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Licensed: The Bar of Ireland, The Bar of Northern Ireland (UK)
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INDEPENDENT BARRISTER & ARBITRATOR

THE BAR OF IRELAND

Barrister / Arbitrator / Mediator

**I will be called to the Inner Bar as Senior Counsel on 10 October 2024*

33 BEDFORD ROW – LONDON CHAMBERS – Door Tennant

Arbitrator / Mediator

ARBITRATION – PANEL MEMBERSHIPS & APPOINTMENTS

- 2024 - **ICC International Court of Arbitration (ICC) Arbitration & ADR Committee Member**
- 2023 - **The Law Society of Ireland Arbitration Panel**
- 2022 - **European Commission DG TRADE** – Arbitrator Member of the Disputes Settlement Panel under trade agreements between the EU and third countries
<https://circabc.europa.eu/ui/group/71c51410-46a1-4871-8979-20cce8df0896/library/17b64858-0bbb-441e-85d1-32ccb63faec2/details>
Arbitration Ireland – Secretary. Executive Committee Member since 2017
<https://arbitrationireland.com/executive-committee/>
- 2020 - **International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID)**
Appointed by the Government of Ireland to the Conciliator Panel. Term to January 2026.
ICC International Court of Arbitration (ICC)
Appointed as Sole Arbitrator in a number of international commercial disputes
Sports Dispute Solutions Ireland (SDSI) – Arbitration Panel, Mediation Panel
Re-appointed to the arbitration Panel of the national sports dispute resolution body.
- 2018 - **Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS)**
Arbitrator appointment in January 2018. I have had over 35 appointments as co-arbitrator sole arbitrator and Panel President. I am a Member of the Anti-Doping Panel and the Panel of Presidents. *Ad hoc* panel appointments include:
2023: Ad Hoc Anti-Doping Panel for the European Olympic Games
2021: Ad Hoc Anti-Doping Panel for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games
- 2017 - **Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (Ireland)** – *ad hoc* appointments to domestic arbitration disputes as nominated by the CIARB Ireland President
- 2020 - 2021 **Eligibility Determination Panel Member** – Appointed by Sports Resolutions UK to assess the eligibility of election candidates of an International Sports Federation
- 2017 - 2023 **Sports Resolutions UK - International Panel of Arbitrators**
Panel President & Arbitrator in commercial and sports disciplinary matters
- 2019 **International Tennis Federation - Davis Cup Finals, Madrid**
Appointed by Sports Resolutions UK to the ITF Ad Hoc Independent Tribunal

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2008 – 2012 **Chair of the Olympic Federation of Ireland Judicial Committee**
For all Irish eligibility cases for the Beijing 2008 & London 2012 Olympic Games

ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL & REGULATORY BODIES – MEMBERSHIPS & APPOINTMENTS

2024 **Institute & Faculty of Actuaries** – Disciplinary Panel Chair Pool
Sitting on Adjudication and Disciplinary Tribunal matters as a member since 2023
Sports Resolutions UK – Mediation Panel

2023 - **British Horseracing Authority – Judicial Panel Member (Appeal Board Chair Pool)**
<https://judicialpanel.britishhorseracing.com/the-disciplinary-panel-members/>
Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland (PSI) Professional Practice Committee - Vice-Chair of the Independent Tribunal (member of the PPC since 2018)
World Athletics Selection Panel – Screening body of the WA Vetting Panel
European Union Expert (Sport) - EU Commission appointment (EX2017D310797)

2022 - **Insurance Ireland Membership Appeal Panel** – Member
Approved Housing Regulatory Authority Appeals Panel – Member
Appointed by the Irish Minister for Housing

2021 - **Irish Horseracing Regulatory Board Appeals Body** – Independent Deputy Chairman

2020 - **Bookmakers Appeal Committee (Horse Racing Ireland)** - Member
Re-appointed to this statutory body by the Minister for Agriculture
National Childcare Scheme (POBAL) - Independent Appeals Officer
Appointed by the Minister for Children & Youth Affairs.
World Wheelchair Rugby – (First) Independent Judicial Chair

2019 - **Health & Social Care Professionals Council Professional Conduct Committee (CORU)** - Independent Tribunal Chair
Residential Tenancies Board (Ireland) - Decision Maker

CURRENT INDEPENDENT DIRECTORSHIPS

2024 **Dublin Disputes Resolution Centre Limited**

2022 **Irish Cycling Federation CLG T/A Cycling Ireland**

2021 **Raidió Teilifís Éireann (RTÉ)**
• Chair of the Audience Council

2020 **2023 Cycling World Championships Limited (Scotland)**
• Senior Independent Director (2022)

FORMER NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORSHIPS

2019 – 2023 **Ballymun Youth Action Project CLG** – Independent Director

2019 - 2022 **The Irish Cricket Union CLG (Cricket Ireland)** – Independent Director

2014 – 2019 **Sports Dispute Solutions Ireland** – Board Member & Director

2009 – 2014 **Sport Ireland** – Council Member - Appointed by the Minister for Arts, Culture & Sport

2004 – 2014 **Olympic Federation of Ireland** - Executive Committee Member & Director

1999 – 2004 **Volleyball Ireland** – President & Director

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CAREER HISTORY

2016	THE BAR OF IRELAND	Barrister / Arbitrator / Mediator
	Member of the Bar of Ireland Arbitration & ADR Committee. Past Chair of the Sports Law Bar Association. Past member of the Professional Practices Committee	
2020	33 BEDFORD ROW – London Chambers	Arbitrator / Mediator
2009 – 2016	WORLD RUGBY RUGBY WORLD CUP LIMITED	Head of Legal & Legislative Affairs General Counsel
2001 – 2009	WORLD RUGBY	Senior Legal Counsel
2000 – 2001	NATIONAL TREASURY MANAGEMENT AGENCY	Legal Counsel
1998 – 2000	ARTESIA IRELAND LIMITED (BACOB BANK)	Legal Counsel
1996 – 1998	BANK OF IRELAND CORPORATE BANKING	Account Officer

EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

2023	The Honorable Society of the Inn of Court of Northern Ireland – Barrister-at-Law
2020	Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution (CEDR) Accredited Mediator
2019	The Honorable Society of King's Inns, Dublin - Advanced Diploma in Medical Law
2017	Chartered Institute of Arbitrators – Fellow (FCIArb)
1998	The Honorable Society of King's Inns, Dublin - Barrister-at-Law (BL)
1996	Queen's University Belfast - Master of Laws: Computers & Law (LL.M)
1994	University of Dublin, Trinity College - Bachelor of Laws (LL.B)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Lecturing:	Chartered Institute of Arbitrators - Member of the Approved Faculty List (Ireland) Law Society of Ireland – External Examiner & lecturer - Diploma in Sports Law University College Dublin Law School - Visiting Lecturer Sports Law BCL Degree
Awards:	Trinity Alumni Award 2022
Publications:	The International Sports Justice, M. Coccia and M. Colucci eds. SLPC, 2024, Chapter: <i>'The World Rugby Judicial System'</i> , S Ahern and Y Nolan The Paris Journal of International Arbitration 2024/1. <i>'Arbitration of sports-related disputes outside CAS'</i> .
Speaking:	Recent speaking includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CIArb, Singapore Branch, 18 July 'ABC of Sports Arbitration' • Construction Bar Association Conference, Dublin 14 June 2024 - Speaker <i>'International Construction Arbitration, Is Case Management the Answer?'</i>, • ICCA Conference Hong Kong 7 May 2024 – Speaker:: <i>'Procedures and Behaviours, The impact and importance of human engagement in the arbitral process'</i>. • Arbitration & the Olympic Games Symposium, Paris, 29 February 2024 – Speaker: <i>'Arbitration of sports-related disputes outside CAS'</i>. • Dublin International Arbitration Day 2023 - <i>'ESG Issues in Arbitration'</i> – Moderator • Society of Construction Law, Dublin Conference 9 Nov.'24 - Moderator