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**TOPIC**

**MEDIATION IN IRELAND: LAWYERS, THEIR DUTIES AND THEIR ATTITUDES.**



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**EVENT DETAILS**

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**27 FEBRUARY 2026**

**TIME**

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## **ABOUT THE SPEAKER**

DR. BILL HOLOHAN SC IS AN IRISH SOLICITOR AND ONE OF THE FIRST SOLICITORS IN IRELAND TO BE GRANTED A PATENT OF PRECEDENCE IN 2020, ENTITLING HIM TO USE THE TITLE SENIOR COUNSEL. HE IS SENIOR PARTNER AT HOLOHAN LANE LLP, WITH OFFICES IN CORK AND DUBLIN. HE HAS SERVED IN MULTIPLE LEADERSHIP AND GOVERNANCE ROLES WITHIN THE ADR COMMUNITY, INCLUDING CHAIR OF THE CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF ARBITRATORS (IRISH BRANCH), DIRECTOR OF THE MEDIATORS INSTITUTE OF IRELAND, HEAD OF ACCREDITATION AT THE IRISH PROFESSIONAL MEDIATORS ORGANISATION (IPMO), AND MEMBER OF ADR COMMITTEES OF BOTH THE LAW SOCIETY OF IRELAND AND THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION. IN 2025, HE WAS AWARDED A DOCTORATE BY NORTHUMBRIA UNIVERSITY IN THE UNITED KINGDOM FOR HIS THESIS TITLED “A STUDY OF THE ATTITUDE AND THE KNOWLEDGE OF PRACTISING SOLICITORS IN IRELAND TOWARDS AND OF MEDIATION AND THE MEDIATION ACT 2017 – PICKING THE MEDIATION PEACH.”

## **MEDIATION IN IRELAND: LAWYERS, THEIR DUTIES AND THEIR ATTITUDES.**

THE LECTURE WILL EXAMINE THE LEGAL ARCHITECTURE CREATED UNDER THE IRISH MEDIATION ACT 2017, THE STATUTORY DUTY IMPOSED UPON SOLICITORS TO ADVISE CLIENTS ABOUT MEDIATION BEFORE INITIATING PROCEEDINGS.

THE TOPIC PROBES HOW LAWYERS RESPOND TO SUCH OBLIGATIONS. DO THEY MEANINGFULLY DISCHARGE THEIR DUTY TO ADVISE? IS MEDIATION PRESENTED AS A GENUINE DISPUTE RESOLUTION PATHWAY, OR AS A PROCEDURAL FORMALITY TO BE TICKED OFF BEFORE LITIGATION COMMENCES? THE DISCUSSION THEREFORE MOVES BEYOND STATUTORY TEXT INTO PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT, ETHICAL RESPONSIBILITY, AND INSTITUTIONAL MINDSET.

THE LECTURE DRAWS UPON DR. BILL HOLOHAN SC'S DOCTORAL RESEARCH, WHICH EXAMINED PRACTISING SOLICITORS' KNOWLEDGE OF MEDIATION AND THEIR ATTITUDES TOWARDS THEIR STATUTORY OBLIGATIONS. THE ANALYSIS EXPLORES WHETHER THERE EXISTS A GAP BETWEEN LEGISLATIVE INTENT AND PROFESSIONAL IMPLEMENTATION, AND WHETHER LAWYERS PERCEIVE MEDIATION AS A COMPLEMENTARY MECHANISM OR AS A THREAT TO TRADITIONAL LITIGATION PRACTICE.