



# **ALA Northern Ireland**

## **“Basic Estate and Tax Planning for Farmers” & “Mediation in Agricultural Disputes”**

### ***Speakers***

**Peter Brown, Greer Hamilton Gailey Solicitors**

**Brian Walker, Walker McDonald Solicitors**

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2pm – 5pm**

**Tullylagan Country House Hotel  
40b Tullylagan Road, Cookstown, County Tyrone, BT80 8UP**

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**Agricultural Law Association  
Northern Ireland Regional Group**



ALA is pleased to invite you to the latest in its series of CPD events which will examine Basic Estate and Tax Planning for farmers in the context of a series of presentations to farmers currently being undertaken by ALA solicitor members at the request of Rural Support and Mediation in Agricultural Disputes which will examine the increasing role of mediation in resolving issues prior to and even after the commencement of litigation. We trust that both these topics will appeal to a wide range of ALA members and other professional advisers who are not yet ALA members but are involved in giving advice to those involved in agriculture.

Peter Brown is the Northern Ireland Regional organiser of the Agricultural Law Association, the Northern Ireland representative on the ALA Council and its Brexit Sub Committee and a solicitor with Greer Hamilton Gailey in Ballymoney. He has been a member of the Society of Trust & Estate Practitioners (STEP) since the formation of the Northern Ireland Branch in 2008 and was a speaker at their 2016 “Current Challenges for Advisers to the Farming Community”. He is about to complete his second term as a member of the DARD/DAERA Independent Review Panel.

Brian Walker became a solicitor in 1975, a partner in Watson & Neill in 1977 and founded Walker McDonald with Joseph McDonald in 1984. Now an insolvency practitioner with over 35 years’ experience, Brian’s law specialisms vary from conveyancing to litigation and from probate to local government work. Brian’s interests in agriculture have led to many cases of litigation on behalf of farmers and his appointment as national advisor to the National Beef Association. Achieving results, Brian successfully steered the response to the dioxin crisis leading to payment of compensation to farmers.

These talks will be followed by a Panel Question and Answer which will include the speakers and other experts on these and other current topics.

**Numbers are limited to 60 delegates and places will be allocated on a first come first served basis**

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**What do you know about the ALA?**

The ALA was founded in 1975 to provide a forum for professionals serving agriculture (lawyers, surveyors, accountants, bankers, farm business consultants and others) to support each other in their specialisms. Day Conferences are held each Spring and Autumn which provide an excellent selection of agriculturally-based talks plus an opportunity for networking. For more information, visit [www.ala.org.uk](http://www.ala.org.uk)

The regional groups are an initiative to cater for practitioners at a local level, their purpose being:

- to provide a source of continuing professional development for those in rural businesses
- to encourage the development of working relationships by inter-professional networking

The Northern Ireland Regional Group which has been meeting since 2015 organises at least two CPD events every year and members enjoy a reduction in the fees for these which more than covers the cost of annual membership which is currently £90 per annum. Plans are already underway for members in Northern Ireland to see increased benefits from membership in addition to the preferential rates for ALA Northern Ireland Regional Group events

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Will be attending the ALA Northern Ireland event at Tullylagan Country House Hotel on Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2017		
Please enclose a cheque made payable to Agricultural Law Association - £60 per non-member / £10 per member		