



Symposium: The Role of Mediation in Civil Justice in Scotland

Thursday 05 March 2026
The Place Hotel, York Place, Edinburgh EH1 3HU
Broughton Suite

- 1200 Registration and lunch
- 1230 Objectives of the Symposium
- 1245 The current position in other jurisdictions, with particular reference to Australia, Canada, England and Wales, the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland
- Ireland: The Hon Ms Justice Marguerite Bolger, Judge of the High Court (Recorded)
- New Zealand, Australia, and Canada: Mark Kelly, Barrister (Recorded)
- England & Wales: Dr Anna Howard, University College London, Academic and Author
- 1330 Discussion: The benefits to the civil justice system of the use of mediation
- 1415 The historic and present situation regarding the use of mediation in civil and commercial cases in Scotland
- Dr Charlie Irvine, Director of the Mediation Clinic
- John Sturrock KC, Founder and Senior Mediator of Core Solutions
- Sheriff Mark McGuire
- 1445 Break
- 1500 Discussion: Possibilities and barriers, if any, about the use of mediation in relation to civil justice in Scotland
- 1545 Discussion: The specific steps that might be taken to expand the use of mediation to the benefit of the civil justice system in Scotland
- 1630 Summary and Next Steps
- 1645 Close