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BIRTH PLACE/DATE: Monasterevan, Co. Kildare
April 1947

MARRIED: Geraldine Fortune, Psychologist
2 sons, 1 daughter

EDUCATION: Monasterevan CBS
Dominican College, Newbridge, Co. Kildare
University College Dublin (BA)
King's Inns Dublin (Barrister-at-Law, SC)

David Byrne has been Attorney General since June 1997
Chief constitutional law officer of the State with responsibility for

- (i) all legal advice to the Government and all Government Departments
- (ii) drafting all Government Bills for presentation to Parliament
- (iii) all litigation involving the State

Member of the Council of State
Member Judicial Appointments Advisory Board
Guardian of the public interest

Statutory responsibility for the Law Reform Commission

Founder chairman Free Legal Advice Centre (FLAC) 1969-1970

Called to the Bar in 1970 and Inner Bar in 1985

Member Bar Council 1974-1987 and Hon. Treasurer 1982-1983

Member Executive Committee Irish Maritime Law Association 1974-1992

Member National Committee International Chamber of Commerce 1988-1997

Member of Government Review Body on Social Welfare Law 1989

Member ICC International Court of Arbitration, Paris 1990-1997

Extern examiner for arbitration and competition law, Kings Inns 1995-1997

Member Barristers Professional Practices and Ethics Committee 1995-1997

Member Constitution Review Group 1995-1996

Member Royal Irish Yacht Club, Blainroe Golf Club

Interests: music, sailing and golf

I. Attorney General:

- In Cabinet, and advises on all Government proposals.
- Executive head of his own department which has its own budget.

II. Steered the constitutional amendments required for the ratification of:

- The Amsterdam Treaty
- The Good Friday Agreement

III. Before appointment as Attorney General:

- Extensive experience in Community law (also planning and environment, tax and social welfare law).
- Since 1982 appeared on many occasions before the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg.
- Was examiner in Competition Law at King's Inns (the barristers' law school).
- 1990-1997: Ireland's member of the ICC International Court of Arbitration in Paris.
- 1991-1993: Counsel to the Tribunal of Inquiry which investigated allegations of fraud against the European Community in the Irish beef industry.