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Northern Ireland: The Patrick Finucane Case



Geraldine Finucane met Patrick Finucane, her husband, while they were both undergraduates of Trinity College in the late 1960s. Despite coming from different parts of a divided society, the couple married in Dublin and returned to Belfast to start a family. Gerladine qualified as a teacher and worked in the education system for over a decade until she left to join her family title search company. She is now retired and divides her time between her beloved grandchildren, her beloved horses, and campaigning internationally for an inquiry into the murder of her beloved husband.



Michael Finucane is the eldest son of Patrick and Geraldine Finucane and practises law in the city of Dublin, where he now lives. He is a law graduate of Trinity College and established his law practice in Dublin in 2004. He is currently a member of the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission and formerly chaired the Human Rights Committee of the Law Society of Ireland. He has been involved in human rights activism both in the North of Ireland and the Irish Republic for over 30 years and is the proud father of two children, Ciarán and Alice.



Katherine Finucane is the only daughter of Patrick and Geraldine Finucane. She lives in Belfast in the North of Ireland with her husband and teenage daughter, having lived previously in France and Galway, after her graduation from the University of Ulster. She works as a Psychological Counsellor and Youth Worker in the North Belfast area.



John Finucane is the youngest son of Patrick and Geraldine Finucane. He studied law at Dundee University and after qualifying as a solicitor, established his law firm in Belfast in 2014. He is qualified to practice throughout the island of Ireland, as well as England and Wales. In 2019, John was elected to Belfast City Council and became Lord Mayor of Belfast. Later that year, he was elected MP for North Belfast, a position he retained in the UK general election of July 2024.