

## Panel Members



### **Michael Doran, Partner, White & Case**

Michael is a Partner in White & Case. He is part of the Global Banking and Capital Markets Practice based in London. He concentrates in securities financings, cross border debt/balance sheet restructurings, general capital markets advice and secured/unsecured bank lending work. Michael also has experience working within the Sovereign Wealth Funds sector. Prior to joining White & Case, Michael was Partner at Gide Loyrette Nouel LLP, London; as an Associate for Clifford Chance, London and as a Partner with Sidley Austin LLP, London. He has represented a number of high profile companies such as HSBC, Barclays Capital, and Citi amongst others. Michael regularly speaks at conferences and seminars throughout Europe and has published several articles in leading business sector titles. Michael graduated from Queen's with an LLB in 1986.



### **Paul Tweed, Senior Partner, Johnsons**

Paul heads up the Media and Dispute Resolution departments of Johnsons and practices in the jurisdictions of England & Wales, Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland. He is also registered as a Foreign Legal Consultant by the State Bar of California. He has been involved in many high profile defamation actions in the UK and Ireland for more than twenty five years, achieving record damages for Claimant clients while also representing a number of national newspapers and publishers. The firm's clients have included numerous well known international personalities in the music, film, sport and entertainment worlds, with many of the cases being given widespread coverage in the press worldwide. Paul also has extensive experience in the rapidly developing areas of law relating to breach of confidence and privacy, and is regularly listed in Chambers and other Directories as one of the leading media lawyers. He is a keen advocate of ADR and divides his time between the firm's London, Belfast and Dublin offices, and overseeing his US and international practice



### **Jarlath McGurran, Managing Associate, Linklaters LLP**

Jarlath graduated from Law & Accounting at Queen's in 2002. Jarlath is a Managing Associate at Linklaters LLP and has worked with Linklaters for the past ten years in London, New York and Moscow. He works on a wide range of mergers and acquisitions and financial restructurings with clients including BP, Rio Tinto, PwC and RBS.



### **Lauren Geddis, Senior Counsel, Citi**

Lauren works as an in-house solicitor in Citi the only Global Investment Bank with offices in Belfast. She joined Citi in July 2007 and works as a Team Leader in Trading Legal Services EMEA, running a team consisting of law graduates and qualified solicitors who specialise in the negotiation of trading contracts. Lauren herself specialises in derivatives, an area within banking and finance law. Lauren graduated from Queen's in 2005, qualified as a New York attorney in January 2007 and completed the Qualified Lawyer Transfer Tests in December 2009 to become an English solicitor in January 2011. Within Citi, Lauren is also the chair of the Corporate Social Responsibility Committee and was recently awarded the Business in the Community Sieff Award for Northern Ireland which recognises the next generation of Business leadership.