

## Reception to Honour the Miami Launch of the ArbitralWomen Diversity Toolkit on 13 November 2019 in Miami, USA



Left to right: Luis Martinez, Dana MacGrath, Diana Droulers, Ana Lombardía Villalba, Angela Romero-Valedon, Rebecca Storrow and Angelika Hunnefeld

**Dana MacGrath**, President of ArbitralWomen, delivered welcome remarks. The ArbitralWomen Diversity Toolkit™ trainers on 14 November 2019 included ArbitralWomen Board members **Diana Droulers** and **Louise Barrington** together with ArbitralWomen member **Angelika Hunnefeld**.

It was a pleasure to join with so many diversity supporters at this festive evening following the close of the 2019 ICC Miami International Commercial Arbitration Conference.

Many thanks to Greenberg Traurig, LLP, Women Way in Arbitration – WWA LATAM and the AAA-ICDR team.

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**We had a wonderful turnout at** the ArbitralWomen and Women Way in Arbitration – WWA LATAM at the 12 November 2019 celebratory reception organized and hosted by Greenberg

Traurig LLP with the support of the American Arbitration Association-ICDR to celebrate the first ArbitralWomen Diversity Toolkit training in Miami at the AAA-ICDR taking place on 13 November 2019.

## YPAI Young Practitioners Seminar, on 14 November 2019 in Dublin, Ireland

**On 14 November 2019**, Young Arbitration Practitioners Ireland (YPAI) organised a Young Practitioners Seminar at the Dublin International Arbitration Centre. The event took place the evening before the Dublin International Arbitration Day, Ireland's leading conference on international arbitration organised by Arbitration Ireland.

After a Welcome Address by **Paul Gardiner SC**, President of Arbitration Ireland and **Sinéad Drinan BL**, Chair of YPAI, a first panel moderated by **Patrick Leonard SC** discussed "Regional Hot Topics". During a lively conversation, **Daragh Brehony** (Pérez-Llorca, Madrid) discussed the annulment of arbitral awards in Spain



Left to right: Patrick Leonard SC, Nadia Smahi, Jerry Healy, Gerard James and Daragh Brehony

on grounds of public policy, **Gerard James** (William Fry, Dublin) presented recent Irish case law on the finality of arbitral awards, **Jerry Healy** (Willkie Farr & Gallagher, London) talked about challenges to awards on the grounds of serious irregularity and **Nadia Smahi** (Bär & Karrer, Geneva) addressed the upcoming changes to the Swiss *lex arbitri*. Participants then asked the panellists numerous follow-up questions on these topics.

After a short coffee break, **Louis Flannery QC** (Stephenson Harwood, London), during an animated interview led by **Louise Reilly BL**, gave advice to young arbitration practitioners in relation to arbitrator

appointments (and how to get them).

The interview was then followed by a second panel on “Guerrilla Tactics”, again moderated by **Patrick Leonard SC**, which featured speakers **Niamh Leinwather** (Freshfields, Vienna), **Cameron Forsaith** (Eversheds Surtherland, London), **Rahul Donde** (Lévy Kaufmann-Kohler, Geneva) and **Anne Collins** (Clifford Chance, London). This panel was particularly interesting thanks to the speakers’ personal insights and war stories on guerrilla tactics in international arbitration, which gave some food for thought on how to retain and improve the efficiency of arbitral proceedings in such situations.

Last but not least, networking drinks

took place at the Distillery Building, where the world-renown Irish hospitality did not fail to live up to its reputation.

Altogether, the seminar was a success, thanks in large part to its engaged audience and to its meticulous organisation by the YPAI Committee and Arbitration Ireland, as well as the great attention to detail provided by **Rose Fisher**, Arbitration Ireland’s Executive Director.

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Submitted by Nadia Smahi, ArbitralWomen member, YIAG Regional Representative for Europe and Associate, Bär & Karrer, Geneva

## The Arbitrator Selection Puzzle: Putting the Pieces Together on 14 November 2019 in Chicago, USA



Left to right: Sarah Reynolds, Catherine Rogers, Lawrence Schaner and Camille Ng.

On 14 November 2019, for the second time, **Sarah Reynolds**, Partner at Mayer Brown, and **Soledad Galmarini O’Donnell**, Senior Litigation Counsel at Abbott, hosted the ICC and USCIB at Mayer Brown Chicago. The event included a panel discussion entitled: *Arbitrator Selection Puzzle: Putting the Pieces Together*. Additional speakers included **Camille Ng**, Deputy Counsel at the ICC in New York, **Catherine Rogers**, CEO at Arbitrator Intelligence and **Lawrence Schaner**,

founder at Schaner Dispute Resolution in Chicago.

The panel was moderated by Sarah Reynolds. She introduced the subject and explained typical arbitration selection processes (e.g., relying on networks and institutional lists) and considerations (e.g., when it makes sense to target former judges or industry experts as candidates). Catherine Rogers previewed her AI-based start-up technology and discussed how she expects AI and Arbitrator

Intelligence to disrupt traditional arbitrator selection methods, foster greater diversity among arbitrator candidates, and allow clients more precisely to target candidates. Lawrence Schaner presented ethical guidelines to consider when interviewing potential party-appointed arbitrators and Camille Ng walked the audience through the ICC’s arbitrator appointment processes.

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