlement. This is how we as a nation lurch from scandal to scandal and from tribunals to enquiries – without ever truly getting to the heart of matters. This culture of impunity for those who are ‘politically connected’ or who work for the State is not only unlawful, but it is also morally reprehensible, leading as it inevitably does to layer-upon-layer of State-sponsored ineptitude, wastefulness and incompetence; to the crass exploitation and abuse of the most vulnerable in society; and to the reckless and underhanded squandering of our national resources in order to enrich a notorious ‘chosen few’ at the expense of future generations.

The Tactics of Repression: For those of you following the increasingly-ludicrous dramas in the various Courts—most notably in Castlebar, Athlone and Dublin—where certain activists and campaigners are being mercilessly targeted for ‘special treatment’ by a DPP’s Office which has lost all credibility as far as being a supposed ‘independent’ Office whose public mission statement claims; *“To provide on behalf of the People of Ireland a prosecution service that is independent, fair and effective.”* Well, it might be ‘effective’ to lodge spurious charges based on State-sponsored perjured witness statements, but it most certainly isn’t ‘fair’. Nor is interfering with evidence or colluding with Judges and State Prosecutors to abuse statutory procedures to harass and intimidate anyone who dares to challenge the awful rot and criminality ongoing in our Courts. It is a desperate day indeed when Judges of the land who arguably, should be amongst the very *best* of us, engage in petty, venal conspiracies in order to protect a thoroughly rotten status quo. Reports have come in of people being jailed off the street without cause, of the rejection of legitimate Court applications, and of the barefaced refusal of certain judges to accept and act on solid evidence of serious criminal conduct by agents of the State. The new ‘rule’ it seems, is that anyone acting for the State is exempt from the laws of the land – and perhaps

more importantly, they are, in effect, totally exempt from punishment or accountability. That, my friends, is how a police state operates. Places like North Korea, General Pinochet's Chile, Nazi Germany and the Soviet Union all started out like this. Is this really what we want for our children? Is this any model of society to be proud of?

Delay, Obstruct, Ignore: Despite their supposed 'independence' and their mandates to 'serve the public' our Courts, the DPP's Office, other arms of the Department of Justice and certain 'compromised' members of our judiciary are being callously deployed to protect the status quo and suppress outspoken voices. 'Truth' as they say, is again, the first casualty. The recent Chareilton Enquiry for example, set up so hurriedly by a besieged Government to 'deal with' the burgeoning McCabe scandal made a very public announcement that they were 'urgently seeking evidence' from the public – yet none of our letters have even been acknowledged yet – let alone responded to. Likewise with Garda Headquarters, the Ministry for Justice, the Courts Service and the DPP's Office, who have all received important letters and requests for information pertaining to ongoing Court cases or to other serious matters. Most of them don't even bother to respond, and when-and-if they do, it is the usual unsigned one-liner, "*We acknowledge receipt of your correspondence..*" period! Questions remain unanswered. Formal complaints remain in limbo. Court cases get indefinitely stalled, and as usual, nothing of any real substance gets done.

The Fade Factor: Meanwhile, mainstream media outlets that expressed 'interest' in our evidence of serious malfeasance by agents of the State have also drifted away. Foreign reporters seeking information get fobbed off or ignored – or worse still – get deliberately and repeatedly lied to, such as by the P.R agent for the Bon Secours Nuns who told foreign journalists that there was really, "*nothing to see*" in Tuam, and that Gardaí were "*rolling their eyes*" at any suggestion of a mass grave. Well, now we know differently, and it is to our eternal shame and disgrace that we *still* continue to allow those in positions of power and influence to abuse us, to lie to us, and to bring our whole national identity and reputation into disrepute.



Ireland is Ranked 'No 1': A disturbing '[top ten](#)' list of the most corrupt countries in Europe has Ireland ranked in first place, and we also lead the world in [shadow banking](#) – by quite a considerable margin. Our top civil servants languish in the [highest-earnings bracket](#), whilst compared to the rest of Europe our [repossession rates](#) are a scandal, and owning a car in Ireland is also a massive (and unjustified) [financial liability](#). Legal fees are described as "*amongst the most spectacularly prohibitive in the world*" and just today, we hear that NAMA executives managed to conveniently 'lose' over €800 million in [dodgy deals](#) with U.S. financiers – while the biggest law firm in Ireland scoops up [obscene legal fees](#) while working both sides of the street. The question is – who is *really* paying for all of this, because it certainly isn't the 'jobs for the boys' brigade with their [massive pay rises](#) and golden pensions. It might indeed be just 'the way things get done' here, but it's certainly nothing to be proud of, and as long as we allow these underhanded activities to continue 'in our names' – then we too are complicit by our silence and our inaction.

Upcoming Dates of Interest Include.. Thursday March 30th at the CCJ in Dublin where our ‘common informer’ prosecution of four Gardaí continues. Worthy of mention is the fact that we lodged a formal criminal complaint with Garda Headquarters when a barrister tried to lodge fraudulent papers. Bizarrely, our complaint was then forwarded to the Garda Ombudsman – where it has of course, died an unnatural death. **Monday April 3rd** in Ballina, Co. Mayo sees the continuance of the DPP’s case against Joe Doocey of ‘A.C.T.’ ([Anti-Corruption Taskforce](#)) and **Wednesday April 12th** in Belmullet, Co. Mayo could also be interesting, where we will be lodging four more ‘common informer’ actions against those involved in the criminal suppression of evidence in the Castlebar DPP case against Colm Granahan & Stephen Manning. The persons named in those applications include the Mayo State Prosecutor, the local Garda Superintendent, the Courts Service Manager and a local solicitor – on charges ranging from fraud, perjury, contempt of Court, criminal damage and conspiracy to pervert justice. We have of course already lodged criminal complaints with An Garda Síochána and brought these matters to the attention of the Superior Courts – but strangely, other than a raft of obstructive and delaying tactics by the Courts Service, we have heard nothing back since. No choice then, but to prosecute them in our own names – otherwise, these crimes against the public will doubtless continue. And on **Wed April 19th** Wayne Nash continues his ‘common informer’ prosecution of 2 Gardaí in Athlone.

On Tuesday May 2nd next, the DPP’s case against Stephen & Colm is scheduled to continue in Castlebar Circuit Court even though Stephen has delivered proofs of criminal prosecutorial misconduct by the DPP’s Office and serious judicial malfeasance on the part of the previous trial judge. It is almost unbelievable that such a catalogue of misconduct and criminality could be openly carried out by ‘Officers of the Court’—that we could then [publicise it in videos](#) and formal complaints—and yet still, not a single person is being held to account, and there wasn’t even a mention in the local newspapers of the unlawful arrest and jailing of Stephen on January 23rd – nor of the bizarre and reckless behaviour of Judge Aeneas McCarthy, who has since been formally advised of our intention to apply for his impeachment.

Our application to the Supreme Court regarding these matters is still ‘in train’ despite having to wait weeks for documents from the Courts Service where we have now discovered further proofs of collusion between the Courts and the DPP’s Office to try to prevent the exposure of these scandalous events. Interesting too, that there has been NO response to our public request for legal aid support – and that five applications in a row have now been unlawfully refused by Castlebar Courts Service and by three sitting judges. We are waiting to hear what Minister Fitzgerald has to say on the matter, other than, “*We acknowledge your recent correspondence!*”

Please be patient if you are trying to get through to us. Our phone numbers have recently been changed and we are looking at ways to better communicate with each other – including the setting-up of localised groups – and delivering talks and presentations on how to best protect yourself from ‘tricksters, tyrants, thugs and thieves’ in the Irish justice system. So let’s all please continue to support each other at the local level and put our I-I [forms and notices](#) to good effect, and continue to share, and tell, and expose all on social media. Who knows, maybe the mainstream media will actually start asking some *real* questions soon!?

“One by one – together – we CAN make a difference!”