

Sabine Walsh, Solicitor, Mediator, Past President of Mediators' Institute of Ireland, Head of Learning, Mediator Academy.

Sabine left practice as a solicitor to pursue a full-time career in mediation in 2009.

She is an academic writer and commentator on mediation and is co-editor of the EU Mediation Handbook (Kluwer). She has just completed a 3-year term as President of the MII, Irelands national mediation body, and during her term as President was instrumental in helping get Ireland's Mediation Act 2017 across the line.

Sabine is passionate about mediator education and has designed and coordinated two postgraduate programmes in mediation and conflict in one of Ireland's National Universities. Sabine joined Mediator Academy full-time as Co-founder in 2019.

## Aled Davies, Mediator, founder and CEO, Mediator Academy

Aled Davies is the founder and CEO of MediatorAcademy.com – an online education company that produces and delivers the highest quality educational resources to those at the front line of dispute resolution. He first trained as a mediator in South Africa 20 years ago and has since mediated community, workplace and commercial disputes. Aled's passion for mediation and excellence in education drove him to reimagine how mediation education could be delivered throughout the world. Before that Aled ran a venture-backed alluvial diamond mining business in Central Africa, but that's another story altogether!

### Mary Rafferty, Mediator and Trainer

Mary is an accredited Practitioner Mediator and Certified Conflict Coach in private practice since 2006. She has extensive experience in the field of workplace mediation and has trained and coached in conflict-related areas in a wide range of organisations and workplaces. Mary is a Director of the Mediators' Institute of Ireland, a member of the M.I.I. Ethics and Standards Committee and a member of the Employee Assistance



Professionals Association, Ireland. She is also a member of the Cavan community mediation service which provides a volunteer family mediation service.

Mary holds an Honours Degree in Education, a Master's Degree with Distinction in Social Science and has attended a wide variety of specialised trainings in the field of conflict resolution.

## Turlough O'Donnell SC, Mediator

Turlough is a barrister and fellow of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers. He was elected to the General Council of the Bar of Ireland in 2004 and from 2004 to 2006 chaired the Arbitration and ADR Committee of the Bar Council. Although he qualified as a CEDR approved mediator in September 2007 he is in practice as a mediator since July, 2006 and since then he has acted as mediator in a large number and wide variety of cases. In Turlough's view, grace and compassion is what mediation is all about.

### Anne-Marie Blaney, Solicitor, Mediator

Anne-Marie is a solicitor, mediator and arbitrator with domestic and cross-border civil, commercial and family dispute resolution experience. She has twenty years' experience as a mediator having trained and studied in Northern Ireland, Ireland and the Netherlands. She has a special interest in ADR in international rule of law and justice frameworks and specialises in various fields such as banking, corporate and healthcare. Anne-Marie was Chairperson of CIArb, Ireland in the past and is an Approved CIArb global Faculty Tutor and Course Director.

#### Arran Dowling-Hussey, BL, Mediator

Arran is a Barrister, Adjudicator, Arbitrator & Accredited Mediator in Dublin and Bedford Row Chambers in London. He is co-editor of the Construction, Engineering & Energy Law Journal of Ireland. His legal practice focuses on ADR, commercial, construction, debt recovery, employment, intellectual property, landlord and tenant, planning and



professional negligence cases. He has acted as a neutral, arbitrator, adjudicator and mediator in commercial, consumer, landlord & tenant and sports law disputes. He has lectured, tutored and provided training in arbitration in England, Ireland, Pakistan, United Arab Emirates and Armenia. Author, or co-author, of 35 journal articles published in Ireland, England, France, Portugal and Pakistan. He is a member of many professional organisations in the field of mediation, arbitration and adjudication. He is undertaking part-time PhD at University of Groningen.

#### Nuala E. Jackson SC

Nuala Jackson is a Senior Counsel specialising in Family Law and Child Law. She is currently vice-chairperson of the Family Lawyers' Association of Ireland. She has a particular interest in Education Law. Called to the Bar in 1988, she has lectured and written extensively on numerous aspects of child and family law as well as being involved in many landmark cases in these areas. She is a law graduate of Trinity College Dublin (first class honours) and has a Master of Laws degree from Cambridge University (first class honours). She completed a LLM in Canon Law in Cardiff University (Distinction) in 2013. She was awarded an Advanced Diploma in Applied Employment Law in 2014 (King's Inns) and a Certificate in Charities Law, Governance and Trusteeship in 2015 (Law Society of Ireland). In 2016, she completed an Advanced Diploma in Election Law and the Democratic Process (King's Inns) and in 2017 received a Certificate in Data Protection Practice (Law Society of Ireland). completed an Advanced Diploma in Medical Law. She also is an accredited mediator (Resolution, Family Law), holds a Diploma in Arbitration Law and a Diploma in International Arbitration Law and is a Governor of a girls' school in Dublin. She is a board member of the Legal Aid Board and chairs the Appeals Committee of that organisation. She is a board member of the Personal Injuries Assessment Board. She is a member of the Finance Committee of the Bar Council of Ireland.



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