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# Building Schools and Colleges

Legal Insights from  
Procurement to Resolution

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## ABOUT THE SPEAKERS



**Stefan Mathews**  
*Technical Manager,  
Planning and Building  
Unit, Department  
of Education*

Stefan Mathews is a Technical Manager. He leads the Capital Delivery and Programme Support Unit. This unit sits within the Professional and Technical section of the Planning and Building Unit of the Department of Education and Youth.



**David Flynn**  
*Director and  
Project Manager,  
Rogerson Reddan*

David is a Director at Rogerson Reddan and a Senior Project Manager who has served clients in various aspects of the construction industry for over twenty years.

He has successfully delivered many cross functional projects in differing industries and is comfortable dealing with, managing and reporting to all organisation and corporate levels. He enjoys problem solving in complex situations to ensure the optimum solutions or outcomes for all project stakeholders.



**Dorit McCann**  
*Partner, Head of  
Procurement,  
Mason Hayes & Curran*

Dorit is a Partner and Head of Public Procurement at Mason Hayes & Curran.

She has an excellent track record of advising public and private sector clients in the public and utilities sectors on a wide range of procurement issues. This includes advising on procurement strategy and execution, drafting procurement documentation, advising on selection and award criteria, evaluation methodology and scoring matrix, debrief requirements and defending or initiating a legal challenge.



**Paul Bassett**  
*Consulting Partner,  
Construction,  
Infrastructure & Utilities,  
Mason Hayes & Curran*

Paul is a Consulting Partner on the Construction, Infrastructure and Utilities team at Mason Hayes & Curran. He specialises in non-contentious construction and real estate development.

A core part of Paul's practice is advising on infrastructure projects where he acts for developers, contractors and utilities. He assists clients in identifying critical risks to their projects, ensuring that risk is managed early.

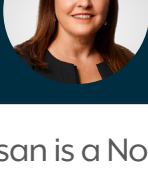
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### ABOUT THE SPEAKERS



#### Susan Bryson

*Construction Law Specialist, Board member of National Children's Hospital, Advisor to MetroLink*

Susan is a Non-Executive Director on the National Paediatric Children's Hospital Development Board and a member of the Disputes Resolution Sub-Committee (appointed by the Government in July 2023). In August 2025, she was appointed to the External Member Panel for the Metrolink Programme Steering Committee by Transport Infrastructure Ireland.

She was a partner in the Construction team of Mason Hayes & Curran until July 2023. She specialised in the resolution of disputes in construction projects particularly in the education sector.



#### Joe Behan

*Conciliator, Adjudicator, Arbitrator and Chartered Engineer*

Joe practices in Ireland, the UK and the Middle East as an experienced Conciliator, Standing Conciliator, Mediator, Adjudicator, Arbitrator and Expert Determiner.

He was elected as International President of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators having previously served as Chairman of the Irish Branch.

Joe is a Chartered Engineer with Engineers Ireland and practiced as a consulting engineer and expert witness prior to his career in dispute resolution.



#### Stephen McQuade

*Chartered Engineer and Expert Witness*

Stephen is a Chartered Civil and Structural Engineer. He is the Managing Director and owner of 2HQ Consulting Engineers.

The practice provides mainstream civil, structural, and traffic engineering services, as well as specialist consultancy to the insurance and legal sectors.

He has 30 years of experience delivering engineering solutions across the residential, commercial, public, education, and infrastructure sectors.



#### Robert Rooney

*Partner, Construction Law, Mason Hayes & Curran*

Robert is a Partner in the Construction, Infrastructure and Utilities team at Mason Hayes & Curran. He specialises in construction legal issues, both contentious and non-contentious.

He leads on contentious matters in the commercial court as well as arbitration, conciliation and mediation, usually with a construction or public procurement focus.

Robert is an experienced party representative in construction adjudications in a number of jurisdictions.



#### Emmy Marshall

*Associate, Construction, Infrastructure & Utilities, Mason Hayes & Curran*

Emmy is an Associate on the Construction, Infrastructure & Utilities team at Mason Hayes & Curran.

Her practice includes all forms of disputes in the education sector, including post-completion defects issues, as well as mid-stream and final account disputes.

Emmy has acted in several technically complex multi-million-euro adjudications as well as conciliation and court.