



Current Challenges and New Opportunities for International Arbitration in Ireland

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Time	4.30pm to 5.45pm
Venue	Zoom webinar
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Aim and Objectives

The aim and objectives of this inaugural webinar are to provide an opportunity for practitioners to build on their knowledge and skills in the area of international arbitration. Discussing six key topics, experienced practitioners and expert speakers will give practical insights into the challenges and opportunities for international arbitration in Ireland. This inaugural session is expected to be followed by further courses and workshops in 2022. The overall aim of the initiative is to support the growth, competitiveness and sustainability of Irish legal practitioners, especially junior practitioners, in the area of international arbitration.

Topics to be covered

- Making Ireland competitive as a seat for international arbitrations
- The rise of remote hearings: a new opportunity for Ireland and Irish practitioners
- Ireland's place as an international arbitration hub in a post-Brexit landscape
- Current obstacles faced by Ireland in growing its name as a centre of international arbitration
- Sectoral focus – exploring sectors where Ireland could be an arbitration hub
- Arbitration and culture

Learning Outcomes

A delegate who attends this webinar will gain knowledge and understanding of the current challenges and new opportunities for international arbitration in Ireland.

Chairperson

The Hon Mr Justice David Barniville

Speakers

Eamonn Conlon SC, ICC

Éamonn Conlon is a solicitor, arbitrator, and mediator. He has specialised in construction law and business disputes for more than 30 years. He began his career at the Irish bar, and has practised in California and England as well as Ireland. He was a partner in a large Dublin law firm until last year, and is now in independent practice. He was one of the first batch of solicitors made senior counsel last year. He is vice chair of the Law Society ADR committee and an alternate member of the ICC International Court of Arbitration.

Charlie Caher, Partner, Wilmerhale

Charlie Caher is a partner in International Arbitration Practice Group at Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP, based in London. He has represented clients in numerous institutional and *ad hoc* arbitrations under all major arbitral institutions, and in most major civil and common law jurisdictions, including London, Paris, Stockholm, Singapore, The Hague, Bermuda and Brunei. Mr. Caher's international commercial arbitration practice covers a wide range of industries, with a particular focus on energy, construction, insurance, financial services, telecommunications and aerospace. In addition to his commercial arbitration practice, Mr. Caher has also represented a major international construction company in a series of complex and high profile construction litigation disputes before the English High Court and Court of Appeal, and represented the Sudan People's Liberation Movement/Army (SPLM/A) in the public international law Abyei Arbitration. Mr. Caher has been an adjunct professor at Pepperdine Law School's London campus, where he taught the International Commercial Arbitration course. He has gained his Higher Rights of Audience and is a qualified Solicitor-Advocate (Higher Courts Civil Proceedings). He is a member of the ICC's Arbitration and ADR Committee (UK), the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and an executive member of the London Chapter of Arbitration Ireland.

Louise Reilly BL, The Bar of Ireland

Louise Reilly is a barrister who specialises in sports law and international arbitration. She represents clients in regulatory matters before domestic and international tribunals. Louise also acts as arbitrator. She is a member of the ICSID Panel of Arbitrators in Washington DC and is the Irish member of the ICC International Court of Arbitration in Paris.

Sean McCarthy BL, The Bar of Ireland

Sean McCarthy is an Irish barrister and New York attorney. He is a former Deputy Counsel at the ICC Secretariat in Paris and the current ICC YAF Representative for Ireland. Sean is also a co-founder and moderator for ArbTech, an online community focused on exploring the future of justice and the intersection between law and technology.

Colm O'hOisin SC, The Bar of Ireland

Colm Ó hOisín SC has been in practice in Dublin at the Irish Bar since 1988 and became a Senior Counsel in 2005. He is also a member of the Bar of England and Wales, the Bar of Northern Ireland, and an Associate Tenant with Kings Chambers (Manchester, England).

He has a wide-ranging practice concentrated on commercial and public law litigation and on international arbitration. Colm was formerly President of Arbitration Ireland and was a Member of the ICC International Court of Arbitration (2015-2021). He is designated by Ireland to the ICSID Panel of Arbitrators. He is also current Leader of the European Circuit of the Bar.

Michael Collins SC, The Bar of Ireland

Michael is a Senior Counsel, a member of the English and New York Bars, a Bencher of King's Inn, Dublin and a door tenant at Monckton Chambers, London. He practises in the fields of commercial litigation, competition law, EU law and arbitration and appears regularly before the High Court, Court of Appeal and Supreme Court of Ireland and the Court of Justice of the EU. He is a graduate of University College Dublin with first class honours Masters degrees in both economics and law. After taking an LL.M. from the University of Pennsylvania he joined Shearman and Sterling in New York as an associate and has been in practice at the Irish Bar since 1981. Michael is frequently appointed as arbitrator in international commercial arbitrations and is one of Ireland's representatives on the ICC Commission on Arbitration. He is a former Chair of the Bar Council of Ireland, the current Chairman of the Irish Sport Anti-Doping Disciplinary Panel, a member of the ICDR Panel of Arbitrators, and an appointed member of the roster of arbitrators and mediators of the American Arbitration Association. He is one of 5 arbitrators from the EU appointed recently to the Panel of Arbitrators for the International Arbitration Centre in Astana, Kazakhstan. Michael was elected in 2008 as a Fellow of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers in the United States. He has been a Visiting Lecturer in the Department of Economics at Maynooth University on Legal Aspects of Competition and Regulation in the Master of Economic Science degree and is currently an Adjunct Professor of Law at the UCD Sutherland Law School. In the more interesting parts of his life he has been a director of the Dublin Theatre Festival, a member of the Wexford Opera Development Council and is currently a director of the Irish Film Institute.

John Gaffney , Arbitrator, Al Tamimi & Company

John is a Senior Counsel with Al Tamimi & Company, the largest independent law firm in the Middle East, where he leads the firm's Abu Dhabi arbitration team. A graduate of UCC, he is admitted to practice in Ireland and England & Wales. He serves as an Adjunct Professor at the UCC School of Law, and is a Member of the ICC Commission for Arbitration and ADR, an Editorial Board Member of the ICSID Review, and a member of international and European project groups on Business and Human Rights Arbitration.

Patrick Leonard SC, The Bar of Ireland

Patrick Leonard is a senior counsel practising in Commercial and Public Law. He has appeared as leading counsel before the Supreme Court, the Court of Appeal, the High Court, the European Court of Justice, and in both international and domestic arbitrations. He has particular expertise in Financial, Construction, Insurance Coverage and Wind Energy Disputes, and a specialist interest in Professional Regulatory Law. He was called to the Bar in 1997 and became an SC in 2013. He was called to the Bar of England and Wales in 2000. Patrick is currently a member of the ICC Commission on Arbitration, and the ICC Taskforce on Addressing Issues of Corruption in International Arbitration. He is a member of the Irish Government's Implementation Group for Ireland for Law and has spoken extensively about the impact of Brexit on legal services in Europe. Patrick is a member of the ICSID Panel of Arbitrators and a former member of the Bar Council of Ireland.

Karen Killoran, Partner, Arthur Cox

Karen is a partner in Arthur Cox and has significant arbitration experience both at

international and domestic level having acted as arbitrator and Counsel in several large scale disputes. She has received ad hoc and institutional arbitral appointments including from the Chairman of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (Irish Branch), the President of the Law Society of Ireland and the ICC International Court of Arbitration in Paris. Karen is a fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, Irish Branch and is a practising arbitrator for the past 10 years.

Kathie Claret, Senior Counsel, Addleshaw Goddard

Kathie Claret is an American attorney, member of the New York and Paris bars who has practiced law in France for over 40 years as a partner in three international law firms. She is a transactional lawyer with broad experience in commercial matters, contract drafting and in structuring and advising businesses in France in particular on issues relating to distribution, sales, restrictive trade practices, competition law, licensing, employment and IP. She also has extensive experience in representing clients in commercial litigation and has handled numerous cases in arbitration, mediation and before the French courts.

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