





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

Law Society Skillnet in collaboration with Arbitration Ireland and Law Society Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee

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Time 5.00pm to 7.00pm

Venue Zoom webinar with live Q&A

Fee € 125

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Aim and Objectives

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

As such, the three elements of enforcement, challenge & set-aside will be 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.

This seminar is suitable for: Solicitors and barristers new to the area and those with some experience of international arbitration.

Topics and Issues

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

Particular focus will be 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 (30 mins)
 - 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
- Enforcement Proceedings and Challenging Enforcement
 - 2. Various Types of Application (1 hour 15 mins)
 - 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 will be provided after the webinar to allow further reading for interested audience members and to provide links to useful resources.

Chairperson

Sean McCarthy BL, The Bar of Ireland

Sean McCarthy is an Irish barrister, New York attorney and international arbitration consultant. 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

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.

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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