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Third, it was objected that the right of reply was insufficient guarantee against abuse, for reasons such as the absence or illness of the person defamed, his lack of expertise at defending himself, or the general belief of the public that the person replying had an interest in defending himself. European Hopes It would appear that the only real hope is for a case to be challenged under the European Convention of Human Rights.

How long will ‘prohibitive’ Irish defamation law remain unreformed?

Accordingly, we do not think that damages should be awarded in such a case and that the remedy should be a declaratory order and, where appropriate, an injunction. We recognised, however, that damages would continue to play some role in defamation and, accordingly, examined possible reforms that might be introduced in the manner in which they were assessed.

Defamation once again

This, however, is an important feature of the scheme we were proposing.

Striking the balance of the constitutional protections of free speech and good name in Irish defamation cases

We accordingly recommend that the defence of justification should be renamed the defence of truth.

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In any event, there appears to him to be no shortage at present of investigative reports, of revelations from reliable sources, of gossip, scoops and leaks. This is that an oral statement made in a programme may be very fleeting in nature.

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