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“All’s fair in love and sport? Dispute resolution in the sporting world.”

Thursday 5th March 2020 - 6.30 to 8:00 pm (then refreshments to 9:00 pm)

Bird & Bird, 12 New Fetter Lane, London EC4A 1JP

Chair: Paul Rose FRICS FCI Arb C Arb, Chair London branch

Speakers: Gareth Farrelly, Louise Reilly, Martin Schimke, Jonathan Taylor QC

Moderator: Nicholas Stewart QC

The worldwide growth of commercial sport has naturally led to a huge increase in disputes involving athletes and players, clubs, owners, coaches, agents, international federations and national associations. Moderated by Nicholas Stewart QC, a London barrister and Deputy High Court Judge who is an arbitrator at the Court of Arbitration for Sport (“CAS”) in Lausanne, our expert panel will give their perspectives on the work of sport tribunals with a particular focus on CAS – often called the world’s “Supreme Court for Sport”.

Gareth Farrelly is a former Premier League and Republic of Ireland footballer who is now a solicitor with Bermans in Liverpool, specialising in financial and regulatory disputes. He is on the Sport Resolutions panel of Arbitrators & Mediators and has sat on more than 100 Football Association disciplinary panels. He has recently been appointed a CAS arbitrator.

Louise Reilly is a barrister specialising in sports law and international arbitration, with extensive experience in relation to sports integrity matters and governance. She is Chair of the Board of the International Biathlon Union’s ‘Biathlon Integrity Unit’. Louise also sits as an arbitrator, is the Irish alternate member of the ICC International Court of Arbitration in Paris, and represents Ireland on the ICSID Panel of Arbitrators in Washington.

Dr Martin Schimke is a former professional basketball player for the national German team who is now “of counsel” with Bird & Bird in Düsseldorf, working in sport and employment law. He has been a CAS arbitrator since 1999 and was a member of the CAS Ad Hoc Division at the London 2012 Olympics and the 2018 Winter Olympics in South Korea.

Jonathan Taylor QC is a partner with Bird & Bird in London. He is co-author with Adam Lewis QC of the leading textbook *Sport: Law and Practice* and has represented many parties in arbitrations before CAS. He recently acted for the International Association of Athletics Federations in its successful defence of the CAS case brought by Olympic Champion athlete Caster Semenya to challenge new IAAF rules for female athletes with differences of sex development.

Our hosts Bird & Bird will generously offer refreshments at the end of the seminar at 8 pm. Open to all members of the CI Arb. There is no charge to attend this seminar but attendees please MUST register in advance with Elinor Pritchard at elinor@thevirtualpartnership.co.uk. The event will carry 1.5 CPD points.

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