

Conference 2024



The Ciarb Scottish Branch are delighted to be running its conference once again.

The conference will look to the future of dispute resolution in Scotland by discussing how we can encourage more people into a decision making role, by exploring innovative ideas for dispute resolution processes, by debating the best way to resolve construction disputes and by considering how far we have come in relation to arbitration.

The conference will count for six hours of CPD and breakfast, lunch and refreshments will be provided. You will be invited to attend a canapé and drinks reception after the conference closes.

Venue

The Royal Society of Edinburgh
22-26 George Street Edinburgh EH2 2PQ

Fee

£60 inc. VAT for Ciarb members at any level
£70 inc. VAT for non-members

The day will include:

- Keynote Speech delivered by Jonathan Wood FCI Arb, Ciarb President.
- A panel discussion on 'Widening the pool of decision makers: mentoring, pupillage, and pathways'.
- A breakout session led by Pinsent Masons on 'Innovation in dispute resolution: new ideas, fresh thinking, threats and opportunities'.
- Battle Royale: which is the best way to resolve construction disputes – Adjudication vs Litigation vs Arbitration vs Mediation vs Dispute Boards vs Expert Determination vs CAP debated by experienced members of the dispute resolution community.
- A panel discussion on 'Scotland for Arbitration: Progress since 2010 and the future'.

Who will you hear from:

- Keynote speech from **Jonathan Wood FCI Arb**, President of the Ciarb
- **Angus Pearson** BSc (Hons) MRICS DipAdj FCI Arb of Fortis Contracts Ltd.;
- **Andrew Drennan** of Alvarez & Marsal;
- **Andrew Mackenzie** of the Scottish Arbitration Centre;
- **Brandon Malone** of Ampersand Advocates and Arbitra International and Scottish Branch Chairman
- **Caroline McDermott** of Turner & Townsend
- **Chiara Pieri**, our Honorary Secretary;
- **Colin Fraser** of Pinsent Masons
- **Donny Mackinnon** of Mackinnon Consult Limited;
- **Fergus Whyte**
- **John Hunter** of Hunter Consulting
- **Laura West** of CMS Scotland;
- **Len Bunton**, Bunton Consulting;
- **Lisa Cattanach** of Construction Dispute Resolution
- **Lisa Rushton** of LJR Commercial Solutions
- **Mary Thomson** of 36 Stone;
- **Michael Lampert** of Lampert ADR; and
- **Neil Kelly** of Morton Fraser MacRoberts LLP;
- **Rachael Bicknell** of Squaring Circles;
- **Torquil Murray** of Torquil Murray Consulting Limited;

Programme

Time	Session	Topic	Speaker
9 – 9.30	Registration		
9.30 to 9.45	Introduction and Welcome		Brandon Malone, Ciarb Scottish Branch Chair
9.45 to 10.05	Keynote – fireside chat	Jonathan Wood will be interviewed by Brandon Malone on his career in arbitration.	Jonathan Wood, Ciarb Global President
10.05 to 11.15	Session 1	Widening the pool of decision makers: mentoring, pupillage, and pathways.	Moderator: Lisa Cattanach Caroline McDermott, Lisa Cattanach, Lisa Rushton Perspective of instructing solicitor: Neil Kelly
11.15 to 11.35	Coffee break		
11.35 to 12.45	Session 2	Innovation in dispute resolution: new ideas, fresh thinking, threats and opportunities. In this round table discussion session led by Colin Fraser of Pinsent Masons, working groups will explore procedural and technological innovations in dispute resolution.	Break out sessions – Colin Fraser 4 group moderators: Torquil Murray Andrew Drennan Chiara Pieri Gus Pearson
12.45 to 2.00		Networking lunch	
2.00 to 3.30	Session 3	Battle Royale: which is the best way to resolve construction disputes – Adjudication vs Litigation vs Arbitration vs Mediation vs Dispute Boards vs CAP.	Adjudication – John Hunter; Litigation – Fergus Whyte; Mediation – Rachael Bicknell; Dispute Boards – Donny Mackinnon; Conflict Avoidance Procedure – Len Bunton; Arbitration – Kirsti Olson Dentons.

3.30 to 3.50	Coffee break		
3.50 to 5.00	Session 4	<p>Scotland for Arbitration: Progress since 2010 and the future.</p> <p>In this session, we will look at how arbitration in Scotland has developed since the 2010 Act came into force, Scotland's place in the world of arbitration, and the outlook for future development.</p>	<p>Moderator – Brandon Malone</p> <p>Laura West Mary Thomson, Andrew Mackenzie Mike Lampert</p>
5.00 to 5.10	Closing comments and thanks		Brandon Malone

Registration

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