

# DR LEANNE O'LEARY

## PERSONAL

Current role: Senior Lecturer in Law and Solicitor  
Nationality: New Zealand & British  
Languages: English – native speaker; French – intermediate spoken/written  
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## EDUCATION

2019 Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, UK  
Diploma in International Arbitration

2010 Trinity College Dublin  
Doctor of Philosophy in Law

2001 University of Auckland, NZ  
Master of Laws (First Class Honours)

1997 University of Auckland  
Bachelor of Arts/Laws(Hons)(Conjoint)

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Fellow, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
- Solicitor, Law Society of England and Wales
- Barrister and Solicitor, High Court of New Zealand (non-practising)
- Registered Mediator, Civil Mediation Council

## SPORT GOVERNANCE APPOINTMENTS

- World Netball Governance Committee
- World Athletics Screening Panel

## INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION & ADJUDICATION

2019– present Arbitrator, Court of Arbitration for Sport

- Appointed as sole arbitrator, panel president and party-appointed arbitrator in numerous international employment-related football disputes.

2021– present Arbitrator, Sport Resolutions

- Appointed as specialist co-arbitrator in disputes for national and international sports organisations. The types of disputes involved: selection disputes; disciplinary appeal; employee misconduct; contract termination. The sports involved were football, tennis, swimming, athletics and gymnastics.

2018 – present                      Panel Member, Other Sports Disputes Tribunals

- Appointed as co-panellist in safeguarding disputes in boxing; disciplinary and selection disputes in canoeing; and chair of panel in a netball disciplinary dispute and grievance proceedings in rowing. Appointed to the Premier League Judicial Panel; International Orienteering Federation Ethics Panel; and British Canoeing Disciplinary, Appeals and Disputes Panel.

2019 – present                      Adjudicator, Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution

- Appointed as adjudicator in over 150 consumer disputes involving telecommunications providers and consumers. The consumer disputes relate to residential and business mobile, landline, broadband and pay-tv contracts.

## **EMPLOYMENT**

2012 – present                      Senior Lecturer in Law, Edge Hill University, UK

2010 – 2012                         Solicitor, Schofield Sweeney LLP, UK

2004 – 2008                         Senior Lecturer in Law, Leeds Beckett University, UK

2004 – 2004                         Solicitor, Eversheds LLP, UK

2003 – 2004                         Legal Officer, Bradford Metropolitan District Council, UK

2002 – 2003                         Paralegal, The Shipman Inquiry, UK

1999 – 2001                         Solicitor, Simpson Grierson LLP, NZ

1997 – 1999                         Solicitor, Martelli McKegg Wells Cormack LLP, NZ

## **SELECTED PUBLICATIONS**

### **Book**

*Employment and Labour Relations Law in the Premier League, NBA and International Rugby Union* (TMC Asser Institute/Springer 2017)

### **Articles**

“Sport, Employment Law & Brexit” in Jacob Kornbeck (ed) *Sport and Brexit Regulatory Challenges and Legacies* (2022 Routledge), ch 5.

“Independence and Impartiality of Sports Dispute Resolution in the United Kingdom” 21(4) [2021] *International Sports Law Journal* 243-256.

“Regulating the Employment Relationship in Professional Team Sports in the United Kingdom” 41(2) [2012] *Industrial Law Journal* 184-207.