

CURRICULUM VITAE

Name: Stuart Gilhooly SC

Address: 19 Lower Cherryfield Avenue, Ranelagh, Dublin 6

Position: Partner, Solicitor and Senior Counsel in H J Ward LLP.

Educational Achievements

2008 - Qualified as accredited mediator (Friary Law).

2008 – Participated in Leadership of Professional Firms programme in Harvard Business School.

2005 – Attained Certificate in Advanced Advocacy at the Law Society of Ireland.

1995 – Qualified as a solicitor at the Law Society of Ireland.

1991-92 – Completed a Diploma in Business Studies at UCD School of Business.

1988-91 – Completed Bachelor of Civil Law Degree at University College Dublin.

1988 – Completed the Leaving Certificate attaining 6 honours in Higher Level subjects.

Professional Legal Career

2021 to date – Senior Counsel in H J Ward LLP.

2003 to date - Partner in H J Ward LLP working primarily as a litigation and ADR lawyer specialising in personal injuries law, employment law and sports law.

1995 – 2003 – Associate in H J Ward & Co, Solicitors.

2019 to date – Arbitrator at the Court for Arbitration for Sport (CAS)

2023 to date – Member of the Court Services Board.

2004 to date – Lecturer for the Law Society and various Bar Associations in various subjects including Personal Injuries Law, Sports Law, Costs, Civil Advocacy, Ethics and Professional Indemnity Insurance. I have lectured both law students and qualified solicitors and am the author of a chapter of the Law Society's Professional Practice Course Litigation Handbook.

2011 to 2016 – Director of the Solicitors Mutual Defence Fund (Legal Professional Indemnity Insurance Company).

2002 to date – Feature Writer for the Parchment Magazine (the quarterly publication of the Dublin Solicitors Bar Association (DSBA)) and occasional writer for the Law Society Gazette.

2002-2006 – Editor of the Parchment Magazine.

Professional Legal Representative Experience

2016-17 – President of the Law Society of Ireland.

2010-11 – President of the Dublin Solicitors Bar Association (DSBA).

2018 to date – Chairman of the Law Society’s Litigation Management Committee.

2017-18 – Law Society nominee of the Personal Injuries Commission (government appointed)

2017 to 2020 – Law Society nominee of the Administration of Civil Justice Review

2012 to 2022 – Member of the Courts Service Superior Courts Rules Committee.

1999 to date – Member of the Law Society Council.

2000-2011 – Member of the DSBA Council.

2012-2018 – Member of the Law Society’s Coordination Committee (Chairman 2016/17)

2011 to 2014 – Chairman of the Law Society’s Professional Indemnity Insurance Committee.

2014-2016 – Chairman of the Law Society’s Finance Committee.

2004 to 2025 – Member of the Law Society’s Finance Committee

2007–2011 – Vice Chairman and Divisional Chair of the Law Society’s Complaints and Client Relations Committee.

2007–2011 – Chairman of the Law Society’s Litigation Committee.

2005–2008 – Chairman of the Law Society’s Gazette Editorial Board.

2004-2007 – Chairman of the Law Society’s Education Committee.

2003-2004 – Chairman of the Law Society’s Public Relations Committee.

2002-2006 – Editor of the DSBA Parchment magazine.

Professional Achievements

2022 – H J Ward LLP voted one of Ireland’s top 75 Law Firms.

2021 – Awarded Sports Lawyer of the Year at the Irish Law Awards.

2021 – Awarded Litigation Lawyer of the Year by Global Law Experts.

2018 – Voted Solicitor of the Year at the Irish Law Awards

2011 – Voted Journalist of the Year by Magazines Ireland at the Irish Magazine Awards. Shortlisted for the same award in 2010, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016.

2012 to date – Member of the judging panel for the Irish Law Awards.

2014 to date – Member of the judging panel for the Irish Law Book Awards.

2003 to date – Member of the judging panel for the Law Society’s Justice Media Awards.

Professional Sports Law Experience

2005 to date – Legal Representative to the Professional Footballers Association of Ireland (PFAI). During this period, I have been the sole legal advocate in many disputes at FAI DRCs and disciplinary hearings at which I have represented players, *inter alia*, in breach of contract disputes, allegations of drug taking (both recreational and performance enhancing), accusations of racism, illegal betting and professional integrity matters, including alleged match manipulation.

2021 to 2025 – Member of the FAI General Assembly

2021 to date – Legal Advisor to Mountaineering Ireland

2019 to 2021 – Member of the FAI Senior Council

2007 to date – attended every FIFPro annual congress as an integral part of the PFAI delegation.

2009 to date – attended every FIFPro Europe congress (bar one) in the same capacity.

2010 to date- attended FIFPro Legal Network conferences.

2016 to date – Chairman of VC Beechwood Cycling Club.

2013 to date – Parent coach at Beechwood Football Club.

2004 to 2026 – Trustee of Malahide United Football Club.

1996-1999 – Secretary of Malahide United Football Club.

HOBBIES AND INTERESTS

All sports, particularly Football but also Rugby, Golf, Cycling.

Keeping fit, particularly cycling.

Reading, writing articles and blogs.

REFEREES

1. Charles Coase – Hon Secretary of VC Beechwood Cycling Club
2. Michael Peart – Retired Judge of the Court of Appeal of Ireland.