

The Place of AI in ADR

A GEMME - UK webinar to be held online by Brick Court Chambers on Thursday 4 November 2021 at 5:30pm

AI is everywhere, but do we have any idea what it means or how it can be used in ADR? Is it just algorithms? What is an algorithm? Is AI there to give answers or to help to find them? Does it impose or inform? These and many other questions are the subjects of this webinar.

The participants are HH Nick Chambers QC (Chair), Professor Ryan Abbott (writer, expert on AI and practitioner), João Negrão, LL.M. (President of the EUIPO (European Union Intellectual Property Office) Boards of Appeal), Sarah Asplin LJ (lead on all matters relating to ADR, on behalf of the Judiciary)

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More about the participants

HH Nick Chambers QC

Nick Chambers first practised as a commercial barrister in London. In 1999 he became an accredited CEDR mediator and then a specialist judge trying commercial, chancery, IP and construction cases. He was a Judicial Studies Board Course Director for Senior Judiciary Seminars on Competition Law and the first Course Director for Specialist Civil Continuation Seminars. Between 2001 and 2013 he was Chairman of the ICLR, having overall responsibility for negotiating licence agreements and the development of the new online platform. He retired as a judge in 2012 and returned to Brick Court Chambers to practice as a mediator and arbitrator. In 2015 he established the UK section of Groupement Européen des Magistrats pour la Médiation (GEMME) of which he is vice - president.

Ryan Abbott, MD, Esq., Solicitor Advocate, FCI Arb

Ryan Abbott is a mediator and arbitrator with JAMS, as well as Professor of Law and Health Sciences at the University of Surrey and Adjunct Assistant Professor of Medicine at University of California Los Angeles. He has served as partner at a litigation firm, general counsel of a biotechnology company, and of counsel at a firm specializing in transactional matters and intellectual property litigation for life science companies. Professor Abbott is the author of "The Reasonable Robot: Artificial Intelligence and the Law" published in 2020 by Cambridge University Press. He has also written widely on issues associated with law and technology, health law, and intellectual property in leading legal, medical, and scientific books and journals. Professor Abbott's research has been featured prominently in the media, including in the *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, and the *Financial Times*. *Managing Intellectual Property* magazine named him as one of the fifty most influential people in intellectual property in 2019.

João Negrão, LL.M. (Master of Laws)

Since 1 April 2021, Mr João Negrão has held the position of President of the EUIPO Boards of Appeal which holds an international IP Mediation Conference every two years.

For the previous 10 years, Mr Negrão was Director of the International Cooperation and Legal Affairs Department of the EUIPO after originally joining the EUIPO as head of the President's Cabinet in 2010.

Before joining the EUIPO, Mr Negrão held different positions in the Portuguese public administration, in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs/General Directorate for EU Affairs, the Presidency of the Council of Ministers and the Ministry of Justice/National Institute of Industrial Property (INPI). In 2001, he joined INPI in the international relations cabinet, becoming the Head of Cabinet in 2004. In 2008, he was appointed Director of International Relations and Promotion of Innovation at INPI.

He holds a Master of Laws Degree in International Law. He also has a number of high level qualifications in Public Administration Management (National Institute of Administration), Leadership Management (London Business School) as well as IP-related courses, such as a general course on IP (WIPO Worldwide Academy) and a specialised course on the practice and functioning of the IP system in the USA (USPTO).

Lady Justice Asplin

Sarah Asplin was a silk at the Chancery Bar before going to the Chancery Bench in 2012. She was appointed by the then Master of the Rolls, Lord Dyson to be the lead judge in relation to litigants in person and became the Chair of the Human Resources sub-committee of the Judges' Council, a position she still holds, along with membership of the HR Strategy Group. In January of this year the new Master of the Rolls, Sir Geoffrey Vos, appointed her to lead on all matters relating to ADR, on behalf of the Judiciary. She is a co-author of the recent Civil Justice Council report on whether ADR can be made mandatory and if so, whether it should be.

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abroad of which instances are the 2020 CMC online conference and the 2019 EU Intellectual Property Mediation Conference in Alicante.