

Seminar

Thursday 11th June 2026

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Chartered Institute of Arbitrators – Ireland Branch

Join us at Dexcom Stadium for a seminar titled:
'The evolving importance of the standing conciliator'

5.30pm arrival with panel discussion
commencing at 6.00pm sharp

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Single ticket: FREE

All welcome-reservation is required

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5.30	Tea & Coffee upon arrival
6.00	Introduction by David McDonagh
6.05	Panel discussion moderated by Dermot Durack
7.15	Drinks reception after the event

Introduction/opening remarks

David McDonagh

David is a chartered quantity surveyor and CEDR accredited mediator with post graduate qualifications in construction law, arbitration, adjudication, and contract administration. With over 20 years of experience in construction and heavy civil engineering projects in Ireland and Australia, he is currently the Director of Quantex, a quantity surveying and construction consultancy based in Galway.



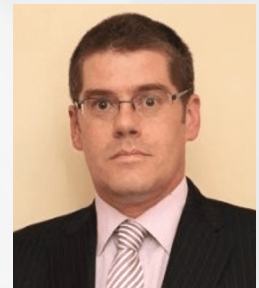
David McDonagh

Moderator:

Dermot Durack

Dermot Durack advises on contentious and non-contentious construction and procurement matters, with a particular focus on dispute resolution, including adjudication and conciliation, and on contract drafting and procurement strategy.

He is a Chartered Quantity Surveyor and non-practising Barrister-at-Law with more than 35 years' experience in the construction sector. Dermot has acted for employers, contractors, and subcontractors and brings extensive expertise in procurement, contract administration, and commercial management on large-scale and technically complex projects across the pharmaceuticals, data centres, energy, healthcare, and food sectors.



Dermot Durack

Dermot sits on a number of dispute resolution panels, including the Irish Ministerial Panel of Adjudicators, and is a former Chair of the Ireland Branch of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. He is also actively involved with the Society of Chartered Surveyors Ireland.

Speaker 1

Denise Kennedy

Denise is a Chartered Engineer with over 29 years' experience working in the Irish Construction Industry and holds an LL.M. in Construction Law, Arbitration and Adjudication. Denise works as a Construction Consultant in RDJ LLP where she acts for parties in dispute resolution processes. Denise is a member of the Engineers Ireland Dispute Resolution Board and is a lecturer in construction law at the University of Galway. Denise is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and an Accredited Mediator with the MI. Denise was a member of the 'Adjudication Ireland: Low Value Dispute Process' Working Group and is a strong advocate of the use of effective communication to avoid disputes, which she promotes through her work as Independent Project Monitor and Standing Conciliator.



Denise Kennedy

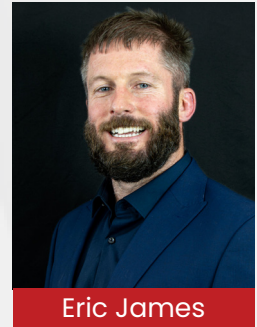


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Speaker 2

Eric James

Eric is a Chartered Surveyor, with almost 20 years of experience on large construction and civil engineering projects, in Ireland, Australia, and Canada. He has sat on, and continues to sit on, numerous Project Boards for public works contracts, acting on behalf of the Contractor.



Eric James

Speaker 3

Paul Sheridan

Paul Sheridan is a Chartered Chemical Engineer graduating from UCD and holds a Master's in Business Practice and Strategy from the IMI/UCC alongside a postgraduate diploma in Construction Law and Contract Administration from TCD.

Paul is currently the Director of Main Contracting and Civil Engineering Services in the CIF. As part of his brief, Paul represents the Master Builders, General and Civil Engineering Contractors and Water Services Operators; Paul is also responsible for both public and private Procurement, Tendering and Contractual Policy in the CIF; in particular, commercial risk and the reform of how Public Infrastructure and Housing under the NDP is procured and constructed.



Paul Sheridan

Speaker 4

Finbarr Kenny

Finbarr Kenny is a Chartered Engineer with over 30 years' experience in Civil Engineering project management and project supervision in Ireland, the USA, Serbia and Qatar.

Employer's Representative on a number of projects Finbarr has extensive experience reviewing of contractors' claims.



Finbarr Kenny

