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Pádraig is an experienced legal practitioner who specialises in Inquest Law, Legacy Inquiries, actions against the Police, Human Rights Law, Judicial Review, Criminal Law and strategic litigation.

He is currently involved in high profile campaigns relating to the Ballymurphy Massacre, the Springhill Massacre and Kelly's Bar bombing. He successfully applied to the local Attorney-General to have inquests re-opened into a number of legacy cases including the deaths of the 10 people shot dead by the British Army in Ballymurphy in 1971.

Pádraig has acted for a number of families in legacy inquests. On each occasion the Coroner found that the force used by the state agents in the circumstances of the death of their loved ones was 'unjustified'. The successful findings include the following: Francis Rowntree killing 'not justified' coroner; Henry Thornton findings; Bernard Watt findings; Joseph Parker findings; Marian Brown findings

He has also issued civil proceedings against the Ministry of Defence and British Government on behalf of hundreds of former internees in relation to the legality of Internment and their ill treatment. He is also actively involved in the progressive development of law and the promotion of equality and social justice outside the courts.

Pádraig has been an advisor to members of the Assembly and Policing Board on issues relating to legacy investigations & policing and justice policy. He has also used his experience to provide assistance to negotiations related to the Colombian peace process held in Havana, Cuba.

He supports the work of INQUEST and is a member of the Inquest Lawyers Group and Haldane Society of Socialist Lawyers.