

Satharn 15ú Lúnasa 2009



Úsáid na Gaeilge sna Cúirteanna Cearta agus Cothrom na Féinne: Deá chleachtas idirnáisiúnta

Ar 10.45 rn, in Ostán Europa, Béal Feirste

Faoi Act 1737 um Riar na Córa (Teanga)[Éireann] tá cosc iomlán go fóill ar úsáid na Gaeilge sna cúirteanna ó thuaidh. I mí Iúil 2009, chuaigh na Gaeil chuig an Ard-Chúirt le dúshlán a chur roimh an sean dlí seo ach theip ar an chás. Beidh seans ag daoine cluinint faoin chás agus na chéad chéimeanna eile. Le tacú leis an ócáid mar aoíchainteoir speisialta ar an chóras cúirte i gCeanada, beidh Coimisinéir Ceanadach na dTeangacha Oifigiúla, An tUas. Graham Fraser.

Tá clú agus meas ar Graham Fraser, Coimisinéir Ceanadach na dTeangacha Oifigiúla, mar iriseoir agus údar a bhfuil tuairim is daichead bliain de thaithí iriseoireachta aige. Mar Choimisinéir Teanga, is oifigeach Pharlaimint Ceanada é a bhfuil dualgais éagsúla air le spriocanna reachtaíocht teanga Ceanada, Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla, a chur chun cinn agus a bhaint amach. Áirithíonn cuid de na dualgais seo go gcloíonn forais fheidhreacha leis an Acht, ag seasamh le cearta teanga na gCeanadach agus ag cur chun cinn dúbailteacht teanga agus dátheangachais. Le linn slí bheatha fhada agus an-dearsnaithí a thrasnaigh easaontas teanga Ceanada, thuairiscigh an t-Uas. Fraser, sa Fhraincis agus sa Bhéarla, ar eisiúintí a théann i bhfeidhm ar Ceanada agus ar Ceanadaigh a chuimsíonn beartas eachtrach agus cultúir; díospóireachtaí agus idirbheartaíochtaí bunreachtúla; agus polaitíocht chúigeach, náisiúnta agus idirnáisiúnta.

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Saturday 15th August

The Use of Irish in the Courts: Rights and Equality The Best International Practice

At 10.45 am, Europa Hotel, Belfast

The 1737 Administration of Justice Act (Language)(Ireland) bans the use of Irish in the courts here. In July 2009 Irish speakers challenged this law but the case was lost. At the meeting there will be a chance to hear about the case and the next steps. Supporting the event as special guest speaker on the Canadian courts system and best international practice will be, The Canadian Commissioner for Official Languages, Mr. Graham Fraser.

Graham Fraser, the Canadian Commissioner for Official Languages, is a well-known and respected journalist and author with close to 40 years of journalistic experience. As Commissioner, he is an officer of the Canadian Parliament and plays several key roles in promoting and achieving the objectives of Canada's language legislation, the Official Languages Act. These roles include ensuring that federal institutions comply with the Act, upholding the language rights of Canadians and promoting linguistic duality and bilingualism. During a long and distinguished career that has straddled Canada's language divide, Mr. Fraser has reported, in both French and English, on issues affecting Canada and Canadians, including cultural and foreign policy; constitutional debates and negotiations; and provincial, national and international politics.

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