



An Introduction to *Ad hoc* and Institutional Arbitration

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Date	Monday 20 June 2022
Time	5.00pm to 6.30pm
Venue	Zoom webinar
Fee	€95
CPD Hours	1.5 Hours General (by eLearning)
Event Code	S2260

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“..... 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.”

Aim and Objectives

This seminar will focus on practical and practitioner-specific elements of international arbitration. It aims 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. Particular focus will be on the 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.

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

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 *ad hoc* arbitration and arbitral institutions.

Chairperson

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.

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.

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