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Crypto and Digital Assets Revolution: What's Next?

Wednesday, 11 May 2022

Schedule

START TIME	SESSION	SPEAKERS
8:30 am – 9:00 am	Onsite Registration / Networking	
9:00 am – 9:10 am	Welcome and Opening Remarks	MC: Rory O’Keeffe , Partner, Technology and Innovation Group, Matheson Dr Niamh Howlin , Dean of Law, UCD Sutherland School of Law, University College Dublin
9:10 am – 9:30 am	In conversation with	Rory O’Keeffe , Partner, Technology and Innovation Group, Matheson John Whelan , Managing Director of Crypto & Digital Assets, Santander Corporate & Investment Bank
9:30 am – 10:20 am	Panel Digital Assets - the Opportunities, Challenges and Potential for Ireland	Chair: Anne-Marie Bohan , Partner, Head of Technology and Innovation Group, Matheson Professor Joyce O’Connor , Founding President of the National College of Ireland (NCI), Co Founder Block W Gillian Lynch , CEO of Ireland & Europe, Gemini Rory O’Keeffe , Partner, Technology and Innovation Group, Matheson
10:20 am – 10:35 am	Networking Tea / Coffee break	
10:35 am – 10:55 am	In conversation with	Joe Beashel , Partner, Head of Regulatory Risk Management and Compliance, Matheson Martin Moloney , Secretary General, IOSCO
10:55am – 11:00 am	Closing Remarks	Michael Jackson , Managing Partner, Matheson
11:00 am – 11:30 am	Networking / Light Snacks	



Dr Niamh Howlin

Dean of Law
UCD Sutherland School of Law
University College Dublin

Dr Niamh Howlin is an Associate Professor and Head of School and Dean at the UCD Sutherland School of Law.

Her primary research interests are Legal History and Criminal Justice, and she has published her work in international peer-reviewed journals, including the Journal of Legal History, the Law and History Review, Comparative Legal History, and the American Journal of Legal History. Her 2017 book 'Juries in Ireland: Laypersons and Law in the Long Nineteenth Century' (Four Courts Press) was shortlisted for both the DSBA Law Book of the Year 2018 and the IALT Kevin Boyle Book Prize 2019.

In 2018 she received a Research Impact Case Study award for her work which contributed to the President of Ireland issuing a posthumous pardon to Myles Joyce, who was wrongly hanged for murder in 1882. In 2021 she published a report on the 1895 trial of John Twiss which led to the granting of another presidential pardon on 16 December 2021.

Niamh sits on the Council of the Irish Legal History Society and on the Board of the Irish Manuscripts Commission.

She is currently writing a history of the Irish Bar in the 20th century. Niamh is a fellow of the Higher Education Authority in the UK and in 2017 was awarded a UCD College Teaching Excellence Award. She has taught a number of subjects at UCD including Property Law, Jury Trials, Criminal Law, Criminal Justice History and Legal and Professional Skills.



Gillian Lynch

CEO of Ireland & Europe

Gemini

Gillian Lynch is Head of Ireland and Europe for Gemini, a leading global cryptocurrency exchange and custodian for institutions and consumers. She assumed the role in April 2021, building a team in Dublin to prepare the leading exchange for its launch in Ireland and the EU.

Gillian's career includes roles in banking, strategy, IT and Operations. She previously served as Chief Strategy Officer for banking tech startup Leveris, and has twenty years of experience with the Bank of Ireland Group, including as Head of Retail Strategy & Planning in Ireland and Head of IT in the UK.

Gillian holds a Bachelor of Commerce from University College Dublin (UCD), and a Master of Business Studies from the Smurfit School of Business at UCD.



Martin Moloney

Secretary General

IOSCO

Martin Moloney joined the International Organization of Securities Commissions (IOSCO) in September 2021 as Secretary General.

Prior to joining IOSCO, Martin was Director General of the Jersey Financial Services Commission (JFSC) and before that he worked as a Special Adviser on Risk and Regulation to the Central Bank of Ireland (CBI), where he served for 16 years, previously heading up the Markets Policy, Markets Supervision, and Legal and Finance Divisions respectively. Prior to joining the CBI, Martin worked for brief periods in the Department of Justice and the Irish Competition Authority, and spent ten years working in the Irish Department of Finance in positions of responsibility in relation to both national and semi-State debt management and the sale of State banks. Martin spent his early career working in Industry at Barclays Bank and the Bank of Ireland in London.

Martin has an LL.M. in Business Law and a Masters qualification in Economic Policy, both from Trinity College Dublin. He has Postgraduate Diplomas in Arbitration, Regulatory Management and has completed professional examinations of the Chartered Institute of Bankers and the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators.



Professor Joyce O'Connor

Founding President of the National College of Ireland (NCI)

Co Founder Block W

An Eisenhower Fellow, **Professor Joyce O'Connor** is the Founding President of the National College of Ireland (NCI), the first woman to be appointed President of a third level College in Ireland.

Her undergraduate and postgraduate education was undertaken in UCD, and later in Harvard University. Her early academic career included research and teaching positions in UCD, University of Calgary, Worcester Polytechnic Institute and the University of Limerick. She is recognised as a leading academic and researcher and has published widely, establishing two research centres focusing on social and economic issues.

Throughout her career, Professor O'Connor has championed access to education through her roles as President of NCI, and Chair and Board member of a number of organisations and agencies in further and higher education and community development. Recognising the importance of early learning in marginalised communities she established the Early Learning Initiative in NCI.

As Chair of the Vision for Change she was involved in redefining government policy in mental health. Professor O'Connor has consulted with the WHO and EU agencies, and has extensive experience as Chair and Board member of a range of governmental, semi-state, educational, community development and charity organisations. Working with the business community she served as Non-Executive Director in CRH plc, the Bank of Ireland ICS Building Society and the David Manley Emerging Entrepreneurs Awards. She has been recognised both nationally and internationally for her work, receiving honorary doctorates from Dublin Technological University and the Higher Education and Training Awards Council, as well as Women of the Year Award, an Award of Honour for Research and an Eisenhower Fellowship Distinguished Alumnus Award.

Currently Professor O'Connor is Co-Founder of BlockW; Chair of the Digital Group of the IIEA; Chair of Europe's Digital Future Think Tanks; Chair of the Education Skills and Innovation Working Group, Blockchain Ireland; Member of Blockchain Ireland Steering Group; Women4IT Ambassador Award (2022); a Governor of St. Patrick's University Hospital; Chair of the Research Ethics Committee SPMHS and Patron of Families Carer sin Ireland.



John Whelan

Managing Director of Crypto & Digital Assets
Santander Corporate & Investment Bank

John Whelan is the Managing Director of Crypto & Digital Assets at Banco Santander's Corporate and Investment Bank in Madrid. He has been involved in crypto and blockchain-related projects since 2014 and has led many initiatives using the technology since joining the bank in 2016 to lead its blockchain lab.

Prior to joining Santander, John was the founder of a Silicon Valley funded blockchain startup focused on institutional credit ratings and has deep expertise across the many different flavors of blockchain technology (Bitcoin, Ripple, Ethereum, Corda, etc.).

Before entering the blockchain space, John spent 10 years in the management consulting industry with a post-MBA stint in the trading pits at the Chicago Board Options Exchange.

John has an undergraduate degree in Chemical Engineering from University College Dublin and an MBA in Finance from DePaul University in Chicago.



Michael Jackson

Managing Partner

Matheson

Michael Jackson is the Managing Partner of Matheson.

Prior to his appointment as Managing Partner, Michael spent over ten years as head of Matheson's Financial Services practice. Michael advises many of the world's leading financial institutions, investment banks, asset management companies, broker-dealers and corporations carrying on business in Ireland or from Irish vehicles.

Michael was a member of the IFSC Funds Group established by the Department of An Taoiseach to consider and advise on legislative and other changes which are necessary or desirable to facilitate the continued growth of the Irish investment funds industry. He was also chairman of the legislative sub-group of the IFSC Funds Group.

Michael was chairman of the Irish Funds Industry Association (Irish Funds), which represents the interests of the Irish funds industry, during the 2009 / 2010 session and is a former director of Irish Funds. Michael was a member of the Primary Market Committee and Funds Listing Committee of the Irish Stock Exchange.

In 2018 he was invited by the then Minister of State for Financial Services, Michael D'Arcy TD, to join the Strategic Advisory Group established by the Minister to review Ireland's strategy for Financial Services to 2025.

Michael has spoken at a number of international financial services conferences. He has lectured at the law school of the Law Society of Ireland on financial services law and is a regular contributor to financial services publications.



Joe Beashel

Partner
Head of Regulatory Risk
Management and Compliance
Matheson

Joe Beashel is a partner in the Financial Institutions Group. He has worked in the financial services industry for over 25 years in a variety of in-house and private practice roles.

Joe assists clients with the authorisation of new entities by the Central Bank of Ireland including banks, MiFID / investment firms, payment and eMoney firms, virtual asset service providers and others. He also assists in expanding the regulatory authorisations of existing entities. Drawing on his extensive industry experience, Joe provides practical advice and assistance to boards of directors, senior management, in-house counsel and compliance officers in relation to the impact of new regulation. He assists clients in the effective and timely implementation of any required changes and works to provide a robust assurance that implementation meets legal requirements. Joe and his team assist clients to carry out reviews of their process and procedures covering issues. He assists clients to prepare for reviews by the Central Bank and to deal with any Risk Mitigation Plans (RMPs) issued by the regulator.

When issues arise he assists clients in assessing the legal and regulatory impact and helps develop remediation plans. Where the Central Bank initiates its administrative sanctions process he works with clients to minimise the impact of any sanction imposed. He also helps clients who are dealing with complaints to the Financial Services Ombudsman to ensure the most favourable outcome possible.

Joe is a member of the Compliance Institute. He co-ordinates the drafting of course materials and lectures for the Institute of Bankers of Ireland as part of its Professional Development (Level 3) qualification. He has spoken and written on topics including the new Payment Services Directive, the updated Markets in Financial Instruments Directive and many others. He published **Fitness and Probity Handbook** and **MiFID II Directory and AML Toolkit**



Anne-Marie Bohan

Partner

Head of Technology and Innovation Group

Matheson

Anne-Marie Bohan has over 20 years' experience in technology related legal matters, and is Head of Matheson's Technology and Innovation Group. Anne-Marie brings together significant practical experience in advising on technology and privacy legal issues with industry knowledge and an understanding of applicable regulatory rules and regulatory requirements. She advises on all aspects of technology and e-commerce law, as well as outsourcings and contracted services, with particular focus on the requirements of financial institutions and financial services providers in these areas.

Anne-Marie's practice includes advising a broad range of clients on data protection, privacy issues and cybersecurity issues, including employee data protection issues, data subject access requests and security breach incidents.

Anne-Marie has lectured on IT, data protection and financial services in the Law Society of Ireland, the National University of Ireland Maynooth, and more broadly. Anne-Marie is also a member of the Irish Funds FinTech working group.



Rory O'Keeffe

Partner
Technology and Innovation Group
Matheson

Rory O'Keeffe is a partner in Matheson's Technology and Innovation Group. Based in London, Rory has extensive experience in international and domestic technology and business transformation deals.

Rory brings together significant in-house and practical experience. He is a technology and outsourcing lawyer, with a particular specialism in cloud, digital and business transformation, AI, Robotics, IoT, cybersecurity, and complex technology contracting.

Prior to re-joining Matheson, Rory worked as Senior Legal Counsel in Accenture, a Fortune Global 500 company. Rory spent over 10 years working in London where he advised on a number of complex, high value, fast-paced, innovative, multi-jurisdictional deals. Accenture is a well-respected provider of professional services with leading capabilities in digital, cloud and security, covering more than 40 industries, with offerings in strategy, consulting, creative services, technology and operations. Rory supported industries in health, public services, communications and media telecommunications, financial services, utilities, and products.

Rory is a committee member of the Society of Computers and Law, specifically in the Inclusion and Diversity group. He regularly presents on topics, most recently on Cybersecurity, and Artificial Intelligence.

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