

working WEEK

Veronica Duffy is a founding member of the Irish Institute of Legal Executives (IILEX) and has been president of the organisation since 2008. She is a legal executive and a commissioner for oaths.

The Irish Institute of Legal Executives was formed in 1987 and incorporated in 1992. It represents more than 500 legal executives in Ireland. The institute's aim is to regulate and represent the interests of legal executives and to further the highest standards of working practice among its members. The IILEX board of directors comprises 15 directors, who manage the affairs of the institute.

What are the main responsibilities of your job?



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As president, I am responsible for promoting and developing the identity and recognition of the institute and the role of the legal executive in the legal services industry in Ireland.

What are your professional motivators?

I am greatly motivated by

the status that is afforded the title of legal executive in Britain.

The first judicial appointment of a legal executive there took place in August, which is an achievement we are very much seeking to emulate in Ireland.

How would you describe your working style?

I have a strong work ethic, and believe honesty and integrity are essential to getting the job done.

What was the best decision you have made in business?

Establishing IILEX as a voice for legal executives in this country.

What is the most valuable lesson you have learnt?

To deal with problems as they arise, so that they do not grow into something much bigger.

Who do you most admire in Irish industry?

The person I most admire in business is Peter Sutherland, non-executive chairman of Goldman Sachs International.

I have always admired him for his ability and the integrity he brings to bear in his professional role, but also through his work with the United Nations.

What are your expectations for Irish businesses in the months ahead?

I feel that, if the banking system stabilises and credit is freed up for small business, there is some hope for economic growth.

The will and spirit of Irish business is there, but credit must be made available to viable indigenous businesses.

What is your ultimate professional goal?

To achieve greater rights and powers for legal executives in Ireland, while striving to ensure the best professional service for the consumer.