



FinTech and the Law

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Aim and objectives

Designed and delivered by expert international financial services (IFS) solicitors and professionals, this webinar will benefit personnel across all sectors in the financial services industry who are looking to develop and enhance their knowledge and practical skills in the financial services regulatory legal and FinTech space.

Topics include

- Authorised Push Payment (APP) fraud
- CESOP - Implications for Payments Firms
- IAF/SEAR – A governance and business challenge
- Update on outsourcing and operational resilience

Learning outcomes

At the end of this webinar participants will/will be able to:

- Have a better understanding of how recent regulatory developments impact FinTech firms
- Recognise the applicability of the Central Bank's recent Individual Accountability Framework (IAF) to your business
- Develop awareness of the challenges presented by recent legislation such as the IAF and SEAR
- Identify steps to be thinking about now to ensure important milestones and increasing regulatory expectations are met with respect to Operational Resilience
- Gain an understanding of the Central Bank's expectations of FinTech firms in the area of APP Fraud

Chairperson

Christopher Martin, Financial regulatory and compliance lawyer

Chris Martin is a financial regulatory and compliance lawyer with over a decade's experience advising both domestic and international regulated and unregulated financial services providers on regulatory and compliance issues. He is the Internal Examiner on the Law Society's Diploma in Regulation Law and Practice, and was recently ranked Band 3 in Fintech Legal in Ireland by Chambers 2024. He regularly lectures and speaks on legal and regulatory matters, as well as participating in and chairing committees and working groups in various industry bodies, including the Compliance Institute, Irish Funds and Blockchain Ireland.

Speakers

Liz Gallagher, Tax Director, Meta

Liz Gallagher is a seasoned Indirect Tax Executive. Liz is the Indirect Tax Director at Meta where she leads the Company's EMEA Indirect tax team. Liz is responsible for Indirect tax strategy, Planning, Compliance, Audit, Tax Transformation & Automation, and Litigation for the region. Liz devotes her time supporting the business and product teams to navigate issues relating to business expansion and new product launches, in EMEA such as FB Shops, Metaverse, AR/VR product initiatives, as well as infrastructure expansion for data centers and subsea cable fiber networks. She collaborates with Meta's Tax and Regional Policy team to engage with fiscal and tax policy makers and regulators in EMEA to ensure Meta is compliant with new tax regulatory regimes, particularly those targeting the digital industry. As a member of Business at OECD Liz attends OECD Working Party 9 on consumption taxes.

Prior to joining Meta, Liz worked at PwC Ireland for 15 years. Liz advised on all aspects of VAT, particularly in relation to VAT obligations in the SSC environment, complex property transactions and cross border trading (goods and services). Liz was also a member of the Global PwC Tax Technology team and a lead member of VAT review and Revenue audit defense team and worked on Complex VAT reviews and Audits.

Liz holds a Business & Law (BBL) degree from University College Dublin. She is a Chartered Tax Advisor. Liz lives in Ireland with her husband, three children, and their beloved English Sheepdog, Simba.

Ruth McCarty, Head of Compliance and Risk, Fexco Group

Ruth is Head of Compliance and Risk for Fexco Group. She is the former managing director of the Fexco Corporate Payments business and practised as a solicitor specialising in financial regulation.

Ruth is Chair of the Fintech and Payments Association of Ireland. She is also a member of the Industry Advisory Group for the Irish government's Ireland for Finance strategy for financial services and the EU Commission Payment Services Market Experts Group. Ruth is a chartered director and a regular contributor to publications and events relating to the Irish fintech industry.

Máire Reidy, Senior Regulatory Counsel, Stripe

Máire Reidy is Senior Regulatory Counsel at Stripe, Dublin. Máire has extensive legal and regulatory experience in the area of financial services, having worked in private practice, with the regulator and in-house in financial services firms.

Máire was called to the Bar in 2003 and practiced as a barrister before joining the Central Bank in 2012, where she spent a number of years as a lawyer within the Central Bank's Enforcement Division. Before joining Stripe, Máire worked as regulatory counsel at financial technology firm Fexco and before that as an associate within the Financial Services practice group at Mason Hayes & Curran. Máire has also lectured in law at a number of

third level institutions across Ireland.

Niamh Davenport, Head of Financial Crime, Banking and Payments Federation Ireland (BPF)

Niamh Davenport is a highly respected expert in the field of financial crime and fraud prevention. With over 18 years of experience in the banking industry, she is currently serving as the Head of Financial Crime at the Banking and Payments Federation Ireland (BPF), Niamh has been instrumental in developing and implementing effective financial crime prevention strategies for the past 7 years.

Prior to joining BPF, Niamh served as the Head of the Fraud Prevention Unit with Allied Irish Bank for 7 years as the Head of the Fraud Prevention Unit and across the risk management function where she led the development and implementation of strategies to prevent fraud organisation.

Niamh holds a Bachelor of Commerce degree from UCD, is a Chartered Accountant (CAI), and received a Postgraduate Diploma in Forensic Accounting.

Hannah Vero, Financial Services Regulatory Associate, Hogan Lovells LLP

Hannah is a financial services regulatory associate in Hogan Lovells LLP. She primarily advises on payment services, crowdfunding, consumer protection, insurance distribution, consumer credit, outsourcing, conduct of business rules, FinTech, crypto and anti-money laundering. Hannah also provides general corporate advices.

Hannah is the co-lead of the Hogan Lovells Fintech Mentor Programme.

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