

Seminar

Thursday 26th March, 2026

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Join us at Beauchamps offices for a seminar titled:

‘Recent and Upcoming Changes to the RIAI and Public Works Contracts’

5.30pm arrival with panel discussion
commencing at 6.00pm sharp

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Single ticket: FREE

All welcome-reservation is required

Programme

- 5.30 – 6.00 Drinks and canapés upon arrival
- 6.00 Opening remarks by Catherine Needham BL
- 6.10 Introduction by moderator, Fiona Egan
- 6.15 Summary of recent changes to RIAI, Jamie McGee
- 6.30 Summary of proposed changes to PWC, Niall Buckley SC
- 6.45 Panel discussion and Q&A, moderated by Fiona Egan

Opening remarks:

Catherine Needham BL

Catherine Needham BL holds an MSc in Business and Finance, the Barrister-at-Law Degree from the Honourable Society of King's Inns, a Certificate in Commercial Contracts from the Law Society of Ireland, a Postgraduate Diploma in Construction Law and Contract Administration from Trinity College Dublin, and a Professional Diploma in Arbitration Law from University College Dublin. She is currently a PhD (Law) candidate.

Catherine is a practising Junior Counsel at the Law Library, Dublin, specialising in Commercial and Public Law, Media Law, Property Law and Construction Law. She has appeared before the Supreme Court, the Court of Appeal and the High Court.

She is a member of the Arbitration and Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee of the Bar of Ireland, the Construction Bar Association, and the Negotiation Committee of the Bar of Ireland. She also serves as Co-Regional Coordinator of the Society of Construction Law (Ireland).

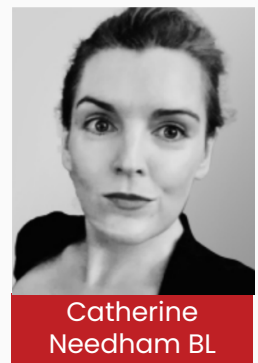
Catherine is the Chair of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (Ireland Branch) and serves as a National Committee Nomination Commission Member with the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC).

She is Co-Editor of The Bar Review and Co-Editor of the Construction, Engineering and Energy Law Journal of Ireland (CEEJ). Catherine is also a Tutor on the Postgraduate Diploma in Construction Law and Contract Administration at Trinity College Dublin and regularly contributes to arbitration training and mock arbitration exercises.

She is an Accredited Commercial Mediator (CEDR), Family Law Mediator (ARC), and Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCIArb).

She has been nominated by the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to serve on the RIAI Professional Conduct Committee under the Building Control Act 2007, and also serves on the Admissions Board of the Society of Chartered Surveyors Ireland (SCSI) under the Building Control Act 2007.

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Moderator:

Fiona Egan

Fiona is a partner in the Projects, Infrastructure and Energy team at Beauchamps LLP, who specialises in both contentious and non-contentious construction across a range of sectors, including energy, commercial and residential development, transport and healthcare. She works with a variety of public and private bodies, including developers, local authorities, utilities, contractors, sub-contractors, lending institutions and investment funds. Fiona offers a 'cradle to grave' service in the development and management of projects, including drafting and negotiating all standard form construction contracts and ancillary documentation, regulatory and health and safety advice, and the avoidance and resolution of disputes through all forms of alternative dispute resolution and litigation, including conciliation, mediation, adjudication and expert determination.

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Speaker:

Jamie McGee

Jamie is a Partner in the Construction Group of McCann FitzGerald LLP. He advised the Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland on the 2025 forms of building contract.

He acts on development related transactions and disputes including office, hotel, and residential development projects, industrial and process plant/systems, pharma, rail, solar, windfarm and heat pump projects, infrastructure and offshore facilities decommissioning. He advises numerous state bodies, developers, contractors, lenders, purchasers, tenants and consultants.

He also practices in the area of health and safety law. He is committee member of the Health and Safety Lawyers Association of Ireland Committee, and lectures on Trinity College's Diploma in Construction Law and the Law Society's Diploma in Construction Law.

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Speaker:

Niall Buckley SC

Niall Buckley is a Senior Counsel practising in commercial, public, media and property law, with a keen interest in access to justice, legal education and alternative dispute resolution.

He is a CEDR accredited mediator, and regularly acts as party representative and mediator in mediations and is current chair of the Bar Council's Advanced Negotiation Committee.

Niall is the Vice President of the Irish Branch of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, a committee member of the Commercial Litigation Association of Ireland and a former committee member of the Irish National Committee of the International Chamber of Commerce.

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