



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

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Date	Tuesday 26 April 2022
Time	5.00pm to 7.00pm
Venue	Zoom webinar with live Q&A
Fee	€ 160
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CPD Hours	2 General (by eLearning)
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Aim and Objectives

This seminar will 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.

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

Participants will also be provided with a reading list after the webinar, which will contain a number of extracts, links and/or citations of relevant academic and practical sources of further information concerning arbitration agreements in the context of international arbitration

Speakers

Gavin Woods, Partner, Arthur Cox, Ireland

Gavin is a Partner in the Litigation and Dispute Resolution Department of Arthur Cox Solicitors. His practice has a focus on advising clients about intellectual property disputes (trademark and copyright infringement and breach of confidential information).

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Ema 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

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