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# YOUNG PRACTITIONERS' SEMINAR

16.30 – 20.30, 17th November 2022  
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## WELCOME

### Nicola Dunleavy

*(President of Arbitration Ireland)*

Nicola is a Partner in Matheson's Commercial Litigation and Dispute Resolution Department. She leads the Matheson arbitration team and her expertise includes advocacy in alternative dispute resolution, encompassing expert determination, adjudication and mediation. She is also an Associate of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators.

### Gerard James

*(Co Chair of Young Practitioners Arbitration Ireland)*

Gerard is Chair of the Young Practitioners Committee. In his work with William Fry, he specialises in litigation and dispute resolution. He holds qualifications from both the University of Wales and University College Dublin law schools. He also holds a Diploma in Commercial Arbitration from UCD.

## PANEL 1 FIRESIDE CHAT:



### Niamh Leinwather Interviewee

*(Secretary General of Vienna International Arbitral Centre (VIAC))*

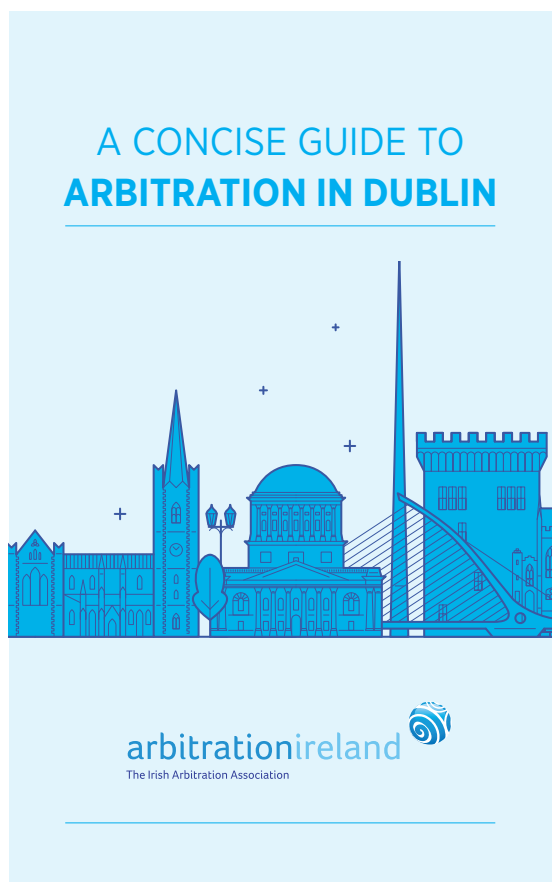
Since 1st January 2022, Niamh has taken office as the new Secretary General of the Vienna International Arbitral Centre (VIAC). Of Irish origin, she has both a common and civil law background (Bachelor of Civil Law, University College Dublin, Mag.iur., University of Vienna, Master of European Studies, University of Vienna). She was the first Irish woman to be admitted to the Austrian Bar in 2013 and has over a decade of experience in international dispute resolution at Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer in Vienna, where she acted as both counsel and arbitrator.



### James Roche Interviewer *(Fieldfisher LLP)*

James is a Senior Associate in the Public and Regulatory Department of Fieldfisher LLP. In addition to acting in arbitrations and mediations across diverse sectors, he advises on regulatory investigations and prosecutions, and commercial disputes.

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## CHAIR FOR PANEL 2

### Patrick Leonard SC

*(The Bar of Ireland, Dublin)*

Patrick 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. He has a long-standing interest in professional regulatory law, and acts in both medical misconduct and medical negligence matters. 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. He is a member of the International Chamber of Commerce (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. He is a member of the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) Panel of Arbitrators, the EU Panel of Arbitrators and TSD Experts and a former elected member of the Bar Council of Ireland.

## PANEL 2 SPEAKERS:



### Mark McMahon

*(Stewarts Law LLP, London)*

Mark is a senior associate in the International Arbitration department at Stewarts. He specialises in high-value international arbitration disputes, in particular international construction, engineering and energy disputes. He has been involved in

proceedings in multiple jurisdictions and has extensive experience in complex cross-border matters.



### Dr Yağmur Hortoğlu

*(Assistant Professor in Private Law at Maynooth University)*

Yağmur is an Assistant Professor at the School of Law and Criminology in Maynooth University. She specialises in arbitration law and private international law. She also retains a keen interest in

the interaction between law and psychology. She holds a PhD in arbitration law from Sorbonne University (*summa cum laude*), where she taught private international law, introduction to civil law, family law, tort law and corporate law seminars. For her post-doctoral fellowship at New York University, she was affiliated with the Center for Transnational Litigation, Arbitration, and Commercial Law and worked on the question of fraud and arbitration. She publishes articles mainly in arbitration law and on the interaction between conflict of laws and international arbitration. At Maynooth University, she teaches arbitration law, private international law, alternative dispute resolution and contract law modules, and is part of the Internationalisation Committee and Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Committee. She also acts as a legal counsel before the European Court of Human Rights for Turkish applicants and also holds a Chair at the Academic Council for the Racial Equality for Arbitration Lawyers (REAL) in New York where she also serves as a mentor.



### Charlotte Hill

*(Penningtons Manches Cooper LLP, London)*

Charlotte is an experienced commercial litigator and has been awarded the 'Rising Star' accolade in The Legal 500 on four occasions during 2021 and

2022. She advises on a broad range of complex, high-value cross-border disputes across a number of commercial and business sectors, including financial services, company disputes, corporate insolvency and civil fraud. She has specialist expertise in digital assets where she advises clients about cryptocurrencies and blockchain disputes, and she recently acted in one of the very few contested cryptocurrency disputes. She is also a committee member of the Cyber Insurance Association and a steering committee member of the Campaign for Greener Arbitrations.

## Seminar programme

16.30	Registration, networking and refreshments
17.00	<b>Welcome</b> Nicola Dunleavy SC, <i>President of Arbitration Ireland</i> Gerard James, William Fry, <i>Co-Chair YPAI</i>
17.15	<b>Panel 1: Fire side chat</b>  Interviewer: James Roche, <i>Fieldfisher LLP</i> Interviewee: Niamh Leinwather, <i>Secretary General of Vienna            International Arbitral Centre (VIAC)</i>
18.00 - 18.30	Coffee break
18.30	<b>Panel 2: Panel discussion</b>  Chair: Patrick Leonard SC, <i>The Bar of Ireland</i>  Speakers: Mark McMahon, <i>Stewarts Law LLP, London</i> Charlotte Hill, <i>Penningtons Manches Cooper LLP,            London</i> Dr Yağmur Hortoğlu, <i>Assistant Professor in Private Law at            Maynooth University</i>
19.30 - 20.30	Drinks reception in The Sheds, Distillery Building, Dublin

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