



International Arbitration in Ireland Hub

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Law Society Skillnet in collaboration with Arbitration Ireland and Law Society Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee bring you a suite of courses accessible via this International Arbitration in Ireland Hub. These webinars focus exclusively on international arbitration, enabling individuals to upskill and increase their knowledge in this area. The overall aim of this initiative is to support the growth, competitiveness and sustainability of Irish legal practitioners - especially junior practitioners - in the area of international arbitration.

Arbitration Ireland's mandate is to enhance Dublin's reputation as an established seat and venue for international commercial arbitration; to increase the profile of Irish arbitrators and practitioners amongst the wider international arbitration community; and to increase the participation of Irish arbitrators and practitioners in international commercial arbitrations wherever based.

Law Society Skillnet provides strategic responses to emerging national and international trade, regulatory and competitive challenges facing legal professionals, through the delivery of highly specialised education and training.

Course 1: Current Challenges and New Opportunities for International Arbitration in Ireland

This inaugural webinar, recorded during a live webinar in December 2021, provides an opportunity for practitioners to build on their knowledge and skills in international arbitration. Discussing six key topics, experienced practitioners and expert speakers give practical insights into the challenges and opportunities for international arbitration in Ireland.

Testimonials from participants at this webinar:

“Interesting discussions on Ireland as a seat of international arbitrations into the future and hearing it from practitioners’ perspectives.”

“To attend a course with such a high calibre of instructors who work in the field with on the ground expertise and was invaluable.”

“The speaker with a background in Sporting Arbitration was very good and her points about conducting cases virtually was very good.”

“The discussion on culture was most interesting to me.”

“As I am still in training, it gave me a feel for how involved in arbitration I would like to become, specifically focusing on the international aspect and different cultures.”

Topics 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

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.

CPD Hours: 2 General (by eLearning)

Course 2: International Arbitration in Ireland: The Arbitration Agreement – Procedure and Practice

Aim and Objectives

At this seminar, which was recorded in April 2022, our speakers discuss several academic, procedural and practical elements of the arbitration agreement in order to give practitioners a detailed understanding of its importance as the jurisdictional cornerstone of the arbitral process; the legal requirements for a valid agreement; and best practice in drafting agreements.

Testimonials from the live seminar held in April 2022:

“..... a great talk and event yesterday evening; it was really well structured and delivered with a great mix of information, law and experience.”

“.... excellent presentations: really comprehensive but also easy to understand and the two hours flew by. Well done for flying the Irish flag also.”

“.... fantastic with lots of practical insights.”

Topics and Issues

- Foundations of the Arbitration Agreement
 - Party Autonomy
 - Separability of the Arbitration Agreement
 - Kompetenz-kompetenz: Article 16(1) UNICITRAL Model Law / Article 23(1) Rules
- Validity of the Arbitration Agreement
 - New York Convention
 - Agreement to Arbitrate / Capacity
 - Scope of Agreement / Arbitrability
- Drafting Considerations and Best Practice
 - Seat of Arbitration / Choice of Law Provisions
 - Arbitrator Selection Processes
 - Pathological Agreements / Interpretation

Learning Outcomes

At the end of this seminar, practitioners will

- Understand the importance of the arbitration agreement in the overall context of arbitration
- Learn many of its legal/procedural formalities
- Recognise the real-world issues that are likely to arise in daily practice
- Know the ‘do’s and don’ts’ surrounding drafting arbitration agreements
- Gain an understanding of the theory and principles underpinning international arbitration

Powerpoint materials and a substantial reading list is also provided.

Speakers

Gavin Woods, Partner, Arthur Cox, Ireland

Gavin is a Partner in the Litigation and Dispute Resolution Department of Arthur Cox Solicitors. He is a member of the Executive Committee (and former President) of Arbitration

Ireland, the association of international arbitration practitioners in Ireland. He represents the association in its engagement with the international arbitration community, international arbitral institutions and with government including the Ireland for Law initiative. He is a member of the ICC Commission, which is the rule making body of the ICC and a member of the Irish national committee of the ICC. He advises clients on international arbitration including representing them as Counsel in disputes under the ICC and LCIA Rules. Gavin has a particular interest and expertise in technology and media related issues including intellectual property, data protection, privacy and defamation.

Emma Vidak Gojković, Counsel and Arbitrator, Vidak Arbitration LLC

Emma Vidak Gojkovic is a Harvard-educated arbitration counsel and arbitrator, triple-qualified in England and Wales, New York and Croatia. Before founding her independent practice Vidak Arbitration LLC, Emma practiced in leading international law firms including King & Spalding (London and New York), Baker McKenzie (Vienna), and Omnia Strategy under Cherie Blair QC (London). Throughout her career, Emma represented clients in commercial and investment arbitrations under all major arbitral rules, including ICC, LCIA, SCC, AAA, HKIAC, ICSID, UNCITRAL, and SAS HGK. Emma teaches a course on “Strategy and Advocacy in Arbitration” at McGill University. As independent counsel, Emma frequently partners with law firms to add specialised arbitration capacity to their existing teams. She also sits as arbitrator, including predominantly in shareholder and joint venture disputes.

CPD Hours: 2 General (by eLearning)

Course 3: An Introduction to *Ad hoc* and Institutional Arbitration

Aim and Objectives

At this seminar, which was recorded in June 2022, our speakers discussed the practical and practitioner-specific elements of international arbitration with an aim to provide an overview of the two principal forms of international commercial arbitration - *ad hoc* arbitration and arbitral institutions - and compare and contrast both regimes. This online course pays particular focus on foundations and development of *ad hoc* arbitration and arbitral institutions; and general features, benefits and drawbacks of each regime, as well as the most popular rulesets available to parties and their specificities.

Testimonials from the live webinar held in June 2022. Participants found the training most useful for:

“The identification of issues regarding enforcement which could be raised in different seats.”

“The tables setting out pros and cons of each [process]”

“The clarity on a choice of arbitral rules at an early stage especially in the dispute resolution provisions of an agreement or contract.”

Topics and Issues

- the growth of institutional arbitration at the expense of *ad hoc* processes in the international commercial context
- compare and contrast what the regimes offer for practitioners and parties (including examples from a range of rulesets)

Programme

- (1) History and Development of International Arbitration (10 mins)

- a. Origins of International Arbitration
 - b. The Rise of International Arbitral Institutions
- (2) Comparing and Contrasting *Ad hoc* and Institutional Arbitration (35 mins)
- a. General Features of each Form
 - b. Benefits/Drawbacks of each Form
 - c. Current Usage: Industries and Statistics
- (3) Major *Ad hoc* and Institutional Rulesets (35 mins)
- a. UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules
 - b. ICC/LCIA/SIAC/SCC/HKIAC Rules
 - c. Appointing Authorities

This online course also includes a downloadable reading list which contains a number of extracts, links and/or citations of relevant academic and practical sources of further information concerning *ad hoc* arbitration and arbitral institutions.

Chairperson

Sean McCarthy BL, The Bar of Ireland

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Speakers

Tomás Navarro Blakemore

Tomás Navarro Blakemore's work spans across all areas of international dispute resolution, with a focus on international commercial arbitration. He also advises private clients as well as non-profit organisations and social enterprises on structuring, governance and fundraising. In particular, Tomás has been involved as counsel, arbitrator and secretary to the arbitrator in several commercial and investment arbitration proceedings under various institutional rules (ICC, UNCITRAL, CAS, SCAI, CAM, ICSID Rules), as well as in *ad hoc* proceedings related to construction, distribution, corporate and sport-related matters. He also advises on contractual matters, negotiations, mediations as well as annulment proceedings and enforcement of foreign judgments and arbitral awards. Tomás studied a double degree in Law and Political Science at the University of Granada in Spain before completing a LL.M. in International Dispute Settlement (MIDS) at the Graduate Institute of Geneva. He is a member of the Geneva and Madrid bar and is fluent in English, French and Spanish.

Paula Gibbs, A&L Goodbody

Paula Gibbs is a senior associate in the Dispute and Investigations group at A&L Goodbody. Paula advises clients on complex commercial disputes. She has acted as counsel in commercial and investment treaty arbitrations under various institutional rules including UNCITRAL, LCIA, ICC, SIAC, HKIAC and ICSID Rules and *ad-hoc* proceedings. Before returning to Ireland, Paula practised in London, Singapore, New Zealand, Hong Kong and the BVI.

CPD Hours: 1.5 General (by eLearning)

Course 4: Institutional Arbitration – ICC Arbitration

Aim and Objectives

This seminar, recorded in November 2022, takes the audience through a detailed overview of the practice and procedure of the world's most used international arbitral institution - the International Chamber of Commerce. The speakers describe the full lifecycle of an arbitration case and share practical insights that aid participants' practice of international arbitration. This course is suitable for both newcomers and more experienced practitioners alike.

Some testimonials from attendees at this webinar in November 2022

"I really enjoyed how practically focused the session was. Also, breaking down the main sections with 'top tips' was a good approach to keep our attention on the most important points."

[The most useful part of this training was] "The real life experiences and explanations from the presenters. The "top tips" and the honesty about errors they have seen."

"It gave a good insight into the processes once a dispute is before the Tribunal."

"I will take back the practical advice on the process of ICC arbitration, from notification to award, and circulate the notes as know-how for my team. It was really great to see a hands-on perspective of the life-cycle of [a] case."

"...overall it was very useful, well-structured and easy to follow. Both facilitators were clear and easy to understand."

Topics and Issues

- A brief description of the structure of the ICC International Court of Arbitration & the ICC Secretariat
- the application of the ICC Arbitration Rules by the above two bodies through the lens of the important procedural milestones
- the many practical tips for practitioners acting as counsel in ICC arbitrations

Programme

Introduction

- (4) ICC Secretariat and International Court of Arbitration (15 mins)
 - a. Structure & Composition
 - b. Duties pursuant to the ICC Arbitration Rules

Lifecycle of an ICC Arbitration

- (5) Commencement and Constitution of the Arbitral Tribunal (40 mins)
 - a. Request for Arbitration & Answer to Request
 - b. Pre-Constitution Procedural Decisions
 - c. Nomination & Confirmation/Appointment of Arbitrators
- (6) Arbitral Proceedings (35 mins)
 - a. Transmission of the File & Terms of Reference
 - b. Hearings & Financial Decisions of the Court
 - c. Time Limits & Closing of the Proceedings
- (7) Awards & Costs of Arbitration (30 mins)
 - a. Draft Awards
 - b. Scrutiny of Awards
 - c. Costs of Arbitration
 - d. Emergency Arbitrator (EA)

Chairperson

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Speakers

Ashleigh Brocchieri, ICC Counsel

Ashleigh is Counsel of the Common Law Team at the Secretariat of the ICC international Court of Arbitration, in Paris. She is admitted to the roll of solicitors in England and Wales and admitted to the Paris Bar, France, following legal studies at Sheffield Hallam University and BPP University Law School in England and l'Université Paris-Est Créteil (UPEC) in France. Prior to her current role, she worked as Deputy Counsel at the Secretariat of the ICC international Court of Arbitration and at an international law firm in London.

Benjamin Ng'Eno, ICC Deputy Counsel

Benjamin is a Deputy Counsel with the Common Law Team at the Secretariat of the ICC international Court of Arbitration in Paris. He obtained his LLB from the University of Nairobi (Kenya) and a LL.M in International Disputes Settlement from the Geneva Graduate Institute and the University of Geneva. Prior to his current role, he worked with leading dispute resolution firms in Nairobi, Geneva and Brussels, specializing in commercial litigation and arbitration

CPD Hours: 2 General (by eLearning)

Course 5: International Arbitration in Ireland - Enforcement, Challenge & Set-Aside of Arbitration Awards in Ireland

Aim and Objectives

This seminar focuses on the practical and practitioner-specific aspects of court proceedings in enforcing or challenging arbitral awards in Ireland.

The three elements of enforcement, challenge & set-aside are dealt with so as to: (i) create a depth of knowledge about the workings of the Arbitration Act 2010 and other relevant legislation before the Irish Superior Courts, and (ii) allow attendees to use any lessons learned in the session in the future provision of services for clients seeking to enforce or challenge arbitral awards.

Topics and Issues

This seminar takes the audience through the theory and practice of enforcing and challenging arbitration awards in Ireland, both in the domestic and international contexts.

Particular focus is put on the following aspects:

- the Irish legislative landscape in relation to enforcement and challenge of domestic and foreign arbitral awards;
- the functioning of the above pieces of legislation in terms of enforcement and the

- grounds upon which awards can be challenged; and
- the practical tips for both instructing solicitors, and barristers acting as counsel in these High Court applications.

Programme

- Ireland's Legislative Landscape in Enforcement & Challenge of Awards
 1. International and Domestic Legal Framework
 - a) Arbitration Act 2010 (incorporating UNCITRAL Model Law)
 - b) S.I. 361/2010 – Rules of the Superior Courts (Arbitration) 2010
 - c) New York Convention & ICSID Convention
 2. Enforcement Proceedings and Challenging Enforcement
 - a) Applications to recognise and enforce an award under the Arbitration Act & New York Convention
 - b) Applications to set aside an award under the Arbitration Act & New York Convention
 - (i) Grounds for challenge under both frameworks
 - (ii) Time limits and consequences of applications to set aside
 - c) Applications under the ICSID Convention
 - d) Other Applications (interim measures etc.)

A bibliography/reading list is provided to allow further reading for interested audience members and to provide links to useful resources.

Chairperson

Sean McCarthy BL, The Bar of Ireland

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Speakers

Barry Mansfield BL

Barry Mansfield is a practicing barrister. He specialises in commercial law, with a particular interest in construction law and arbitration. He is also an adjunct assistant professor at Trinity College Dublin and is the author of 'Arbitration in Ireland' (Clarus Press). He was previously an associate with Davis Polk in London and New York.

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