

**British and Irish Commercial Bar Association – 10th Annual Commercial Law Forum
Manchester, 31st March 2022**

Schedule

9.30 am	Registration
10.00 am	Welcome address
10.30 am	Workshop 1 – Commercial Dispute Resolution post-Brexit <i>Chair:</i> HHJ Richard Pearce, Lead Judge of the Manchester Circuit Commercial Court <i>Speakers:</i> Lord Glennie - Former member of the Inner House of the Court of Session, Arbitrator Lyndon MacCann SC – The Bar of Ireland Stephen Dowling SC – The Bar of Ireland
11.30 am	Coffee break
11.50 am	Workshop 2 – Dispute Resolution post-Covid <i>Chair:</i> Mr. Justice David Barniville – Court of Appeal of Ireland <i>Speakers:</i> Laura Dunseath – Legal Director, Eversheds Sutherland, England Joanne Gillies – Partner, Pinsent Masons, Scotland Ronan Lavery QC – The Bar of Northern Ireland Each speaker will offer their own insight into their experiences of working in lockdown, with Laura Dunseath giving a particular insight into investigations into financial services institutions during lockdown.
1.00 pm	Lunch
2.00 pm	Workshop 3 – Insolvency post-Brexit <i>Chair:</i> Lord Justice Snowden – Court of Appeal of England and Wales <i>Speakers:</i> Julie Murphy-O'Connor – Partner, Matheson, Ireland William Gowdy QC – Bar of Northern Ireland Siân Aitken – Partner, CMS Cameron McKenna, Scotland Particular emphasis will be given to Restructuring Plans introduced by amendment to the UK Companies Act 2006.

3.00 pm	<p>Workshop 4 - Diversity in Dispute Resolution</p> <p><i>Chair:</i> Dame Siobhan Keegan – Lady Chief Justice of Northern Ireland</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i> Lady Carmichael – Member of the Outer House of the Court of Session, Scotland Sean O’Sullivan BL – The Bar of Ireland Sam Karim QC – Kings Chambers</p> <p>Each member will discuss the issues of diversity and inclusion in commercial dispute resolution by reference to their own jurisdiction and the challenges which have been addressed by the profession and / or personally and those which remain. The panel will also address issues of overcoming challenges for those with disabilities and the use or abuse of terminology and relationships between professionals, survivor bias and barriers to getting through selection processes.</p>
4.00 pm	Break
4.20 pm	Keynote Address – Sir Geoffrey Vos, Master of the Rolls
5.30 pm	Conclusion of formal conference
Evening	Reception, networking and dinner