

DRS Conference: "The Future of ADR"

Programme

Presidential Address Opening address from RICS President



Nicholas Maclean OBE, RD, FRICS
President and Chair of Governing Council, RICS

Opening session: The state of ADR around the globe

Leaders from across the dispute resolution community assess where ADR stands today, the challenges and opportunities ahead, and the changes that will shape the profession's future, including diversity gaps and the development of the next generation of ADR practitioners.



Dr John Fletcher
DRS Executive Director
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Lindy Patterson KC
Dispute Resolution Board
Foundation



Ben Giaretta
Chartered Institute of
Arbitrators



Brett Dixon
President
Law Society

Ethical challenges of AI and the erosion of professional judgment

- *Who's in control when machines start thinking like experts?*
- *Are we still selling 'expert judgement' or increasingly 'curated outputs'? Are we letting co-pilot sit in the pilot's seat?*
- *Should AI use be disclosed?*
- *Does AI disrupt fees? How ethically can you charge when AI has done the work?*
- *Could AI undermine credibility, independence, or privilege?*



Dr Franco Mastrandrea
Partner, HKA



Dr Stacey Sinclair
Partner | Head of
Technology & Innovation
Fenwick Elliott



Karen Gough
Barrister
39 Essex Chambers



Stephen Dowling SC
CEO & Founder
TrialView

The future of technical expertise - Expert evidence and the question of trust

Have expert witnesses become too biased? | How are tribunals responding? | What can be done to restore trust? | Can experts be trusted as dispute resolvers?



Matt Molloy

Adjudicator | Arbitrator |
Mediator
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Abdul-Lateef Jinadu

Barrister
Keating Chambers



Joanne Prior

Managing Director
Kroll



Samuel Townend KC

Barrister
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One Belt Road Initiative

The One Belt One Road Research Company talks about initiatives and their use of dispute resolution and conflict avoidance processes.



Lisa Li-Sha Li

B&R JT Research

The evolution of contract management: Collaboration, partnerships and avoidance mechanisms

Examining the increasing use of early intervention, collaboration and avoidance mechanisms to better manage disputes in construction and infrastructure projects.



Martin Burns

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Stephen Blakey

Strategic Commercial Director
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Kate Kennedy

Head of Legal
Laing O'Rourke



Helen Sturdy

Deputy Director Strategy
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Debate sessions: This House believes that

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Dispute Boards are effective but underused

Do dispute boards work, and why are they underused?



Emma Schaafsma

Partner
CMS



Patrick Waterhouse

Director
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Mediation is neither in demand nor fit for purpose

What's wrong with mediation? Why is it still a fringe activity after decades?



Theresa Mohammed

Partner
Watson Farley & Williams



Karl Molineux, Esq

Mediator | Special Master | Discovery
Referee
Karl Molineux Professional Corp

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Adjudication has become arbitration by another name

Can adjudication be what Latham wanted? | Do low-cost adjudication models actually work?



Michael Tomlinson

Partner
Clyde & Co



Carly Thorpe

Partner
Walker Morris

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Construction arbitration is overdue a comeback

Is this really the case? If so, is institutional arbitration worth the money?



Gary Kitt

Senior Managing Director
JS Held



Kim Franklin KC

International Arbitrator | Construction
Adjudicator
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Closing session

ADR in 2035: What will dispute resolution look like in 10 years?

- *How will ADR evolve?*
- *What role will technology and globalisation play?*
- *How will user expectations change?*
- *What must change now to stay relevant?*

All speakers

