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Evidence, fraud and the changing litigation landscape

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



ROSSA FANNING SC
Attorney General of Ireland

Rossa Fanning SC was first appointed as Attorney General of Ireland on 17 December 2022, and was re-appointed to that position on 9 April 2024 and again on 23 January 2025.

Prior to his appointment, he was a Senior Counsel at the Irish Bar with a varied caseload spanning commercial law, judicial review, defamation and privacy law. He was called to the Irish Bar in 1999 and became a Senior Counsel in 2016.

He is a CEDR Accredited Mediator and was admitted to the Bar of Northern Ireland in 2019.

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Expert evidence: Challenges and opportunities

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GERARD KELLY SC

Partner, Co-Head of Dispute Resolution and Head of Intellectual Property
Mason Hayes & Curran

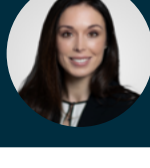
Gerard Kelly is Head of the Intellectual Property Law team and Co-Head of the Dispute Resolution team at Mason Hayes & Curran.

His practice includes advising corporate clients in defamation proceedings before the Irish Courts including acting for a number of online platforms regarding their obligations for identification orders and as co-defendant in defamation proceedings.

He has also been involved in many of the most high-profile and complex IP court cases in Ireland in recent years.

Gerard advises clients on a wide range of IP matters and disputes, including substantial patent, passing off, trade mark, copyright and design litigation.

ABOUT THE SPEAKERS



SHELLEY HORAN SC

Senior Counsel, Commercial & Regulatory Law

Shelley Horan is a Senior Counsel practicing in Commercial and Regulatory Law. She has 20 years of experience in complex commercial litigation. She has represented companies and public bodies in a wide range of commercial, corporate and regulatory/public law disputes.

Shelley is a CEDR Accredited Mediator since 2012. She is the author of the text “Corporate Crime” and a former Adjunct Professor of Law in Trinity College Dublin and is Chair of the Appeals Committee of Chartered Accountants Ireland.



ROSS AYLWARD BL

*Barrister,
The Law Library*

Ross Aylward is a Barrister and has a broad civil litigation practice across many fields including commercial, chancery, and property related disputes.

He is a member of the Bar of Ireland, the New York Bar, and the Bar of England and Wales. Ross will be called to the Inner Bar of Ireland in October 2026.



MICHAEL PEART

*Mediator, Arbitrator
and former Court of Appeal judge*

Michael Peart practised as a solicitor for 32 years from 1970 to 2002, mainly in the area of litigation. In 2002 he became the first practising solicitor to be appointed a High Court judge. Having served there for 12 years, he was appointed to the newly established Court of Appeal in October 2014, where he served until his retirement in October 2019.

Since retiring, Michael has practised as a mediator and finds that in most mediations the parties find a way of settling their differences amicably, fairly, and at less cost, both financially and emotionally, than if they had gone to court.



GEAROID CAREY

*Partner, Dispute Resolution,
Mason Hayes & Curran*

Gearoid Carey is a Partner in the Dispute Resolution team at Mason Hayes & Curran. He specialises in commercial litigation, with a particular emphasis on contractual and technology disputes. He has extensive experience in a wide range of commercial litigation matters across many industry sectors and at all court levels. He has particular experience in disputes concerning the termination of contracts, aviation matters and regulatory issues, especially in the telecommunications sector.

He also has practical experience in alternative dispute resolution, including mediations and expert determinations, as well as in domestic and international arbitrations.

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PANEL 2

Fraud: The changing landscape of APP scams

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**CONOR O'LEARY***Partner, Dispute Resolution,
Mason Hayes & Curran*

Conor O'Leary is a Partner in the Dispute Resolution team at Mason Hayes & Curran. He advises on high value complex commercial disputes across all industry sectors, in Ireland and internationally.

He is also a Partner in the Investigations & White Collar Crime team. His previous training and experience in criminal defence law gives him a unique insight into this type of work and informs the advice he provides to his clients.

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**ELIZABETH CORCORAN BL***Barrister,
The Law Library*

Elizabeth Corcoran BL is a barrister who practices in commercial, chancery, administrative and capacity law. She specialises in banking and financial services law. Elizabeth advises and acts for a wide range of financial institutions, state and statutory bodies, and private customers and companies in contentious and non-contentious legal and regulatory matters.

Elizabeth is the co-author of '*Banking Law*' (4th ed) with John Breslin SC and completed a PhD on the interplay between financial regulation and equity in 2017. She has lectured at the Kings Inns, UCD and GCD in civil procedure, trusts law, and banking and financial services law.

**SEAN CROWLEY***Director of Advisory Services,
Secora Consulting*

Sean is an experienced consultant and leader with over 15 years of experience in cybersecurity, data privacy, risk and compliance. He has worked extensively across the banking and professional services sectors, holding roles in security, risk management, audit, compliance and electronic discovery.

Before joining Secora Consulting, he spent several years at BSI, advising clients on information security governance, regulatory compliance and operational resilience. He previously served on the board of ISACA Ireland, contributing to the advancement of professional standards in information security and governance.

**NIAMH DAVENPORT***Head of Financial Crime,
Banking & Payments
Federation Ireland (BPFI)*

Niamh Davenport is Head of Financial Crime at Banking & Payments Federation Ireland (BPFI). A Chartered Accountant with over 20 years' experience in financial services, she leads industry initiatives on anti-money laundering, fraud prevention and financial crime policy.

Niamh chairs Ireland's Cross-Sector Anti-Fraud Forum and the Joint Intelligence Group (JIG), bringing together industry, government, regulators and law enforcement to strengthen the national response to financial crime.