

**D v B [2021] IEHC 407 – High Court – Twomey J – 2<sup>nd</sup> of June 2021**

*Application under section 194 of the Civil Partnership and Certain Rights and Obligations of Cohabitants Act 2010 – application by cohabitant seeking provision from the estate of a deceased – dispute as to whether or not applicant and deceased were in an ‘intimate and committed relationship’ – section 199 providing that the proceedings be heard otherwise than in public – whether adult children of the deceased entitled to be in attendance at hearing to hear the evidence of the applicant – application of the in camera rule considered – Held that adult children of the deceased are not entitled to attend at the hearing other than to give evidence as witnesses*

**Launceston Property Finance DAC v The Property Registration Authority [2021] IECA 109 – Court of Appeal – Binchy J – 15<sup>th</sup> of April 2021**

*Appeal against ruling made by the Property Registration Authority refusing an application to register a charge made by the personal representative of a deceased registered owner – Section 50 and section 60(3) of the Succession Act 1965 considered – power of the personal representative to create a charge – whether common law power to create a charge in addition to the statutory provisions – whether charge created by a personal representative is capable of registration pursuant to section 61(2) or section 69(2) of the Registration of Title Act 1964 – Held that personal representative does not have any power to create a registerable charge under the provisions of the 1964 Act – appeal dismissed*