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Kelly is a leading senior junior practising in commercial and civil law.

She has particular expertise in competition law (including state aid and subsidies), EU law, tax law (corporation tax, income tax, VAT, environmental taxes and other direct and indirect taxes) and commercial disputes.

Her clients include multinationals, FTSE 100 and 250 companies, central and local government, high net worth individuals, charities and SMEs.

Kelly is a CEDR Accredited Mediator. She is a member of CEDR's Faculty and [CEDR's Panel of mediators](#) and a member of Sport Resolutions' Panel of Arbitrators and Mediators respectively. She mediates in all of her areas of practice, including co-mediation with HMRC.

She is called to the Bar of the Republic of Ireland. She trained at the European Commission (DG Taxation and Customs), and was a Judicial Assistant to the Court of Appeal.



Areas of expertise

Tax

EU Law

Procurement

Commercial

Judicial Review

Mediators

Competition

Mediators

Kelly is a CEDR Accredited mediator. She has been appointed to the Sport Resolutions' Panel of Arbitrators and mediators respectively for the term 2024 to 2027. She is a member of [CEDR's Panel of mediators](#), and a member of CEDR's Faculty of Trainers, where she coaches and assesses candidates for qualification.

Kelly mediates in all of her areas of practice, Recent matters include:

- shareholder disputes,
- education disputes,
- estate disputes,
- a widely reported dispute between a regulator and a number of individuals,
- financial services tax dispute co-mediated with HMRC,
- environmental tax dispute co-mediated with HMRC.

In addition to her mediation and arbitration practice, Kelly acts in cases relating to mediation and other forms of dispute resolution:

- Led by Edwin Glasgow OBE KC, she was junior counsel to the Civil Mediation Council, CEDR and Ciarb who successfully intervened in [Churchill v Merthyr Tydfil](#) [2023] EWCA Civ 1416.
- Advising on the setting up of an ad hoc compensation scheme for a public body, as an alternative method of dispute resolution than litigation
- She is also appointed to advise the Foskett Panel.

Kelly formed part of the committee drafting the Chancery Bar Association's response to the Government's consultation on mandatory mediation, and she was a judge for the National Mediation Awards 2022.

She speaks regularly on mediation, including recently speaking at the CMC's Annual Conference in 2023 with current Chair of the CMC, Rebecca Clark, on the intervention by CMC, CEDR and Ciarb in *Churchill*, for Ciarb and CEDR at their joint event following *Churchill*, and for SOAS' and UC Law San Francisco's CNDR webinar on mandatory mediation.

Recommendations

- *"Kelly is able to quickly navigate through the various aspects of the case and provide the desired analysis."* Chambers and Partners 2023
- *"Kelly provides very impressive commercial advice and is an exquisite advocate. While for now she is a fantastic junior to add structure to a team, she will no doubt be knocking on the door of silk soon enough."* The Legal 500 2023
- *"Very good and commercial advice and a fantastic junior to add structure to a team. An exquisite advocate."* The Legal 500 2023
- *"Experienced, knowledgeable and thorough junior with a niche in state aid."* The Legal 500 2021
- *"Her advice is always very practical in what is a complex area."* Chambers and Partners 2021
- *"Very hard-working and knowledgeable."* Chambers and Partners 2021
- *"An excellent junior for tax, EU and state aid cases."* Chambers and Partners 2020

Memberships

- Called to the Bar of the Republic of Ireland

- CEDR's Panel of Mediators

Qualifications

Education

- 2001 – 2004: The London School of Economics and Political Science: LLB
- 2004 – 2005: University of Cambridge: LLM
- 2005 – 2006: Inns of Courts School of Law: Bar Vocational Course

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