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Ireland



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International Capabilities

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Leading Firms
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A&L Goodbody
Arthur Cox
Matheson LLP
McCann FitzGerald LLP
William Fry LLP
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Eversheds Sutherland
Maples Group
Mason Hayes & Curran LLP
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Walkers
Band 4
Beauchamps LLP
ByrneWallace LLP
Dillon Eustace
LK Shields Solicitors LLP
<i>Alphabetical order within each band. Band 1 is highest.</i>

Band 1

A&L Goodbody

What the team is known for A&L Goodbody is a powerhouse within the Irish market handling inbound cross-border matters across key industries including finance, investment funds and TMT. The law firm's extensive knowledge of a wide range of practice areas, combined with its impressive capacity and resources, means the firm is frequently chosen by international clients seeking specialist knowledge of the Irish market. The law firm acts on a significant market share of high-value cross-border M&A involving Ireland, frequently acting together with leading US and UK firms, and also has a leading practice in Northern Ireland. A&L Goodbody has a strong contentious practice and displays strong capabilities working as co-counsel on international disputes.

Strengths

"A&L Goodbody has good cross-jurisdictional knowledge and strong networks outside of Ireland."
"The A&L Goodbody insurance team accommodate our cross-border needs with ease and with the benefit of long-standing professional relationships with quality law firms in those jurisdictions."

Arthur Cox

What the team is known for Arthur Cox is a distinguished law firm in the Irish market which is regularly sought out by international companies for its expertise in handling cross-border matters and collaborating with international counsel. The global network the law firm has built is far-reaching, and the firm has established good working practices and relationships with elite firms worldwide. It has also developed globally by locating partners in overseas offices in the UK and the USA, making it an attractive choice for US corporations with European headquarters in Ireland, which can use the option of nearby partners in New York and San Francisco. The law firm also has a top-end practice in Belfast to assist clients with cross-border issues within the island of Ireland. A top performer across a full range of practice areas and services, it is particularly renowned internationally for its significant track record in cross-border M&A and offers an equally impressive team of lawyers to advise on finance, capital markets and disputes.

Strengths

"Arthur Cox not only have a wealth of experience, knowledge and skill, but where required engage very well with our external legal advisers in other jurisdictions."

"Arthur Cox has a strong network of partnerships in different jurisdictions."

Matheson LLP

What the team is known for Matheson is a leading firm in the Irish market for a range of practice areas. The law firm frequently provides counsel on Irish elements of major international transactions, which sees it working particularly closely with US clients and law firms. Matheson has focused its global outreach on the USA, supporting international mandates from offices located in Palo Alto, New York and San Francisco, and is frequently engaged by US companies establishing a base in Ireland. The law firm shows particular aptitude for complex international tax issues and has a good track record of advising in a cross-border context across areas such as capital markets, investment fund structuring, finance and M&A. The law firm's employment team has also frequently been picked out for its advice to US companies that are seeking an understanding of the Irish employment law framework.

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Strengths

"Mathesons has great coordination and expertise to manage international information and elements."

McCann FitzGerald LLP

What the team is known for McCann FitzGerald is a noted leader in the field of debt and equity capital markets mandates and has an impeccable reputation in the financial services sector, boasting strong relationships with a number of Irish and global banks. The law firm has significant experience of supplying Irish law input into larger global finance deals, while corporate transactions also form a significant part of the firm's cross-border experience. The law firm's Dublin headquarters are supported by offices in London, Brussels and New York to provide international clients with access to Irish law advice on global transactions.

Strengths

"McCann has got good contacts if we need cross-jurisdictional issues they always know a firm."

"The McCann team work seamlessly together."

William Fry LLP

What the team is known for William Fry is an impressive Irish law firm renowned for representing Irish and international private equity firms and other financial institutions in a range of mandates. It is a market-leading firm when it comes to corporate deals, financing and lending transactions. Working closely with other offices in key financial centres London and New York to support prime international clients, William Fry utilises partners in Ireland and in London and New York to provide Irish law support on numerous inbound cross-border matters within major transactions as well as coordinating multi-jurisdictional mandates on behalf of Irish clients. The law firm also has notable appeal and an impressive client base in the technology sector, and regularly represents US-headquartered tech companies that have a European hub in Dublin, offering a transatlantic service team through its small offices in Silicon Valley and San Francisco.

Strengths

"The seamless collaboration and synergy among team members further underscored the exceptional depth of talent present within the firm."

"William Fry have the ability to quickly bring in appropriate extra resources and use international networks as required to form the best arguments and defence."

Band 2

Eversheds Sutherland

What the team is known for As well as having a strong presence in the UK with several offices across the country, Eversheds Sutherland has established a significant international pedigree. The law firm has continued to expand globally, making it a valuable option for handling cross-border matters, and the firm's team in London frequently acts as a generator and leader in relation to work done for multinational clients in conjunction with the firm's growing network of overseas offices. It has strong coverage across Europe, the USA and the Middle East, and it has also developed a reputation for handling work spanning into Africa, Asia and Latin America, often through alliances with local firms.

Its Dublin office leverages the law firm's global footprint to assist multinational clients with the Irish law components of cross-border transactions. The corporate team is routinely sought out for mid-market M&A work, advising domestic and international corporates, notably in the insurance, technology and healthcare sectors. The law firm also acts for private equity houses and their portfolio companies on multi-jurisdictional acquisitions. Its banking practice boasts expertise in real estate finance, acting for a range of international funds and alternative lenders. The Ireland team frequently collaborates with its UK and US colleagues for cross-jurisdictional matters.

Strengths

"I feel that the coordination between the Eversheds partners and teams internationally is really good."
"Eversheds' ability to deliver seamless advice across multiple jurisdictions for cross-border acquisitions is a real benefit."

"Often Eversheds also feed into the wider network, which is helpful for us when dealing with global clients."

Maples Group

What the team is known for The Maples Group's Dublin office is renowned in the market for advising Irish and international clients on inbound and outbound funds, and corporate and capital markets matters. Utilising the law firm's extensive network of offices internationally, including the key locations of Luxembourg, the Cayman Islands, Singapore and the British Virgin Islands, Maples offers an all-encompassing global offshore platform and has extensive knowledge of regulatory requirements across multiple jurisdictions to assist with the formation and ongoing management of funds. Maples Group's distinguished position in the international market for regulatory, tax and funds advice relating to offshore jurisdictions has seen it develop close working relationships with firms across the globe. Cross-border CLO deals and securitisation transactions with struc-

tures linked to the Irish market are also a major theme of the law firm's cross-border work.

Strengths

"The Maples team are able to handle complex multi-jurisdiction issues seamlessly."

"The team at Maples has a broad range and depth of expertise, both in terms of jurisdictions and practice areas."

Mason Hayes & Curran LLP

What the team is known for Mason Hayes & Curran is headquartered in Dublin and has a sector-based strategy which appeals equally to domestic and international clientele, with specialists who bring industry knowledge and experience on life sciences, financial services, energy, healthcare and tech to the table. The team regularly works with international clients across those sectors to provide advice on corporate deals, fund formation, tax structuring and financing. Through its offices in London, New York and San Francisco, the firm works closely with co-counsel, providing Irish legal advice on international mandates.

Strengths

"Mason Hayes works seamlessly with counsel in other jurisdictions."

Band 3

Walkers

What the team is known for Walkers Dublin is part of a network of offices throughout offshore, Asian and European jurisdictions, with its headquarters in the Cayman Islands. Focused primarily on fund formation, regulation and tax structuring, it regularly advises fund managers and private equity firms. The firm also has a focus on asset and aviation finance and leasing transactions, and is regularly involved in global deals together with high-profile counsel overseas. The firm can also offer clients an additional benefit derived from being part of the Lex Mundi global network of independent law firms, further augmenting its global reach.

Strengths

"We like how Walkers has one touchpoint across various offices and cross-border work."

Band 4

Beauchamps LLP

What the team is known for A well-regarded full-service law firm based in Dublin, Beauchamps is able to coordinate with international co-counsel for cross-border transactions. Its corporate team readily assists foreign multinationals with inbound acquisitions and entry into the Irish market. It also handles the Irish components of multi-jurisdictional M&A and international reorganisations. The banking team is able to assist alternative lenders with cross-border refinancings. A notable presence in the real estate sector, the team advises real estate investment funds on complex financing structures across jurisdictions.

ByrneWallace LLP

What the team is known for A notable Dublin-based law firm with an additional office in New York, ByrneWallace is well equipped to advise on an array of cross-border transactions. For multi-jurisdictional work, the firm is able to partner with international counsel through its membership of the ALFA International law firm network. Its corporate team advises multinational clients and non-Irish investment funds on cross-jurisdictional M&A and financing rounds, notably within the real estate and healthcare sectors. The law firm also houses a capable IP team that is well versed in handling cross-border licensing agreements for tech and pharmaceutical clients.

Dillon Eustace

What the team is known for Dillon Eustace's Dublin office is renowned for its high level of skill on all matters concerning international investment funds and has handled an incredible volume of transactions in which Ireland is selected as the jurisdiction of incorporation for global investment structures and strategies. The law firm's experience in handling cross-border tax, banking and finance matters is also attractive to international clients in the investment sector, while the firm's extensive reach overseas through offices in Tokyo, New York and the Cayman Islands offers a good combination of major economy presence and offshore jurisdiction expertise. The global set-up provides the firm with extensive knowledge of regulations affecting both international and Irish clients.

Strengths

"We have found the Dillon Eustace team very knowledgeable, they work very well with local counsel in other jurisdictions."

LK Shields Solicitors LLP

What the team is known for LK Shields is a reputable law firm headquartered in Dublin with additional offices in Galway and London. LK Shields regularly collaborates with international co-counsel, handling the Irish aspects of international transactions. Its corporate team is well versed in cross-border M&A and reorganisations, acting for private equity funds and multinationals within the tech, healthcare and financial services sectors. The competition team is noted for its ability to assist with CCPC and multi-jurisdictional merger filings. Its banking practice advises lenders and borrowers on infrastructure financing and debt refinancings. Its transactional offering is bolstered by a growing presence in the investment funds space. It also houses a capable IP team, adept at handling multi-jurisdictional trade mark applications.

Banking & Finance

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AMOSS Solicitors
Beauchamps LLP
RDJ LLP
Walkers
Eminent Practitioners
Eminent Practitioners
Carmody William Mason Hayes & Curran LLP *
O'Connor Orla Arthur Cox
Leading Individuals
Band 1
Hennessy Grainne Arthur Cox
Molloy Patrick Matheson LLP *
Murphy Philip McCann FitzGerald LLP
Ó Cróinín Séamus A&L Goodbody
Band 2
Dane Tom McCann FitzGerald LLP
de Valera Eamon McCann FitzGerald LLP
Power Piaras Eversheds Sutherland
Shannon Ultan Arthur Cox
Band 3
Blake Darragh Eversheds Sutherland
Bradley Elizabeth Maples Group
Campbell Neil Mason Hayes & Curran LLP *
Cashman Daniel Beauchamps LLP
Francis Sarah Maples Group
Garvey Libby Taylor Wessing (ORL) ◇
Grace Micheál Mason Hayes & Curran LLP *
Kavanagh Mark ByrneWallace LLP
Kinsella Padraic William Fry LLP
Lynch Kevin Arthur Cox
McCarron Stuart McCann FitzGerald LLP
Rodgers Steve Eversheds Sutherland
Rogers Ciarán A&L Goodbody
Stanton Rachel Simmons & Simmons LLP (ORL) ◇
Band 4
Ahern Jenny LK Shields Solicitors LLP (ORL) ◇ *
Byrne Ray Addleshaw Goddard (Ireland) LLP
Fenton Cian RDJ LLP
Fox Karol Mason Hayes & Curran LLP *
Hanley Michael Flynn O'Driscoll (ORL) ◇
Hastings Michael Ken Kennedy Law (ORL) ◇
Hollis Jason William Fry LLP *
Keaveny Conor Dillon Eustace *
Molloy David Arthur Cox
O'Brien Peter Dentons (ORL) ◇
O'Donovan Donal ByrneWallace LLP
O'Mahony David Matheson LLP *
Robinson Keith Dillon Eustace *
Shiels Imelda Arthur Cox

Banking & Finance: Asset Finance
Leading Firms
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A&L Goodbody
Matheson LLP
McCann FitzGerald LLP
Band 2
Arthur Cox
Maples Group
Walkers
William Fry LLP
Leading Individuals
Band 1
Deane Catherine McCann FitzGerald LLP
Marren Hilary McCann FitzGerald LLP
Ó Cróinín Séamus A&L Goodbody
O'Brien Marie A&L Goodbody
Band 2
Kennedy Stuart Matheson LLP *
McPhillips Rory Matheson LLP *
O'Riordan Georgina McCann FitzGerald LLP
Band 3
Fay Joe McCann FitzGerald LLP *
Maughan David William Fry LLP *
McGovern David Mason Hayes & Curran LLP *
McWeeney Yvonne Matheson LLP *
O'Neill Mary Maples Group
Ward Mary William Fry LLP *
* Indicates individual with profile.
◇ (ORL) = Other Ranked Lawyer.
Alphabetical order within each band. Band 1 is highest.

The editorial is in alphabetical order by firm name.

A&L Goodbody

What the team is known for A&L Goodbody's outstanding finance practice is capable of assisting multinational and domestic banks with the full spectrum of banking and DCM mandates. On the DCM side, the law firm represents both issuers and underwriters in note issuances as well as asset-backed securitisations and RMBS transactions. The law firm has a standout asset finance team which is adept at handling warehouse facilities and PDP financing deals for clients in the aviation sector. It is well versed in high-value debt restructuring and refinancing.

Strengths

"A&L Goodbody is one of the top law firms in Ireland."

"The department has a lot of experience in lots of different types of transactions, so they are familiar with the big structured deals, which makes it easy to incorporate the team into those matters, because they already understand the different pieces. There is always confidence in getting a deal across the line when working with the team."

"The team has a number of people that it can call upon, but the advice is truly partner-led. The service levels are very good and it is something that the law firm takes great care with."

"The law firm has a broad team which is responsive." "A&L is a knowledgeable and experienced law firm whose depth of expertise is strong."

Capital Markets: Debt
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Kissane Cormac Arthur Cox
Small Aiden Arthur Cox
Walker Peter A&L Goodbody
Band 2
Butt Glenn Arthur Cox
Farrell Adrian McCann FitzGerald LLP *
Gillen Fergus McCann FitzGerald LLP *
Kennedy Callaghan Maples Group
McLoughlin Stephen Maples Group
Rogers Ciarán A&L Goodbody
Ruddy Noeleen Walkers
Traynor Andrew Walkers
Band 3
Donagh Christian Matheson LLP *
Lawless Judith McCann FitzGerald LLP
Sheehy Jack A&L Goodbody

Work highlights A&L Goodbody represented Bank of Ireland in its disposal of a portfolio of Irish non-performing loans.

Notable practitioners

Séamus Ó Cróinín has proven capabilities in a wide range of finance mandates including acquisition financing and asset-backed securitisations. He has experience acting for financial institutions as lenders and corporate clients as borrowers.

Strengths: "Séamus Ó Cróinín is a brilliant and very commercial lawyer." "Séamus has unparalleled client service levels and manages the responsiveness of his team very well on large transactions. He has an excellent sense of where the crunch point will be for the counterparty as well as the client, which means that the correct degree of risk and also reward is possible from the transaction." The market-leading **Marie O'Brien** acts for prominent international lenders on the financing of aircraft acquisitions and shipbuilding contracts. She also assists borrowers with the cross-border financing of asset acquisitions. **Peter Walker** is a prominent figure in the DCM market, frequently acting on cross-border mandates. His expertise extends to RMBS transactions, CLO notes and ETPs. **Ciarán Rogers** has a strong reputation in the market for his capabilities in both banking and DCM matters. He advises key clients on a broad range of issues, including the negotiation of facilities agreements and securitisations. **Strengths:** "Ciarán has an unruffled style combined with a deep market awareness and tons of experience, and seeks out the practical and commercial solutions that gets the client out of a tight spot." **Jack Sheehy** assists with a variety of securitisations and other high-value DCM matters. **Strengths:** "Jack Sheehy is

Foreign Experts (Based Abroad) Banking & Finance
Irish expertise based in countries listed below
UK Ager Donna Walkers
USA Berkery David Vinson & Elkins LLP (ORL) ♦
USA Brennan Lyn William Fry *
* Indicates individual with profile.
♦ (ORL) = Other Ranked Lawyer.

excellent in securitisations and structured finance."

Addleshaw Goddard (Ireland) LLP

What the team is known for Addleshaw Goddard maintains a core focus on construction and development finance mandates as part of a wider corporate lending practice. The team acts for leading domestic banks on the financing of social housing projects. Its lawyers represent borrowers as well as banks in debt restructurings and fund raising through the use of convertible loan notes.

Strengths

"Addleshaw Goddard learns about a client's business proactively and applies that to deals."

"The team provides timely and detailed advice, and manages the process well."

"Addleshaw Goddard manages transactions with several complex aspects in a timely manner."

Work highlights Addleshaw Goddard acted for Activate Capital on its provision of a development facility to Adroit Operations.

Notable practitioners

New to the rankings, **Ray Byrne** advises a range of development finance providers and asset managers on the provision of facilities for real estate and acquisition financing. He also has experience assisting borrowers and public bodies. **Strengths:** "Ray Byrne is pragmatic, solution-focused and really approachable." "Ray demonstrates keen commercial awareness and an ability to distil complex information into a digestible format and provide appropriate advice." "He is highly intelligent, really responsive and good at what he does." "Ray is excellent to deal with. He is commercial and proactive, allowing for the timely completion of transactions."

AMOSS Solicitors

What the team is known for AMOSS Solicitors offers experience in a variety of finance transactions. It is regularly engaged to assist with real estate finance matters and has further expertise in refinancings. In addition to traditional bank lenders, the law firm also represents private equity firms and investment funds, as well as real estate developers.

Strengths

"AMOSS are knowledgeable, commercial and proactive in their approach."

"The AMOSS team's response times are excellent and they are excellent at taking ownership of a transaction."

"They are very commercial and practical lawyers."

Notable practitioners

Managing partner John O'Sullivan heads the banking team and is a key contact.

Arthur Cox

What the team is known for Arthur Cox's market-leading team handles construction and real

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UK Beattie Hugh McCann FitzGerald
USA Keating Alan Matheson LLP *

estate finance mandates on behalf of banks, alternative lenders and real estate investors. In the DCM sphere, the law firm maintains an outstanding reputation for its advice to issuers and arrangers on note issuances and securitisation transactions, particularly those relating to mortgages. It offers broader experience in acquisition and project finance, as well as handling large-scale loan portfolio transactions and significant asset financing mandates. The Dublin office is also able to call upon the firm's lawyers in New York and London when acting on behalf of international clients.

Strengths

"The banking and finance team within Arthur Cox is excellent. There are always lawyers in the team with the relevant experience to advise as necessary, and the service levels and responsiveness are excellent."

"The lawyers are diligent, hard-working and good at what they do."

"The team at Arthur Cox is very good at painting clear pictures of the legal issues and setting out the pros and cons."

"It is a fantastic firm with good commerciality, flexibility and knowledge of the sector and market practice."

"Arthur Cox has the excellent ability to handle complex and sophisticated matters in condensed time periods. The team has excellent knowledge and experience across all levels and offers incredible service levels and responsiveness to every matter."

Work highlights Arthur Cox assisted Ballymore with its entry into a new EUR112 million green loan facility.

Notable practitioners

Orla O'Connor has long-standing experience in a broad array of banking and finance matters, including NPL acquisitions and cross-border loan negotiations. **Grainne Hennessy** has an outstanding reputation for her work on a broad variety of finance mandates. She advises a wide range of clients, including global asset managers and investors. **Strengths:** "Grainne is incredibly capable and sophisticated in a range of areas, and provides an excellent level of client service." "Grainne Hennessy is a superb financing attorney." "Grainne is an immensely well-established lawyer." "For someone so busy, she is all over the files and great at the detail. She is such a pleasure to deal with, and she is very commercial and technically excellent." **Cormac Kissane** is highly regarded by the market. He is a strong DCM lawyer whose practice encompasses a wide variety of matters, possessing particular expertise in structured finance and securitisation work. **Strengths:** "Cormac is a real leading light in the market. He has seen everything and worked on transactions over a really long period of time. He is incredibly personable and is very good at running the team too, leveraging Arthur Cox as an institution to get to access to any specialism you need. He always comes to you

with the answer to any commercial or legal issue, and he is skilled at dealing with counterparties who are trying stuff on." **Aiden Small** has substantial expertise in the securitisation of non-performing loans and related matters. He frequently acts for international financial institutions and investors.

Strengths: "Aiden Small is great; he is very proactive and commercial. If an issue arises then he is very good at pulling up his sleeves to find a solution. He always tries to help you get to where you need to get to." "He is brilliant: very responsive, pragmatic and user-friendly. He tells me what I need to know about the law but doesn't go into the details unless necessary." **Glenn Butt** advises on EMTN programmes, CLOs and sustainable notes. He has broad experience acting for banks and financial institutions as arrangers, credit managers and underwriters. **Strengths:** "Glenn Butt has a great client manner and is constantly one step ahead." "Glenn is a go-to partner for structured transactions with an Irish nexus. He can find a solution to most problems."

Ultan Shannon has extensive experience advising on loan transactions. He regularly acts for commercial borrowers and has particular expertise in acquisition finance mandates. **Strengths:** "Ultan is an incredible lawyer. He always delivers." "He always provides excellent advice." **Kevin Lynch** is frequently visible on major debt restructurings and high-value facility agreements. He has experience with acquisition and development financing mandates. **Strengths:** "Kevin Lynch is really responsive and very commercial. He doesn't pick points for the sake of it and has this very proactive way of working. He always has his client in mind and never raises points that are not directly in their interest. He is pleasant to work with and does his job really well and very efficiently." As head of the banking and finance team, **David Molloy** acts for prominent international private equity houses and investors on acquisition financing and facility agreements. **Strengths:** "David Molloy is a superstar who is dependable, responsive and always puts the client first." "He is a very smart, commercial lawyer who is to the point. He is not just good at the obvious stuff; his knowledge goes without saying, but his ability to work in nuanced, complex and innovative ways is outstanding. He really goes above and beyond." "David is a very proactive lawyer who is good at pointing out issues before we get to them. He is very client-focused and doesn't get bogged down in legal arguments; he is really good at sticking to the point." "His output is always very good and he is incredibly easy to get along with." New to the rankings, **Imelda Shiels** acts for international lending syndicates on high-value debt facilities, as well as assisting borrowers with refinancing files. **Strengths:** "Imelda Shiels offers very quick turnaround and her work is impeccable. She is a fantastically commercial lawyer." "She is extremely commercial and responsive—a rising star in the Arthur Cox team." "She has very good knowledge on the documentation and is able to advise on the best way to make sure the deal is executed in a timely manner." "Imelda is fabulous. She is very commercial."

Beauchamps LLP

What the team is known for Beauchamps acts for a variety of domestic banks and alternative

lenders on acquisition, development and construction financing mandates. The team also provides guidance on an array of issues relating to loan portfolios and distressed property acquisitions, as well as debt investments. It predominantly represents lenders, but also wins borrower-side instructions on behalf of real estate investors or entities involved in the social housing sector.

Notable practitioners

Daniel Cashman offers support on a variety of financing deals including those with real estate components. **Strengths:** “Daniel Cashman is excellent on banking matters.” “He is commercially aware and always available to talk through issues.” “Daniel has a great ability to simplify complex legal issues into plain English.”

ByrneWallace LLP

What the team is known for ByrneWallace is identified as a strong choice for mid-market, domestic finance transactions and has a particularly strong reputation for real estate finance. The team assists a diverse client roster which features major financial institutions and property developers. Its broader areas of work include refinancings and assistance with syndicated loans.

Strengths

“ByrneWallace are very commercial and proactive. You never have to follow up – the lawyers call you before you ever have to call them, and that just makes things easy for us.”

“The law firm’s ability to problem-solve on complex matters is excellent. Everyone is very capable and always prompt to respond to either email or calls.”

“It is a very strong team that is very responsive and proactive.”

“It is a good team that seeks to work with its clients. The lawyers know their subject matter.”

“The team picks up any issues if the lead lawyer is out of the office. You do feel that the lawyers care about the transaction at hand.”

Work highlights ByrneWallace advised Red Rock Gloucester on its financing via a EUR23 million debt facility for the development of a hotel.

Notable practitioners

Head of banking and finance **Mark Kavanagh** is widely recognised in the market for his frequent work on major real estate finance agreements.

Strengths: “His grasp of complex matters, along with his attention to his clients, is excellent.” “Mark Kavanagh is very responsive and proactive. He is an essential part of our team.” **Donal O’Donovan** assists various lenders and borrowers with fund financing matters and refinancings. **Strengths:** “Donal O’Donovan is commercial in his thinking, responsive and doesn’t give overly complex answers to queries, so he is willing to break things down and simplify them.”

Dillon Eustace

What the team is known for Dillon Eustace’s team offers significant expertise in acting for borrowers and lenders on regulatory matters, corporate finance mandates and loan portfolio securitisations. The practice further assists clients with debt refinancing and represents a number of domestic and international investment funds, banks and real estate investors. Lawyers from the team also regularly advise on development

finance matters.

Strengths

“Dillon Eustace is really good in mid-market deals.”

Notable practitioners

Conor Keaveny (see p.1709) regularly acts for international banks, property developers and investment funds on development and acquisition finance deals. **Keith Robinson** (see p.1712) assists clients with a wide range of financings and financial restructurings.

Eversheds Sutherland

What the team is known for Eversheds Sutherland has a prominent real estate finance practice which consistently assists with high-profile development and acquisition finance mandates. It benefits from a close collaboration with the law firm’s global network of offices when advising international clients on cross-border instructions. The team also advises on the refinancing of loans and debt.

Strengths

“Eversheds Sutherland has a nice mix and huge depth of experience, and is commercial as well. There is also the wider, very experienced lawyers across other practice areas that are involved in deals, and they also feed into the wider network, which is helpful when dealing with global aspects.”

“The team are extremely experienced, level-headed and straightforward, and we feel fully supported at all times.”

“The lawyers are very good at managing things and being as pragmatic as possible to get the deal done while making sure the client gets what they need.”

“The team is very capable in dealing with all aspects of transactions. It is well resourced from associate to partner, with other teams providing advice where required.”

“Accessibility is the really good thing; you can get responses back really quickly, and that’s crucial in deals with tight turnarounds.”

Work highlights Eversheds Sutherland assisted Close Brothers with the provision of facilities to Barbican Capital.

Notable practitioners

Piaras Power is regularly called upon by banks and property groups to advise on development finance initiatives. **Strengths:** “Piaras Power is approachable, pragmatic, very direct and gets to the right solution in the most efficient manner possible.” “He is very straightforward and knows how to get deals done.” “He is a very commercial lawyer.”

“He is one of the best lawyers in the country dealing with real estate finance.” “He knows the details inside out, and has a pragmatic and amenable way of articulating it not only to the client but also to the other side.” **Darragh Blake** has particular experience in real estate finance and debt refinancing mandates. **Strengths:** “Darragh Blake is an excellent lawyer who is very strategic when dealing with complex matters.”

Steve Rodgers maintains a solid reputation for his work on syndicated loan deals and acquisition finance mandates. **Strengths:** “Steve Rodgers is a highly experienced and thoroughly knowledgeable lawyer.” “Steve has a very good, very calm head on his shoulders and a very practical mindset.” “Steve is very commercial and has a solid understanding of the bank’s position and how a bank thinks.” “He is very customer- and

commercially focused, and doesn’t get lost in the detail.”

Maples Group

What the team is known for Maples has long been a leader in the offshore space. Its Dublin team regularly works alongside colleagues based in the Cayman Islands on major asset finance mandates, representing lessors, airlines and financial institutions. The team also advises on lease-related securitisations and warehouse financings. Beyond these areas, the law firm assists with leveraged and acquisition finance, property and project finance matters, and DCM issuances.

Strengths

“Maples has a very friendly and approachable team whose communication is open and easy.”

“It is an excellent group which is pragmatic, very quick in responding and able to manage counter-parties.”

“The Maples team is able to handle complex multi-jurisdictional issues seamlessly.”

“Maples are very good and tend to be pragmatic in their approach.”

“The law firm provides thorough due diligence and very good responses throughout assignments.”

Notable practitioners

Advancing in the rankings, **Callaghan Kennedy** regularly assists with bond issuances, CLOs and securitisations. He acts for prominent international financial institutions and multinational corporate clients. **Strengths:** “He is tireless, always working to get clients the best terms on any deal, and will push and negotiate extremely diligently. He is on top of things, organised, attentive, proactive – a really bright lawyer. He makes really complex transactions seem easy.” “Callaghan has a great view of the market. He always has time to bounce ideas around and is a very pragmatic lawyer.” **Stephen McLoughlin** has notable expertise in structured finance and CLO issuances, acting for many prominent clients. **Strengths:** “Stephen’s communication skills are excellent and he delivers things on time. He is contactable and will always get back to you straight away to let you know that your matter is being taken care of, so you have the confidence in the timing and quality of what is being delivered. He is grounded and able to express difficult and complex concepts in plain English.” “Stephen McLoughlin is a knowledgeable lawyer who knows the market and issues inside out.”

Elizabeth Bradley assists global investment banks with a wide array of loan transactions. She has experience acting on acquisition and development finance mandates. **Strengths:** “Elizabeth Bradley is on top of her game and provides an excellent and efficient service.” “She has great commercial awareness and is very experienced in banking and finance transactions.” “She’s very proactive, easily contactable and good at suggesting solutions. She always has an eye on the detail.” “Elizabeth is a proactive, responsive and very practical lawyer.” **Sarah Francis** has a broad practice which encompasses a wealth of acquisition finance and development finance matters. **Strengths:** “Sarah Francis is very knowledgeable and really pushes deals through on tight timelines. She is very experienced in the sector.” “She is a very sophisticated and responsive lawyer.” **Mary O’Neill** often assists aviation clients

with debt financings and asset-backed securitisations. **Strengths:** “Mary O'Neill is very approachable, hard-working, responsive and really nice to work with.”

Mason Hayes & Curran LLP

What the team is known for Mason Hayes & Curran has a prominent practice which advises international and domestic lenders on a range of corporate and real estate finance mandates. The team also assists clients with the disposal or acquisition of project finance assets. The department has experience in the coordination of global mandates through which international corporates gain access to loans that are syndicated among Irish and UK lenders. The law firm is also noted for its impressive client list comprising leading domestic banks and corporations.

Strengths

“The team at Mason Hayes & Curran is very commercial and practical in its advice, and the response times are very good. It provides good, practical insights on the loan sale market.”

“The law firm is a one-stop shop for everything related to commercial funding. The lawyers are always very good in their communication.”

“The lawyers really know and understand their clients. We really regard them as trusted partners and we really value their insight and availability.”

“Mason Hayes & Curran has demonstrated a strong ability to handle complex and sophisticated matters, and to provide advice that leads to an acceptable commercial agreement for all parties.”

“The team stands out for its knowledge and experience, and its regard for the client.”

Work highlights Mason Hayes & Curran advised Home Building Finance Ireland on its EUR90 million facility to Clarendon Developments.

Notable practitioners

Managing partner **William Carmody** (see p.1707) advises international financial institutions on substantial cross-border financing facilities. He also assists domestic clients as borrowers with acquisition financing matters. **Strengths:** “He is very good at managing processes. He is very efficient and good at moving things along.” “William Carmody is impressive.” Progressing in the rankings, **Neil Campbell** (see p.1707) advises on an array of loan transactions and real estate finance matters. He represents both prominent Irish banks and international financial institutions. **Strengths:**

“Neil combines his in-depth experience with his strong technical knowledge to provide high-quality and commercial advice.” “Neil Campbell is great: super responsive and practical.” “He is quite commercial in his focus to get deals done and protect the client. He's guided by the client's priorities and red lines.” “Neil is a very strong lawyer with excellent commercial acumen. He knows the loan sale market really well and provides excellent, practical advice. He is hands-on and a pleasure to work with.” **Micheál Grace** (see p.1709) is noted for his solid knowledge of cross-border finance transactions, including debt facilities. **Strengths:**

“Micheál Grace is responsive, commercial, a good communicator and a brilliant team leader.” “He sets such a fantastic example. He is always available and quick with thoughtful and commercial responses.” “He has a can-do attitude and broad

knowledge. He always hits the deadline and is reliable and hands-on.” **David McGovern** (see p.1711) is an asset finance specialist with considerable experience in aviation mandates. He is well regarded in the market, acting on major transactions for an array of financiers, lessors and other stakeholders. **Strengths:** “David is great; he's very responsive, approachable and practical. He is just a good pair of hands and you can rely on him to get stuff done.” “David McGovern has exceptional legal intellect and extensive knowledge in the aviation industry, and he focuses on the client's needs. He is a delight to deal with on transactions.” “He is a very easy person to work with and is very knowledgeable. You always get the answers you need very quickly and to a very high quality.” **Karol Fox** (see p.1708) assists numerous domestic players with real estate and development finance mandates. **Strengths:** “Karol always demonstrates a keen commercial eye for detail when dealing with difficult or sophisticated transactions. He always endeavours to provide prompt responses and clear, concise advice.” “He is a very smooth lawyer who appropriately pushes things forward, follows up and is commercial. He leads negotiations well in terms of moving things forward and getting them agreed.” “Throughout a transaction, Karol is a key sounding board.” “He is a knowledgeable and diligent lawyer who is great at communicating. He is always so open and approachable.” “Karol Fox is excellent to deal with. He is efficient, available directly and comes up with commercial solutions to issues as they arise in a transaction.”

Matheson LLP

What the team is known for Matheson has a formidable reputation in banking and finance. It advises many of Ireland's major retail banks and other financial institutions on all aspects of lending, investment and asset finance matters. The law firm has particular expertise in commercial real estate and development finance. It also assists lenders with the negotiation of bilateral, club deal and syndicated loan facilities. The law firm is regularly active on DCM matters, acting as issuer's counsel on a variety of bond issuances and CLOs as well as asset-backed and mortgage-backed securitisations. Matheson is further recognised as an important presence in aviation finance and has notable additional experience in major financial restructurings.

Strengths

“The Matheson team is commercial, and its lawyers are leading practitioners in their market. They know best practices, understand cross-border implications and are very reliable.”

“Matheson is one of the top teams in the market. It is our go-to law firm.”

“The law firm is easy to work with and very contactable. It always delivers on time and it is always an efficient team to work with.”

“The department works well with other teams and knows how to guide others through tricky issues. The lawyers are very solution-oriented, super responsive, very able and articulate. It's just a really great team.”

“The lawyers have a sufficient breadth of knowledge to handling everything very well.”

Work highlights Matheson assisted Tirlán Co-op-

erative Society with the issuance of equity linked exchangeable bonds.

Notable practitioners

Turlough Galvin (see p.1709) is well placed to advise on securitisation transactions, with his DCM practice benefiting substantially from his excellent tax knowledge. **Patrick Molloy** (see p.1711) frequently assists with major secured credit facilities and financial restructurings. He has a particularly strong practice acting for lenders on acquisition finance mandates.

Strengths: “Patrick Molloy is one of the best lawyers in the market.” “He provides a top-class level of service and added value to the transaction.” **Stuart Kennedy** (see p.1710) focuses on cross-border asset finance mandates. He has experience assisting with the establishment of commercial aircraft leasing platforms, as well as advising on restructuring proceedings within the aviation sector. **Strengths:** “Stuart Kennedy is very fair and commercially minded. He looks at the transaction as a whole and doesn't pick fights just to be difficult; he always looks at the requirements of the transaction and gets down to the important points, and facilitates the deal. He is very good at getting deals done.”

Rory McPhillips (see p.1711) has a strong asset finance practice focused on aviation matters. He frequently acts for both arrangers and borrowers on cross-border financing mandates. **Strengths:** “Rory McPhillips is very easy to deal with and commercially minded.” **Christian Donagh** (see p.1707) stands out for his DCM expertise, acting on behalf of both managers and issuers. He has particular experience in green bonds and ESG-focused CLOs. He leads Matheson's derivatives group. **Yvonne McWeeney** (see p.1711) is an experienced adviser on large-scale aircraft finance deals and loan facility amendments. She regularly assists international investors. Entering the rankings, **David O'Mahony** (see p.1711) advises a range of domestic and international banks as lenders on facility agreements. He assists with acquisition finance mandates. **Strengths:** “David O'Mahony is very good.” “David provides valuable market knowledge and is an integral part of successfully concluding negotiations.”

Alan Keating (see p.1709) runs Matheson's New York office, where he has been based for more than a decade. He provides advice on a broad array of DCM work with a US-Irish nexus, including note issuances and securitisations. **Strengths:** “Alan Keating is a true professional who understands his clients' needs.”

McCann FitzGerald LLP

What the team is known for McCann FitzGerald enjoys an impressive corporate banking and asset finance department capable of assisting leading banks and financial institutions with complicated lending mandates. The law firm regularly acts for lender syndicates on the financing of important Dublin real estate developments. The team also advises alternative lenders on the provision of finance in support of M&A transactions. It has a noteworthy DCM practice, with particular expertise in securitisations and the establishment of note programmes. The law firm offers significant experience in green bond issuances as well as asset-backed securitisations. Its strong asset

finance practice is particularly focused on the aviation sector.

Strengths

"The team is fantastic throughout a transaction. The lawyers are very responsive, hands-on and proactive in terms of spotting and identifying issues."

"McCann FitzGerald is very commercial and very good at working with foreign counsel on international work. The team really can handle everything and has the bench and the specific knowledge for the more complex cases."

"McCanns is a top-tier law firm to use on the most complex development finance deals."

"The team is solution-driven and commercially minded."

"McCanns runs a really good show and is very good at following up post-closing too. It is just an outstanding group."

Work highlights McCann FitzGerald advised Starz Zenith Capital on its loan to Angelo Gordon.

Notable practitioners

Catherine Deane continues to offer clients the benefit of her several decades' experience in aviation finance. She acts for a long list of creditors and lessors on the full gamut of matters in this field, with her recent experience encompassing several high-value restructurings and refinancings. **Hilary Marren** focuses on asset finance and maintains a flourishing practice with regular mandates on behalf of both lenders and lessors.

Strengths: *"Hilary Marren has a phenomenal amount of experience to draw on and is incredibly responsive, reliable and always meets or exceeds deadlines for transactions, no matter how tight or pressurised they may be. She is always very attuned to the increasingly regulated environment in which we operate and is considered a trusted adviser."*

"She has been a force in aviation for years and is well known in the industry." Advancing to the top tier, **Philip Murphy** has substantial experience assisting with the negotiation of term loan facilities and development financing matters.

Strengths: *"Philip Murphy is very good: pragmatic, smart, gets on top of issues quickly and resources things appropriately."* *"He is really great, a really solid communicator."* *"Philip is always my go-to for financing transactions. I have great admiration for his ability to see the structure and how things are going to work in each scenario, and to walk the client through all of those scenarios and the consequences. He is very impressive and extremely efficient."*

Tom Dane is recognised for his experience in real estate and acquisition finance, acting for both lenders and borrowers on high-value deals. **Strengths:** *"Tom Dane is a really commercial lawyer with a solid and very smart head on his shoulders."* *"Tom is really excellent, across industries but generally real estate finance. He is really fantastic and proactive."*

Eamon de Valera has many years of experience and is well versed in acquisition finance and financial restructurings. He regularly assists banks and real estate investors. **Adrian Farrell** (see p.1708) acts on a variety of DCM matters, including the establishment of note programmes. His clients include prominent Irish investors and syndicates of international banks. **Strengths:** *"Adrian is fantastic. He is always available, brilliant and answers difficult questions. He is well known in the banking industry,*

which really helps." **Fergus Gillen** (see p.1709) is an experienced DCM lawyer acting for financial institutions and alternative finance companies, as well as government departments. **Strengths:** *"He is a great sounding board. He is very calm, measured and has great depth of knowledge and experience for dealing with very tricky situations. He is a great support to have in your corner."* **Fergus Gillen** is very good to deal with." **Georgina O'Riordan** has extensive experience representing commercial lenders and aircraft lessors in aviation finance mandates. Her recent work in this field includes a number of major lease restructurings. New to the rankings, **Joe Fay** (see p.1708) represents aircraft lessors in matters relating to the refinancing of aircraft portfolios, as well as the financing of aircraft acquisitions. **Strengths:** *"Joe Fay brings together all of the attributes you want in a lawyer. He is exceptionally strong from a technical standpoint and always very thorough, with a deep understanding of the industry. While he is always fully across the details, he never gets lost in them, nor does he ever lose sight of the bigger picture or overall commercial goal."*

Judith Lawless is lauded for her specialist and unrivalled expertise in derivatives and frequent work on behalf of financial institutions. **Strengths:** *"She is able to distil very complex issues down and explain them in a clear, no-nonsense manner that is easily understood by lawyers and non-lawyers alike. She is extremely user-friendly and always lovely to deal with."* *"Judith Lawless is exceptionally reliable and commercially aware."* *"Judith is unparalleled in her technical knowledge and has an impressive understanding of the complex regulatory frameworks that her clients operate in. She is very sharp, responsive and commercial."* *"She is always up to speed with the latest moving parts in the regulation. She takes an interest in and understands our company, so the advice is always tailored to our best interests. She is very focused on providing good customer service and always responds with impressively fast and detailed responses."* *"She really is the leader in the field of derivatives in Dublin. There is no one else with that expertise in derivatives and her particular products."*

Stuart McCarron is well versed in assisting clients with the negotiation of loan facilities and has experience acting for both borrowers and lenders. **Strengths:** *"He is a very commercial banking lawyer who is always accessible."* *"Stuart McCarron is an excellent lawyer."*

London-based **Hugh Beattie** has established a solid reputation for his experience in the Irish market. He assists clients with NEU CP programmes, ABS transactions and certificate of deposit programmes.

Strengths: *"We are extremely impressed with and thankful for Hugh's guidance and ability to help manage and coordinate projects. Hugh's experience in investment funds is of huge help and, where necessary, such matters can also be handled by the team in Dublin."*

RDJ LLP

What the team is known for RDJ is a notable Cork-based law firm with offices in Galway, Dublin and London. It often acts for Irish banks and property developers on the financing of residential, hotel or commercial real estate developments. The team also advises borrowers and lenders on acquisition

finance and refinancing mandates.

Strengths

"RDJ offers a great service. The lawyers are very attentive and know their subject areas very well."

"The lawyers are brilliant. They are always on hand, so there is always someone to answer queries. They are very proactive and very easy to work with."

"It is an efficient, well-resourced team that gets the job done."

"The lawyers are always available to assist."

"The level of service provided by RDJ is excellent."

Notable practitioners

Cian Fenton is experienced in handling high-value financing deals, as well as loan refinancings and development finance matters. **Strengths:** *"Cian is a very high-quality lawyer who is very good at working the nuances of transactions into the documents."* *"Cian Fenton provides excellent banking advice."* *"His knowledge of the subject area is immense."* *"Cian is responsive, very helpful and extremely hands-on."*

Walkers

What the team is known for Walkers is an elite offshore law firm with a widely respected asset finance practice in Dublin. The team acts for lessors, airlines and financial investors on an array of high-value leasing, acquisition and securitisation mandates. Walkers also maintains a highly regarded DCM and structured finance offering, with particular expertise in securitisation transactions, and often assists clients with note issuances and CLO transactions. The law firm also has a growing reputation in the real estate finance sphere.

Strengths

"Walkers has a commercially practical approach to applying capital markets and securities regulations to our real-life business cases, and the lawyers are very responsive and user-friendly. In addition, the geographical reach of the law firm is helpful for getting cross-border local law advice."

"Walkers provides excellent service and detailed analysis, and the lawyers are very thorough."

"The practitioners are constructive and collaborative. They know the law but are also very commercial and practical."

"The team is very responsive and able to provide clear, commercial and time-sensitive advice on complex transactions."

"The department is always a helpful, guiding hand and provides sensible, commercial solutions to complex issues."

Notable practitioners

Noeleen Ruddy offers expertise covering note issuances as well as matters relating to collateralised loan obligations. **Strengths:** *"Noeleen Ruddy is an absolute pleasure to work with."*

Andrew Traynor is a well-known figure in the DCM market and has notable experience in structured finance, EMTN programmes and securitisations.

Strengths: *"One of Andrew Traynor's strengths is his understanding of the commercial drivers and regulatory sensitivities, but perhaps his biggest strength is his flexibility and his ability to approach matters in a practical manner."* *"He is extremely hard-working and able to deliver. He is very knowledgeable about Irish law and the tax aspects of transactions."* *"Andrew is a great technical expert*

in his field, and stands out because he goes above and beyond for his clients." Dual-qualified UK and Irish lawyer **Donna Ager** is an expert in handling aircraft acquisitions, leasing transactions and syndicated warehouse facilities.

William Fry LLP

What the team is known for William Fry has an esteemed practice which frequently represents domestic and international financial institutions in bilateral and syndicated finance mandates, including leveraged acquisitions. The team also handles property finance transactions and assists with the restructuring or refinancing of existing corporate debt. The law firm also has demonstrable experience in aviation finance transactions.

Strengths

"The team is strong technically and is able to navigate the regulatory environment with ease to win all the big points in negotiations."

"It is a strong team with the depth and expertise to advise on complicated Irish law matters pertaining to global aviation financings. The service is top notch and the team is very responsive to its clients' needs."

"The practice is very responsive and capable."

"William Fry is very good at working with other counsel to keep things moving."

"It is a great team with quality associates. The lawyers are very responsive and proactive."

Work highlights William Fry assisted Amgen with the Irish law aspects of the financing of its acquisition of Horizon Therapeutics.

Notable practitioners

Padraic Kinsella handles revolving credit facility agreements, acquisition finance mandates and debt restructurings. He continues to progress in the rankings following notable market recognition. **Strengths:** "Padraic is an experienced lawyer who very effectively threads the needle of

supporting the client's position but also explains the other side's perspective." "Padraic Kinsella is a great lawyer." "He is very approachable." "Padraic is very strong."

David Maughan (see p.1710) regularly assists international aircraft lessors with aircraft acquisitions and financings. **Strengths:** "David Maughan is easy to work with."

Mary Ward (see p.1713) assists clients with aircraft finance and leasing matters, including the cross-border acquisition of aircraft. She represents an impressive roster of aircraft lessors and financiers.

Strengths: "She is extremely knowledgeable, practical and helpful at moving a transaction along."

"Mary Ward is very responsive and practical, and has a clear view of the line between negotiations and sensible solutions to get deals done." "Mary is a pleasure to deal with. She is proactive, prompt and very aware of gating items that might affect the timing of closing."

Jason Hollis (see p.1709) often acts for domestic banks on restructurings and bank lending transactions. He also has substantial experience acting for international financial institutions.

Strengths: "Jason really drives things forward with determination to get the deal across the line."

Lyn Brennan (see p.1706) heads William Fry's New York office. She is admitted to practice in both New York and Ireland, and frequently assists clients with acquisition finance transactions involving the two markets. **Strengths:** "You can tell Lyn has spent a lot of time in New York working on sophisticated deals."

Other Ranked Lawyers

Jenny Ahern (see p.1706) of LK Shields Solicitors is an experienced lawyer who is regularly instructed on high-value credit agreements. She acts for both lenders and borrowers.

Strengths

"Jenny Ahern is very commercial, sensible and very

thorough."

Libby Garvey of Taylor Wessing has particular expertise in real estate finance and debt refinancing matters.

Michael Hanley of Flynn O'Driscoll acts for a number of international financial institutions on the Irish law aspects of acquisition financing mandates.

Strengths

"Michael provides excellent advice underpinned by many years' experience in financial services. He offers both prompt and well-considered opinions."

Michael Hastings has experience acting for lenders on property finance transactions. He joined Ken Kennedy Law from Matheson in July 2023.

Strengths

"Michael Hastings is very strong and demonstrates excellent knowledge."

Peter O'Brien of Dentons regularly assists banks with acquisition finance deals and refinancings.

Strengths

"Peter O'Brien is an excellent lawyer who is very commercial and has an excellent knowledge of his brief. He is always available and very dependable."

"He offers market knowledge, pragmatism, a solution-driven approach and excellent responsiveness and availability."

"Peter's knowledge, responsiveness, generosity of time and overall comprehension and understanding of transactions is extremely impressive."

Rachel Stanton of Simmons & Simmons is an expert in handling debt refinancings and real estate finance mandates.

Foreign Experts (Based Abroad)

Dual-qualified in Ireland and New York, **David Berkery** of Vinson & Elkins receives ample praise for his experience in aviation finance matters. He is based in New York.

Corporate/M&A

The editorial is in alphabetical order by firm name.

A&L Goodbody

What the team is known for A&L Goodbody boasts a stellar practice advising high-end international and domestic clients on all elements of corporate and transactional law, including private equity deals. The law firm advises both private and public companies on M&A matters, and its expertise extends to equity capital raisings, including IPOs. The market-leading team has a large number of esteemed practitioners who are frequently called upon for the establishment of high-value joint ventures. A&L Goodbody leverages its London and three US offices to frequently assist with inbound investment transactions. The law firm's clients include leading names from the

life sciences, healthcare and infrastructure sectors, as well as asset managers and banks.

Strengths

"A&L Goodbody is easy to work with and has a very friendly team that is really responsive."

"The lawyers accommodate additional requests and are flexible with their time – the whole team is just super user-friendly."

"They are very smart and able to navigate both European and American viewpoints. There are lots of team players who can step in and handle matters, and they are always very responsive."

"Everything is brilliant and always top quality."

"Various members of the team coordinate all the processes and everyone is really great."

Work highlights A&L Goodbody acted for eir on its deal with InfraVia Capital Partners to obtain a 49.99% investment.

Notable practitioners

Managing partner **David Widger** offers extensive experience in a broad range of corporate and M&A topics. **Strengths:** "David Widger is really fantastic." **Sheena Doggett** is a prominent corporate lawyer advising on cross-border M&A deals. Her clients include international companies making inward investments into Ireland.

Strengths: "Sheena Doggett is a pro's pro. She is very knowledgeable, commercial and practical."

"Sheena is a really good lawyer." "Sheena is fabulous." **Charles Carroll** is a well-known ECM practitioner who handles share cash-out and buy-back programmes. He has extensive experience acting for institutional investors, as well as corporate clients.

Strengths: "He is very knowledgeable and responsive. He knows the issues and is able to articulate them very clearly. He is very experi-

Corporate/M&A
Leading Firms
Band 1
A&L Goodbody
Arthur Cox
Matheson LLP
McCann FitzGerald LLP
William Fry LLP
Band 2
Maples Group
Mason Hayes & Curran LLP
Band 3
ByrneWallace LLP
Eversheds Sutherland
LK Shields Solicitors LLP
Band 4
Addleshaw Goddard (Ireland) LLP
Beauchamps LLP
Dentons
Philip Lee LLP
RDJ LLP
Whitney Moore
Band 5
Dillon Eustace
DLA Piper
Flynn O'Driscoll
Pinsent Masons (Ireland)
ReganWall
* Indicates individual with profile.
◇ (ORL) = Other Ranked Lawyer.
Alphabetical order within each band. Band 1 is highest.

enced." "Charles Carroll is very decisive, succinct, easy to reach and easy to work with." **Mark Ward** has a distinguished practice and offers experience assisting clients with transactions in the life sciences, sports and utilities sectors. **Strengths:** "He offers excellent consideration of complex matters." **Richard Grey** often acts for financial institutions and investors on high-value transactions, with particular experience in deals involving the insurance sector. **Strengths:** "Richard Grey is a key commercial legal adviser – an excellent lawyer." "Richard has superb commercial awareness, and brings experience and good judgement of what the counterparty's end position is likely to be. His isolation of the main commercial and legal points means that transaction documents are condensed to the essential points, which is very client-friendly. He gets through a lot of work in an unerringly calm manner." **Paul White** is a leading figure in the field of ECM and public M&A transactions. He assists clients with share listings and public company takeovers. **Strengths:** "Paul is extremely knowledgeable regarding listing requirements, the Market Abuse Regulation and other corporate matters. He is easy to reach and quick to respond." "Paul White is dynamic." "Paul has immense experience in matters of corporate governance and supports in a sophisticated but practical way."

Addleshaw Goddard (Ireland) LLP

What the team is known for Addleshaw Goddard represents a range of clients, including investment funds and venture capital firms, in domestic and cross-border M&A transactions and investments. The law firm is also experienced in restructurings and corporate governance topics.

Strengths

Corporate/M&A
Senior Statespeople & Eminent Practitioners
Senior Statespeople: distinguished older partners
Bourke Bryan William Fry LLP *
Eminent Practitioners
Brennan Feargal ByrneWallace LLP
Widger David A&L Goodbody
Leading Individuals
Band 1
Doggett Sheena A&L Goodbody
Garrett Myra William Fry LLP *
Keogh Stephen William Fry LLP *
McCourt Cian Arthur Cox
O'Gorman Brian Arthur Cox
Spicer Patrick Matheson LLP *
Band 2
Brady George Matheson LLP *
Fitzgibbon David Matheson LLP *
Gaffikin Ben McCann FitzGerald LLP *
O'Donnell David Mason Hayes & Curran LLP *
O'Donnell Shane Dentons
Rafferty Colm Maples Group
Ward Mark A&L Goodbody
Band 3
Casey Ken Hayes solicitors LLP (ORL) ◇
Cunningham Máire Beauchamps LLP
Fuller Alan McCann FitzGerald LLP
Lydon David McCann FitzGerald LLP
Matson John J Arthur Cox
McKenna Justin Mason Hayes & Curran LLP *
O'Shea Shaun Beauchamps LLP
Saunders Eavan Dentons
Scully Emmet LK Shields Solicitors LLP *
Band 4
Bolster Fergus Matheson LLP *
Brazil Liam Mason Hayes & Curran LLP *
Byers David McCann FitzGerald LLP
Grey Richard A&L Goodbody
McCloskey Brian Matheson LLP *
McConnell Andreas Philip Lee LLP
McGuire Jennifer LK Shields Solicitors LLP *
O'Beirne David Eversheds Sutherland
O'Dwyer Conor EY Law (ORL) ◇
O'Shea Robert Matheson LLP *
Olden John Addleshaw Goddard (Ireland) LLP
Quinlan Patrick Taylor Wessing (ORL) ◇
Ranalow Stephen Arthur Cox
Rochford Thérèse Whitney Moore
Ryan Gerard Eversheds Sutherland
White Paul A&L Goodbody
Band 5
Beausang Gerry Pinsent Masons (Ireland)
Dickson Robert Mason Hayes & Curran LLP *
English Pat Matheson LLP *
Keating Gillian RDJ LLP
Keenan Neil Pinsent Masons (Ireland)
Kelleher Martin Mason Hayes & Curran LLP *
Kennedy George Squire Patton Boggs (ORL) ◇
Malone Leonora Addleshaw Goddard (Ireland) LLP
McGrath Nicola Addleshaw Goddard (Ireland) LLP
McIntyre Andrew William Fry LLP *
O'Flaherty Gavin Eversheds Sutherland
Quealy Mark William Fry LLP *
Sainsbury Colin ByrneWallace LLP
Saunders Mark Arthur Cox

"The team at Addleshaw Goddard has a very in-depth understanding of business."

Capital Markets: Equity
Leading Firms
Band 1
A&L Goodbody
Arthur Cox
McCann FitzGerald LLP
William Fry LLP
Band 2
Mason Hayes & Curran LLP
Matheson LLP
Leading Individuals
Band 1
Byers David McCann FitzGerald LLP
FitzSimons Stephen McCann FitzGerald LLP
Talbot Mark William Fry LLP *
White Paul A&L Goodbody
Band 2
Carroll Charles A&L Goodbody
Fitzgibbon David Matheson LLP *
Garrett Myra William Fry LLP *
Lohan Gill McCann FitzGerald LLP
McCourt Cian Arthur Cox
McKenna Justin Mason Hayes & Curran LLP *
McLaughlin Maura Arthur Cox
O'Gorman Brian Arthur Cox
Ranalow Stephen Arthur Cox

"It is a strong team that has a high degree of expertise and is solution-focused. The lawyers are highly efficient and fantastic to work with."

"The team is so responsive."

"The law firm provides good partner engagement and commercially focused advice."

"The department provides excellent expertise in the multiple areas required over the course of a transaction."

Notable practitioners

John Olden frequently acts for funds and venture capital firms on investments and transactions.

Strengths: "He has a knack of simplifying things and getting to the point. He has years of experience." "He is excellent: very knowledgeable and a pleasure to work with. He focuses on getting the job done." "John Olden is very good in his understanding of business and corporate law. He is good at giving general counsel without going over the top. He provides expert opinions but is also good at bringing others to the team to contribute." "John is a commercial lawyer who is focused on assisting his clients to reach solutions to complex issues." "He is very experienced in his area and responsive."

Leonora Malone acts on MBO transactions and corporate restructurings. She acts for clients in the retail and technology industries. **Strengths:** "Leonora is highly capable, efficient and effective, and an excellent leader of her team. She is also very collaborative, affable and approachable to work with. She communicates constantly with the client and provides excellent service and advice with commercial awareness." "Leonora is very supportive of our strategic objectives and provides robust and executable advice with tight turnaround times." "She is a very experienced and diligent lawyer who is good at finding solutions that get transactions completed." **Nicola McGrath** advises clients on a broad remit of corporate and M&A mandates, including funding rounds. **Strengths:** "She keeps everything super consistent and is really business-focused." "Nicola is very smart and operates

to a very high standard.” *“Nicola McGrath is excellent.” “She is very clever and helpful.”*

Arthur Cox

What the team is known for Arthur Cox enjoys a formidable reputation for its expertise in corporate law mandates such as company reorganisations, as well as high-end domestic and international M&A. The Dublin-based lawyers work closely alongside the law firm’s San Francisco and New York offices on US-related transactions. Arthur Cox also assists clients with equity capital markets deals, including public offerings and share buy-backs. The team is popular with clients from the life sciences sector, as well as those from the financial services and TMT industries.

Strengths

“There is a depth of knowledge and experience across the team, which is very efficient and responsive.”

“The whole team is super responsive and very quick to come up with recommendations on how to move things forward.”

“The lawyers at Arthur Cox are adaptable and of a high calibre.”

“The depth of experience and talent is head and shoulders above any other Irish law firm. It really acts as a partner for us, understanding our aims and helping us to get there. I never have to micro-manage and the lawyers understand what to focus on and what’s important. Arthur Cox is very thoughtful on what we are trying to achieve.”

“The team is extremely well resourced, highly knowledgeable and provides sophisticated and pragmatic advice.”

Work highlights Arthur Cox assisted Brookfield Asset Management with its acquisition of Hibernia REIT.

Notable practitioners

Cian McCourt is a highly revered figure in the market, acting on high-end and multinational private and public M&A deals. He also possesses noteworthy expertise in multi-jurisdictional ECM transactions such as share repurchase programmes. **Strengths:** *“Cian McCourt has a good grip on the technical side but is also very good at just giving the practical advice and steps to take, focusing on what is important.” “It is really easy to access Cian and get his perspective, which is great.”*

“He is a leading lawyer.” **Brian O’Gorman** enjoys a strong track record in both M&A and ECM deals, representing private and listed entities in high-value and cross-border transactions. He has particular experience in all-share combinations. **Strengths:** *“Brian O’Gorman’s technical expertise is really what makes him stand out. He really has an immense understanding of the technicality behind Irish legislation.” “He is very capable and experienced.” “Brian is very cerebral and thoughtful.”*

Maura McLaughlin routinely assists international clients with a plethora of ECM mandates, including non-preemptive placings, all-share combinations and share repurchase programmes.

Strengths: *“Maura McLaughlin is absolutely fantastic to work with. She is very emotionally intelligent and incredibly client-focused. She is also really knowledgeable and really commercial, as well as excellent legally.” “She is a very knowledgeable, pragmatic and sensible lawyer. She is*

very responsive and solution-focused, with a good ability to master detail but also pull back and think holistically, and not blind you with the law.” “Maura is exceptionally smart and very deal-focused.”

John Matson frequently handles cross-border M&A and investments. He has noteworthy experience in the banking and software industries.

Strengths: *“John Matson has an excellent ability to see around corners. However, he doesn’t bring you problems; he brings solutions. He is extremely responsive and available whenever needed, and he delivers clear and pragmatic legal advice.” “He never makes negotiations more difficult than necessary.”* **Stephen Ranalow** is highly regarded for his ECM practice, with experience advising on PLC requirements and share placements. He also assists with cross-border M&A transactions, including private equity investments. **Strengths:**

“Stephen Ranalow is incredibly smart and has great judgement.” “Stephen is very supportive, providing sound and well-researched advice.” “He is super user-friendly and possesses a deep level of sophistication and creativity in the corporate space.” “He is clearly a strong advocate who understands the complexities of Irish corporate governance.” **Mark Saunders** handles cross-border M&A transactions with experience in deals involving the technology sector. **Strengths:** *“Mark Saunders is a very strong corporate lawyer with excellent commercial skills.”*

Beauchamps LLP

What the team is known for Beauchamps is active on a variety of domestic and cross-border corporate and M&A matters. The department has particular knowledge in mandates pertaining to startups and venture capital deals. The team has additional experience in restructurings, joint ventures and commercial contracts.

Notable practitioners

Máire Cunningham has a significant practice in investments and venture capital deals. **Shaun O’Shea** is the head of department and has experience across a range of corporate matters, including M&A transactions, investments and joint ventures. **Strengths:** *“He is a great problem solver and very able to command the process.” “Shaun always provides excellent service and commerciality.” “Shaun O’Shea is very responsive.”*

ByrneWallace LLP

What the team is known for ByrneWallace is a widely respected law firm that deals with a range of corporate matters and M&A transactions, including reorganisations, commercial contracts and joint ventures. The team has notable strength in the field of private equity and venture capital, regularly acting on investments, fund-raising and financing rounds. The law firm frequently advises clients from the energy, life sciences and healthcare sectors.

Strengths

“ByrneWallace are pragmatic and on point.”

“The lawyers are very responsive.”

Work highlights ByrneWallace acted for Valitacell on its sale to Beckman Coulter Life Sciences.

Notable practitioners

Managing partner **Feargal Brennan** has notable experience in corporate advisory and M&A man-

dates. His expertise includes deals involving international private equity houses and Irish companies. **Colin Sainsbury** brings to bear extensive experience in transactions within the life sciences industry. He also advises clients on commercial agreements, investments and funding rounds. **Strengths:** *“Colin Sainsbury is great to work with and extremely knowledgeable on all matters.”*

Dentons

What the team is known for The international law firm Dentons offers support on a variety of corporate topics, including public offerings, capital raises, rationalisation processes and group restructurings. The lawyers additionally boast extensive transactional experience, including M&A projects and private equity deals.

Strengths

“The team at Dentons work extremely hard and are pragmatic and commercial.”

“The lawyers are able to interpret the law in a very practical manner, identifying risks with a commercial interpretation. They get business and know how to get to the nub of what we’re looking for. They are enormously practical and supportive. They are also able to bring in the global Dentons team, which is fabulous.”

Work highlights Dentons acted for AMP Capital Investors on the sale of several assets.

Notable practitioners

Shane O’Donnell maintains a strong market presence, offering experience in transactions, corporate restructurings and company secretarial mandates. He acts on a range of deals in the life sciences, healthcare and professional services sectors. **Eavan Saunders** is highlighted for her notable expertise in private equity transactions. She assists with deals in the financial services and energy industries. **Strengths:** *“Eavan Saunders is a great negotiator.”*

Dillon Eustace

What the team is known for Dillon Eustace’s corporate team advises clients on local and cross-border transactional matters including M&A and private equity deals. The team also handles reorganisations and restructurings, with experience acting for clients in the media, healthcare and IT sectors.

Strengths

“Dillon Eustace has some very good corporate partners.”

Notable practitioners

Adrian Benson heads the department and is a key contact.

DLA Piper

What the team is known for Joining the rankings this year, international law firm DLA Piper has a strong position in the Irish market advising on cross-border transactions, benefiting from a substantial global network of offices. The team acts for domestic investment funds and companies on the acquisition and sale of assets, and also assists global private equity houses with inbound Irish investments.

Strengths

“DLA Piper is really commercial in understanding what in-house lawyers need.”

"DLA Piper is really handy because of its network. It offers an international element, which is extremely helpful. Given its firepower and global footprint, it is excellent. The team is really good at plugging into the network and getting really efficient and fantastic advice across a full range of areas. The law firm really is a highly efficient and commercial adviser to our business."

Work highlights DLA Piper assisted UPMC with the acquisition of the entire issued share capital in Swift Spraoi.

Notable practitioners

Head of department Matthew Cole is a key point of contact for clients.

Eversheds Sutherland

What the team is known for Eversheds Sutherland leverages its many international offices to assist a multinational client base with cross-border M&A transactions. The law firm handles a range of mandates including private equity deals, investments, joint ventures, capital raises and corporate restructurings.

Strengths

"The team is very impressive. The lawyers are knowledgeable, approachable, responsive and proactive."

"Eversheds Sutherland are very client-focused and service-led."

"The team provides a very good service. They know our business really well and understand transactions."

"The real benefit is the law firm's breadth."

"The lawyers are good; they are responsive and committed to getting the deal across the line."

Work highlights Eversheds Sutherland assisted Profitero with its sale to Publicis Groupe.

Notable practitioners

David O'Beirne is an experienced corporate and M&A practitioner frequently handling cross-border transactions. **Strengths:** *"David O'Beirne is great to work with."* **Gerard Ryan** handles a variety of transactions, including investments, fund-raising and joint ventures. **Strengths:** *"He combines brilliant commercial awareness with top-class negotiation skills."* *"Gerard has an incredible ability to see future risks, plan for them and put legal structures in place to provide the best result for our business."* *"He is very commercially oriented, so while he's always keeping the best interests of the company from a legal perspective in mind, he is able to take into account the commercial drivers too. He is very approachable and can give advice on very complex legal matters in a way that you don't need to be a lawyer to understand."* **Gavin O'Flaherty** often handles M&A transactions with private equity elements. He also has experience acting for clients from the insurance sector. **Strengths:** *"Gavin really is a very practical lawyer."*

Flynn O'Driscoll

What the team is known for Flynn O'Driscoll enters the rankings this year following notable recognition for its growing practice. The department assists a range of SMEs and private equity firms with a variety of corporate and transactional mandates. The team advises on small and mid-cap transactions, including venture capital deals, as well as share issues and corporate restructurings.

The law firm assists its clients from its Dublin and Galway offices.

Strengths

"Flynn O'Driscoll is a very pragmatic and commercial law firm."

"The team excels at responsiveness and accessibility, and the advice is legally strong but also commercially focused."

"The team provides strong legal and commercially-framed advice."

"The law firm has good breadth and depth across a wide range of legal activities. The department works well to access required skill sets and experience among the team."

"The lawyers are very responsive."

Work highlights Flynn O'Driscoll advised Writtech, a portfolio company of Waterland Private Equity Ireland, on the acquisition of Ce Sprinkler.

Notable practitioners

The Galway-based David Ryan is head of the department and a key contact for clients.

LK Shields Solicitors LLP

What the team is known for LK Shields possesses a well-regarded M&A department which represents clients in both domestic and cross-border transactions. The lawyers are also knowledgeable in topics such as management buyouts and strategic partnership agreements. The law firm has additional expertise advising private equity and venture capital funds on corporate mandates and investments.

Work highlights LK Shields advised the shareholders of Automatic Plastics on the sale of the company to Comar.

Notable practitioners

Emmet Scully (see p.1712) regularly acts for venture capital and private equity funds on transactions and investments. **Strengths:** *"Emmet brings a huge amount of experience, technical knowledge and commercial awareness."* *"Emmet Scully is very good."* **Jennifer McGuire** (see p.1711) advises on a range of sales, acquisitions and investments. She has experience advising international clients on cross-border transactions.

Maples Group

What the team is known for Maples is routinely involved in transactions with multi-jurisdictional elements, including inbound investments. The law firm often acts on mandates involving private equity and venture capital entities, with notable experience in deals within the technology sector. The team is also noted for its assistance with corporate governance and shareholder matters.

Strengths

"The lawyers are very knowledgeable, nimble and agile. They are very good at giving technical advice but also interpreting it for business use."

"Maples are excellent at giving very pragmatic advice."

"The team is very responsive."

"The lawyers are always available when needed for urgent matters and are good at giving direct commercial advice when a judgement call is required."

"The practice is always available and efficient."

Work highlights Maples assisted SteriPack with its sale to Inflexion.

Notable practitioners

Colm Rafferty maintains a strong reputation for his significant expertise in M&A deals, with particular recognition in the fintech sector. He is well versed in venture capital transactions and equity investments. **Strengths:** *"Colm is very experienced and gives good, practical advice in pressurised situations."* *"Colm is excellent."* *"He is very generous with his time and expertise."* *"He is a really good lawyer who is very helpful and available."*

Mason Hayes & Curran LLP

What the team is known for Mason Hayes & Curran advises public and private companies on cross-border M&A transactions, group restructurings and corporate governance matters. The lawyers are experienced in deals involving private equity and venture capital elements. The law firm is also well versed in mandates relating to funding rounds and equity capital raises as well as public takeovers.

Strengths

"Mason Hayes & Curran has the right mix of skills required to execute the work quickly and efficiently."

"We get very good, quick and pragmatic solutions from the team."

"The department turns everything around in a really good time and the advice is pragmatic."

"They are lawyers who look for solutions rather than finding problems. They are able to foresee issues before they even come up."

"The team has very good technical skills and shows strong dedication."

Work highlights Mason Hayes & Curran advised Kinzen on the sale of its issued share capital to Spotify.

Notable practitioners

David O'Donnell (see p.1711) has experience assisting with fund-raising and multi-jurisdictional transactions. **Strengths:** *"David provides an exceptionally high level of service, and his legal acumen is both broad and deep. He is commercially savvy and a trusted adviser."* *"He's very knowledgeable and his client service is excellent."* *"He is incredibly responsive and knowledgeable, providing extremely practical advice on corporate issues under Irish law."* *"David O'Donnell is outstanding."*

Justin McKenna (see p.1711)'s combined ECM and M&A practice covers a range of mandates, including public takeovers, IPOs and corporate restructurings. **Strengths:** *"Justin is really good. He is sensible and responsive."* **Liam Brazil** (see p.1706) handles a broad remit of corporate and M&A topics. He has experience assisting clients with transactions in the energy sector. **Strengths:** *"Liam Brazil is focused, pragmatic and great at delivering."* *"Liam is a very elegant lawyer in terms of his management of stakeholders in transactions."* *"He is patient, understanding, articulate and shows unbelievable attention to detail."* Advancing in the rankings, **Robert Dickson** (see p.1707) assists with cross-border transactions as well as funding rounds. He assists clients with cross-border M&A deals. **Strengths:** *"Robert is very commercial, practical and gets how everything hangs together from not only a legal perspective but also a commercial one."* *"He is outstanding, a really solution-focused lawyer."* *"He is very approachable."* *"Robert is strongly committed to serving clients,"*

leading a knowledgeable team and building expertise in various sectors. He exudes a great level of sophistication in how he handles all matters with clients, colleagues and other business contacts. He has a strong work ethic." **Martin Kelleher** (see p.1710) regularly handles cross-border transactions, capital raises and corporate restructurings. He acts for international corporate clients in the tech and life sciences sectors. **Strengths:** "Martin is very attentive, responsive in the service he provides, and he knows how to match our legal needs exactly to the outcomes we need to achieve." "He is a very capable lawyer who is a valued business partner and a very trusted adviser."

Matheson LLP

What the team is known for Matheson is a market-leading law firm frequently acting for multinational clients on cross-border transactions, including foreign direct investment, often utilising its offices in the USA. It showcases impressive expertise in the full gamut of M&A transactions and corporate reorganisations. The team also advises on corporate governance topics and is noted for its full-service offering in supplementary practice areas such as tax. The law firm additionally assists with public M&A deals and share placements.

Strengths

"The lawyers are extremely responsive and knowledgeable – real subject matter experts."

"The team at Matheson are very detail-oriented, commercial and responsive."

"Matheson is an excellent adviser. The team are commercially minded, technically excellent and extremely responsive."

"The lawyers are always very practical in their advice and understand what we need to do as a business."

"The customer service, responsiveness and expertise provided by the Matheson team is outstanding."

Work highlights Matheson assisted Horizon Therapeutics with its acquisition by Pillartree, a subsidiary of Amgen.

Notable practitioners

Patrick Spicer (see p.1713) maintains a leading profile in Irish corporate mandates and is highly regarded in the market. His impressive practice often covers high-end and multi-jurisdictional M&A transactions and he offers experience in the healthcare, logistics and technology industries. **Strengths:** "Patrick provides hugely valuable expertise, support and guidance." "He is always willing to help and gather the appropriate people to assist and immediately address any issues or questions." **George Brady** (see p.1706) is frequently instructed by international clients to advise on high-value M&A transactions. **David Fitzgibbon** (see p.1708) has an impressive track record of handling high-end international transactions, including ECM mandates. He offers clients experience assisting with deals in the pharmaceutical and healthcare industries. **Strengths:** "David has a good, calm demeanour and knows what he's talking about. He's got a good command of the room." **Fergus Bolster** (see p.1706) regularly advises on cross-border M&A deals and corporate restructurings. He has experience acting for investment companies as well as clients from the

tech and healthcare sectors. **Strengths:** "Fergus provides consistent and timely advice that is practical." Advancing in the rankings, **Brian McCloskey** (see p.1710) is a well-regarded M&A lawyer who often acts on cross-border transactions. He has particular experience assisting clients from the private equity industry. **Strengths:** "Brian is a fantastic lawyer with a really strong ability to get a broad team together and excellent results for the client." "He is experienced and has a calm bedside manner." "Brian McCloskey is a pleasure to deal with and a trusted adviser." **Robert O'Shea** (see p.1712) assists international clients with corporate governance and restructuring topics. **Pat English** (see p.1708) is adept at handling corporate governance, integration and reorganisation mandates, often with cross-border elements. **Strengths:** "Pat English is knowledgeable, practical and gives great advice." "Pat is amazing. You can reach out to him any time there is an issue and you get results immediately. He is completely on top of things, super responsive and a delight to work with." "Pat is a great business partner. He has great technical legal skills and understands our business."

McCann FitzGerald LLP

What the team is known for McCann FitzGerald is a standout law firm advising clients from a range of industries on M&A transactions and joint ventures. The team additionally handles corporate law mandates, including corporate governance and restructurings. It is highly experienced in cross-border deals, often collaborating with colleagues in the law firm's New York office. McCann FitzGerald also demonstrates top-tier expertise in equity capital markets mandates, possessing an impressive bench of highly regarded lawyers assisting with share placements, IPOs and delistings.

Strengths

"McCann FitzGerald offers excellent service and commercial, pragmatic advice."

"The lawyers are very straightforward and easy to work with."

"The team keep things very straightforward and clear, and don't waste time trying to score points."

"The lawyers are accessible and good listeners."

"It really is a leading M&A team."

Work highlights McCann FitzGerald assisted Fulfil Nutrition with the sale of its businesses outside North America to The Ferrero Group.

Notable practitioners

Stephen FitzSimons is a highly regarded ECM practitioner advising high-profile clients on listings, delistings and share placements. He frequently assists with complex cross-border transactions. **Strengths:** "Stephen is fantastic – responsive, very commercial, and extremely reliable and accurate in the advice he gives." "He is very responsive and always thinking two steps ahead." **Ben Gaffikin** (see p.1709) offers knowledge in private equity investments and cross-border M&A transactions. He has experience assisting clients with both the sell and buy sides of deals. **Strengths:** "Ben is excellent to work with. He is very attentive and understands the client's needs quickly." "He is an excellent legal resource and leader of the team." "He's fabulous: quite calm,

pragmatic, understanding and very good on the commercial side of deals." "He is very practical and stops us getting lost in legal jargon. He explains concepts in a very straightforward way and advises on what is less important and areas that can be compromised on." **Gill Lohan** is praised by multiple sources for her impressive work ethic and noteworthy experience in share placements and issuances. **Strengths:** "Gill is super practical, really smart and reasonable to deal with. She has a really good way of working collaboratively." **Alan Fuller** has experience acting on cross-border deals in the health, transport and insurance sectors. **Strengths:** "Alan has a unique and strong experience, with an unsurpassed commercial awareness and ability to advise across all M&A transaction aspects." "He is very pragmatic and responsive. He is good at his job, nice to deal with and doesn't make mountains out of molehills. He is really good to work with." **David Lydon** acts for international private equity houses on cross-border transactions. **Strengths:** "David is a very strong lawyer: very bright, proactive, excellent communication skills, very sound judgement and always practical in his advice. He is always ready with a solution and is an all-round pleasure to deal with." "He's an exceptionally strong lawyer. He has a really deep understanding of corporate contracts and he works holistically with other departments." **David Byers** boasts an outstanding ECM practice coupled with additional experience in M&A. He acts for clients on share buy-back programmes, shareholder issues and large public transactions. **Strengths:** "David is an excellent lawyer and an expert in the ECM space."

Philip Lee LLP

What the team is known for Philip Lee advises on various corporate and M&A mandates, including capital raises, company reorganisations and commercial agreements. The law firm has particular experience acting on transactions involving private equity and venture capital investments, often with cross-border elements.

Strengths

"Philip Lee goes above and beyond in client service."

"The practitioners are very sensible, pragmatic and commercial."

"Philip Lee is a go-to mid-market M&A adviser."

"The law firm gives frank and easy-to-follow advice."

"The lawyers are super responsive, accessible, and the quality of advice is fabulous."

Notable practitioners

Andreas McConnell has experience in a broad range of domestic and cross-border transactions, including spin-outs, venture capital investments and corporate restructurings. **Strengths:** "Andreas McConnell is brilliantly open, pragmatic and very good at working with non-legal people." "He is fantastic at explaining things." "He is particularly good at looking out for the client's interests." "Andreas is very knowledgeable and responsive."

Pinsent Masons (Ireland)

What the team is known for Drawing from a large international footprint, Pinsent Masons' Dublin office handles cross-border private equity and

M&A transactions for local and international clients. The team also has experience in corporate and company law mandates.

Strengths

"Pinsent Masons has excellent industry knowledge and its lawyers are real problem solvers."

"Pinsent Masons are impressive in terms of their high level of market knowledge and level of expertise."

"Pinsent has a really broad range of services."

Notable practitioners

Gerry Beausang acts for clients in the technology, energy and financial sectors. He offers experience in a wide range of corporate transactions. **Strengths:** *"Gerry Beausang always provides a high-quality and efficient service on matters."*

"He has a huge amount of commitment to getting the job done." **Neil Keenan** has experience in M&A transactions, investments and spin-outs, as well as commercial contracts and joint ventures. **Strengths:** *"Neil is just great. He really has your back and has a deep understanding of the law. More than that, he cares for his clients and goes beyond typical lawyerly concerns, looking holistically at deals."* *"Neil Keenan offers a lot of knowledge."*

RDJ LLP

What the team is known for RDJ's strong presence in Cork is supported by its offices in Dublin and Galway to provide nationwide coverage on corporate and M&A mandates. The law firm assists clients with a diverse range of mandates, including capital raises and funding rounds as well as investments and company restructurings. The team also offers advice on corporate governance and company secretarial matters. The lawyers are particularly experienced in acting for companies from the life sciences and healthcare sectors.

Strengths

"The whole team is really excellent. They are able to deal with opposing solicitors very well and explain complex legal terms and contractual points very clearly."

"The lawyers quickly understand the business, are always on the end of the phone and are personally engaged in the transaction."

"The team's dedication is fabulous."

"RDJ brings comprehensive knowledge and experience to the table and frequently identifies important issues we might have overlooked. The lawyers bring legally sound and workable solutions."

"The lawyers are very helpful in going through complex files in a very calm, orderly, safe and confident manner."

Work highlights RDJ assisted DPS with its acquisition by Arcadis.

Notable practitioners

Gillian Keating offers experience in transactional mandates such as M&A and capital raises. She acts on deals in the technology, sports and healthcare industries. **Strengths:** *"Gillian Keating is brilliant and really on top of her game."* *"She is a trusted adviser to our business."* *"Gillian is an expert in her field. She is very astute and incisive, cutting through to the key points of any situation due to her broad knowledge and experience."*

ReganWall

What the team is known for Cork-based ReganWall acts on corporate transactional matters, venture capital investments and private equity deals for clients in the technology and knowledge-based industries. The law firm has a prominent client base among Irish companies, as well as assisting international clients with investments into Ireland.

Strengths

"The lawyers are easy to contact and follow up very quickly."

"The DNA at the law firm is really good. The lawyers are all very responsive, practical and have high degrees of expertise and the ability to apply it in a practical way."

"The lawyers are really impressive; they have an ability to make sure that timelines are met."

Notable practitioners

Adrian Wall and Kieran Regan are key contacts for clients.

Whitney Moore

What the team is known for Whitney Moore represents clients in a variety of corporate and M&A mandates, including public company topics. The law firm regularly acts for venture capital and private equity funds, as well as natural resources and renewable energy enterprises, often with an international element.

Strengths

"It is a fantastic team that is very entrepreneurial and thoughtful about our business."

"Whitney Moore has a multi-disciplined team with a depth of experience."

"The team is very strong and is consistently highly responsive and well prepared."

Work highlights Whitney Moore advised ProvEye on its seed equity funding round.

Notable practitioners

Thérèse Rochford has experience advising on a wide scope of transactions, investments and corporate governance matters. She acts for clients in the insurance, IT and energy industries. **Strengths:** *"She is a very pleasant person to interact with and a fabulous corporate lawyer. She is flexible and commercial."* *"She is balanced, measured, extremely calm and knowledgeable. She is someone you can always rely on."* *"Thérèse Rochford is a fantastic corporate lawyer who is never flustered."* *"She is very experienced in commercial law."* *"She is a very safe pair of hands."*

William Fry LLP

What the team is known for William Fry garners accolades for its outstanding expertise in private and public M&A transactions, often involving foreign entities and international aspects. The law firm advises on a broad range of corporate and transactional activity, including restructurings and joint ventures, and has particular experience in private equity deals. William Fry also possesses impressive ECM capabilities, advising on a variety of high-value placements with cross-border elements.

Strengths

"William Fry has an excellent and highly experienced team, and as a result it is a go-to law firm. They do a great job finding the right specialists

within the law firm to help navigate through complex transactions. When Frys are on a deal, you know you will get great service. The lawyers are extremely committed and deliver high-quality products quickly and efficiently."

"For complex matters, the law firm is always able to cover other practice areas. It is a phenomenal resource to deal with all matters."

"The team are creative, calm and always commercial."

"William Fry has a good bench strength and good lawyers at the right levels."

"The lawyers are very responsive and organised."

Work highlights William Fry acted for Amgen on the Irish law elements of its acquisition of Horizon Therapeutics.

Notable practitioners

Bryan Bourke (see p.1706) is a highly regarded corporate and M&A practitioner with experience acting on transactions for institutional investors.

Strengths: *"Bryan Bourke is a very good strategic corporate partner."* *"Bryan is an excellent practitioner who is really strong on complex acquisition projects."* **Myra Garrett** (see p.1709)'s superb M&A practice is complemented by a strong offering in ECM mandates. She frequently assists clients with cross-border corporate transactions from the energy and pharmaceutical industries.

Strengths: *"Myra is excellent. She is very personable and solution-focused."* *"Myra is a very hard worker."* *"She is a very able lawyer."* Rising to the top tier, **Stephen Keogh** (see p.1710) is the head of department and his practice covers both domestic and cross-border M&A transactions for a diverse client base. **Strengths:** *"Stephen is a first choice for anything to do with Irish M&A or complex cross-border matters with an Irish element. He is technically very strong, with a deep understanding of all commercial drivers."* *"He is very easy to deal with, straightforward and very on the ball."* *"He is very calm, considered and intelligent."*

"Stephen is the best M&A lawyer in Dublin. While being very experienced, he is still all over the detail, which means we are always on the front foot on the key topics of a deal. He is extremely efficient and drafts complex legal agreements very quickly. He is highly commercial and solution-focused, so problems are solved very quickly." **Mark Talbot** (see p.1713) offers clients a market-leading practice covering a plethora of high-value and cross-border ECM mandates, including cash box placings, migrations of listings and repurchase programmes.

Strengths: *"Mark is very responsive, well prepared, very flexible and considers matters from a number of angles."* *"He provides measured and thoughtful advice throughout the process."* *"Mark Talbot is extremely knowledgeable in his area."* *"He is very commercial and understands the points that are most important for the client and for the deal to go ahead."* **Andrew McIntyre** (see p.1711) acts on cross-border M&A, including venture capital and private equity transactions. He also advises clients on corporate restructurings and governance matters. **Strengths:** *"Andrew is extremely thorough and provides very good advice."* *"He is always approachable, very knowledgeable and ensures a quality output and deadlines are always achieved. It is always clear that he has his client's interests at heart."* *"Andrew is always available to listen and*

provide the appropriate advice in a timely manner and to budget." "He is an excellent all-rounder and good leader of teams." **Mark Quealy** (see p.1712) handles a range of corporate and transactional mandates. **Strengths:** "Mark is practical and able to give clients really good advice." "He is thorough, affable, diligent and knowledgeable." "He is a real subject matter expert."

Other Ranked Lawyers

Ken Casey is the head of the corporate department at Hayes solicitors and has experience in a broad range of transactional matters. He frequently handles the Irish aspects of prominent cross-border transactions.

Strengths:

"Ken Casey is a very commercial, highly articulate

and skilled lawyer."

"He is very well rounded, extremely experienced and knowledgeable."

"Ken is a pleasure to deal with. He is very experienced and has strong emotional intelligence."

"He is hugely experienced in M&A and has an awareness of our business. He is able to accurately predict negotiating positions and solutions to deadlocks."

George Kennedy of Squire Patton Boggs has experience with transactional matters such as M&A deals and investments.

Strengths:

"George Kennedy is very good to work with, always on the ball and pushes deals forward."

Advancing in the rankings, **Conor O'Dwyer** has experience advising insurance and pharmaceutical companies on cross-border acquisitions. He joined EY Law from McCann FitzGerald in Feb-

ruary 2024.

Strengths:

"Conor has very good commercial awareness and a high commitment to client service."

"Conor has a good ability to provide advice without being overly legal – clear, concise advice that recognises the client's position."

Patrick Quinlan of Taylor Wessing handles a range of mandates, from acquisitions and investments to corporate governance topics.

Strengths:

"Patrick Quinlan quickly understands what is important and distils this down for the client. He doesn't get caught up on insignificant things and is very commercial, which is really helpful to guide clients through the process."

Dispute Resolution

Dispute Resolution
Leading Firms
Band 1
A&L Goodbody
Arthur Cox
Mason Hayes & Curran LLP
Matheson LLP
McCann FitzGerald LLP
William Fry LLP
Band 2
Addleshaw Goddard (Ireland) LLP
Eversheds Sutherland
Band 3
Beauchamps LLP
Dillon Eustace
LK Shields Solicitors LLP
Maples Group
RDJ LLP
Band 4
ByrneWallace LLP
DAC Beachcroft Dublin
Hayes solicitors LLP
Ogier
Philip Lee LLP
* Indicates individual with profile.
◇ (ORL) = Other Ranked Lawyer.
Alphabetical order within each band. Band 1 is highest.

Band 1

A&L Goodbody

What the team is known for A&L Goodbody offers an outstanding team with a formidable track record advising top clients on complex and high-value domestic and international disputes. The practice handles commercial and public law litigation spanning product liability claims through to applications for the judicial review of regula-

Dispute Resolution
Senior Statespeople and Eminent Practitioners
Senior Statespeople: distinguished older partners
Bourke Roddy McCann FitzGerald LLP
Kelly Joe A&L Goodbody
Leading Individuals
Band 1
Black Declan Mason Hayes & Curran LLP *
Harty Karyn Dentons (ORL) ◇
Kilroy Helen McCann FitzGerald LLP
Mulconry Eve Arthur Cox
Band 2
Breen Garrett William Fry LLP *
Broderick Lisa DAC Beachcroft Dublin
Byrne Rosaleen McCann FitzGerald LLP
Dunleavy Nicola Matheson LLP *
Lenny Andrew Arthur Cox
McEvoy Dermot Eversheds Sutherland
O'Malley Joseph Hayes solicitors LLP
Phelan Maurice Mason Hayes & Curran LLP *
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Convery Paul William Fry LLP *
Dagostino Dario A&L Goodbody
Fitzgerald Norman Eversheds Sutherland
Furlong Kenan A&L Goodbody
Hurley Enda A&L Goodbody
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Collins Eimear Philip Lee LLP
Derrig Catherine McCann FitzGerald LLP
Doyle John Dillon Eustace
Fanagan Alison A&L Goodbody
Fenelon Larry Ogier *
Guidera Liam Mason Hayes & Curran LLP *
Henry Ann Bird & Bird (Ireland) LLP (ORL) ◇
Keegan Emma Beauchamps LLP
Markey Ciarán Browne Jacobson Ireland LLP (ORL) ◇
McGoldrick Ronan Ogier *
O'Beirne Fiona McCann FitzGerald LLP
O'Riordan John Dillon Eustace *
Reynolds Karen Matheson LLP *
Willis Richard Arthur Cox
Up-and-coming individuals
McCormack Rowena DAC Beachcroft Dublin

tory decisions. The law firm is regularly selected to represent banking sector clients in investigations carried out by the Central Bank of Ireland. Lawyers in the team offer further experience defending companies and private individuals in white-collar crime investigations, including those that require coordination with local counsel in foreign jurisdictions.

Strengths

Foreign Experts (Based Abroad) Dispute Resolution

Irish expertise based in countries listed below

UK Daly Sharon Matheson LLP *

* Indicates individual with profile.

"A&L Goodbody has a very pragmatic and proactive attitude and the capacity to look around corners and suggest alternative solutions and approaches."

"The team is very responsive and proactive in answering questions as and when they arise. The lawyers' responses are always very comprehensive and clearly communicated."

"The lawyers handle complex and sophisticated matters in a timely, nuanced and commercial manner."

"The team looks around all corners and really challenges us to produce our best work. The lawyers are practical and commercial throughout, and very little seems to faze them. Their huge knowledge of the process and all its nuances is very reassuring."

"The lawyers' support is second to none and they work with us hand in glove."

Work highlights A&L Goodbody advised CBRE on its defence against claims of having carried out a negligent valuation of a property.

Notable practitioners

Joe Kelly offers prodigious experience advising on a range of civil, criminal and administrative law proceedings brought against banks or multinational corporates. He has notable expertise representing clients in fraud and white-collar crime mandates. **Strengths:** *"Joe Kelly offers broad experience and steady, firm advice."* **Dario Dagostino** defends both domestic and international financial services providers in white-collar investigations, with particular experience in the mortgage and banking industries. He is additionally praised for his expertise in regulatory work. **Strengths:** *"Dario Dagostino is a real expert in litigation and the regulatory space. He is just excellent."* **Kenan Furlong** advises private individuals and companies on investigations into alleged corruption, money laundering and data protection offences. He also advises clients on commercial litigation. **Strengths:** *"Kenan Furlong is very good in corporate crime cases."* **Enda Hurley** handles some of the law firm's most high-profile matters, including significant tax appeals. He also has experience in the coordination of commercial disputes that touch on multiple jurisdictions. **Strengths:** *"Enda Hurley is an excellent lawyer with a huge skill set."* **Alison Fanagan** is best known for her handling of contentious planning law mandates. She also assists with commercial disputes, including those that arise in a competition law context. **Strengths:** *"Alison Fanagan is a brilliant lawyer."*

Arthur Cox

What the team is known for Arthur Cox holds a reputation as a leading dispute resolution practice which regularly provides strategic advice to corporate clients in complex international disputes. The team frequently defends prominent Irish and multinational companies from the retail and manufacturing sectors in shareholder disputes, competition damages claims and administrative proceedings. Lawyers in the practice also act both for defendant public bodies and for private sector claimants on applications for the judicial review of administrative decisions. Arthur Cox's practice additionally represents pharmaceutical companies and private healthcare providers in commercial disputes.

Strengths

"Arthur Cox is the best law firm in Ireland in terms of range of advice and quality of people."

"The team not only has a wealth of experience, knowledge and skill, but also engages very well with external advisers in other jurisdictions."

"Arthur Cox is always responsive and surprisingly quick consistently."

"Arthur Cox is a very experienced team and its advice is always spot on."

"The team is incredibly responsive and very easy to deal and interact with. It provides clear and unequivocal advice, and the lawyers are practical and commercial."

Work highlights Arthur Cox assisted CRH with its defence of over 400 cases relating to pyrite.

Notable practitioners

Head of department **Eve Mulconry** advises on diverse matters ranging from applications for the judicial review of planning authority decisions through to sensitive IP, competition or shareholder disputes. **Strengths:** *"Eve Mulconry provides a rare balance between taking a robust position on a matter and not alienating the other side."* *"She is simply an exceptional lawyer who is incredibly responsive and understands key legal and commercial concepts and objectives quickly."*

"Eve is an excellent litigator with enormous energy and a great capacity to absorb and consider details in the most complex litigation." **Andrew Lenny** has experience in high-value follow-on competition damages claims and in the defence of professional negligence allegations. He also handles public law litigation. **Strengths:** *"Andrew Lenny knows all the ins and outs of very technical, complex client-specific issues in a litigation matter, but wears his knowledge and experience lightly, putting clients at ease and giving clear, sound advice."*

"He provides excellent engagement and consistently delivers." Advancing in the rankings, **Keith Smith** assists clients with commercial litigation proceedings and also advises on judicial reviews. He offers experience advising on regulatory disputes and investigations. **Strengths:** *"Keith Smith is a very responsive lawyer who is really supportive to his clients."* **Richard Willis** acts for prominent players in the financial and professional services sectors. He is well placed to advise on regulatory disputes. **Strengths:** *"Richard Willis is an amazing and leading regulatory investigations lawyer who is responsive and makes himself available at all times, so he is super accessible."* *"Richard is a real pleasure to work with. He is always available and happy to answer calls, and he is very commercial in his advice and clearly keeps the client's priorities front and centre when devising litigation strategy."*

Mason Hayes & Curran LLP

What the team is known for Mason Hayes & Curran is widely recognised as a top choice to defend hospitals or clinical laboratories in complex negligence claims, including those that relate to catastrophic birth injuries or the delayed or incorrect diagnosis of cancer and other diseases. The team handles wardship proceedings through which the court seeks to protect vulnerable children or adults. The law firm also has a strong commercial disputes practice that is notable for its capacity to handle matters ranging from smaller property, professional liability or share-

holder disputes up to high-profile CJEU referrals that deal with complex questions relating to the application of EU data protection rules. Lawyers in the practice additionally defend judicial review proceedings brought by insurers, airlines, private investors and regulatory bodies. The team's clients include domestic and international banks in commercial disputes that often have an important insolvency angle.

Strengths

"Mason Hayes & Curran is very hands-on and commercially minded, providing practical advice. The lawyers are solution-focused, collaborative and responsive, and they get to grips with complex matters very quickly."

"The law firm is very responsive and its level of service is very strong."

"Mason Hayes & Curran is one of the top law firms in Dublin."

"The lawyers are very personable and a pleasure to work with, providing commercial and pragmatic advice."

"The team spends the necessary time getting to understand the issues involved, and then explains any legal technicalities that arise and the impact of these technicalities on the case."

Work highlights Mason Hayes & Curran advised Skysong Innovations on a shareholder dispute.

Notable practitioners

Declan Black (see p.1706) is recognised for his outstanding commercial disputes practice. He has particular experience in contentious mandates in the real estate and insurance sectors. **Strengths:** *"Declan Black is an exceptional lawyer with deep knowledge, broad experience and fantastic commercial judgement."* *"He is exceptional."* **Maurice Phelan** (see p.1712) handles commercial litigation that often has a key banking component. He also handles shareholder disputes and assists with cases relating to the breach of software service agreements. **Strengths:** *"Maurice Phelan understands the issues and guides the client through all the aspects of the matter calmly and with great skill."* *"He knows his way around the process and is quite good at positioning the client on the matter."* **Liam Guidera** (see p.1709) is recognised for his work in commercial litigation. He advises on complex corporate crime and shareholder disputes.

Matheson LLP

What the team is known for Matheson acts for major international clients across many industries, with proven capacity to handle both civil litigation and contentious regulatory mandates. The law firm's practice advises on contractual or shareholder disputes that arise as part of completed or envisaged M&A transactions as well as assisting with the enforcement of financial transactions. The team also advises on judicial reviews of decisions taken by Ireland's telecoms, planning or other key regulators. Lawyers in the team offer additional strength in clinical negligence and product liability cases in the healthcare sector.

Strengths

"Matheson always provides very practical, clear advice."

"The team is responsive, thorough and strategic."

"Matheson has one of the best litigation teams around town."

"Matheson has a team with a lot of expertise. The lawyers are very responsive and clear."

"The law firm delivers top-tier assistance with disputes. The department provides prompt responses at all times, including during urgent moments."

Work highlights Matheson acted for Mediahuis Ireland on the defence of High Court litigation in relation to claims of breach of privacy and data protection rights.

Notable practitioners

Nicola Dunleavy (see p.1708) is particularly active in public law appeals of regulatory decisions and construction disputes. She also has experience advising on follow-on damages. **Strengths:** *"Nicola Dunleavy is very impressive. She is a very good operator."* *"She has a high sense of service and a lot of experience."*

Michael Byrne (see p.1707) is a skilled litigator with experience acting for major international clients. He stands out for his handling of defamation and trade mark mandates.

Karen Reynolds (see p.1712) is particularly active representing financial institutions in regulatory investigations and proceedings. She also has experience handling warranty and indemnity disputes, as well as data protection files. **Strengths:** *"Karen is an excellent litigator whose exhaustive attention to detail and tactical nous is of enormous benefit."* *"She has very broad knowledge and experience."* **Sharon Daly** (see p.1707) is head of the law firm's London office and a crucial part of the Irish disputes practice. She has experience in financial services cases and high-profile mandates in which interested parties seek damages for data privacy breaches.

McCann FitzGerald LLP

What the team is known for McCann FitzGerald offers a formidable practice capable of assisting leading clients with wide-ranging, complex, multiparty commercial disputes. Lawyers in the firm handle commercial and corporate claims for plaintiffs and defendants across a wide range of sectors, including financial, automotive and real estate, and earn specific praise for their defamation expertise. The team also assists public and private entities with regulatory investigations and any subsequent appeals against administrative decisions. The law firm defends important clients in white-collar crime investigations, with further expertise in mediation.

Strengths

"McCann FitzGerald's advice is always extremely considered, always accurate and comprehensive." *"The team is available at any time."*

Work highlights McCann FitzGerald assisted Altum Capital Management with a shareholder dispute.

Notable practitioners

Roddy Bourke has cultivated a great reputation in product liability cases. His experience extends to complex class action suits. **Helen Kilroy** is highlighted for her focus on alternative dispute resolution methods, being particularly noted for her specific understanding of professional negligence cases. **Strengths:** *"Helen Kilroy is my number-one choice for mediation."* *"She is an absolute go-to mediator."* *"Helen is the best mediator in the country by an absolute mile."* **Rosaleen Byrne** stands out for her experience advising

Irish regulators on enforcement actions and on the defence of any subsequent appeals. She also advises on commercial litigation, including competition damages claims. **Catherine Derrig** has a broad offering handling damages claims and shareholder's disputes. She is also well placed to assist with disputes related to regulated sectors such as telecoms and banking. **Strengths:** *"Catherine Derrig excels at complex financial services litigation."* *"She has excellent commercial acumen and the ability to deliver concise, timely advice on complex matters in a user-friendly manner that is easily understood by the business."* *"She is very responsive."* **Fiona O'Beirne** is known as an important IP litigator who also handles a wider range of commercial disputes, including professional indemnity claims against auditors.

William Fry LLP

What the team is known for William Fry offers expertise across a wide range of commercial and administrative law disputes. The practice handles a strong caseload of cross-border banking or shareholder disputes that often entail the coordination of civil or criminal actions with local counsel in foreign jurisdictions. Lawyers in the team frequently act for regulators and for regulated entities on Irish public law litigation, including challenges to appeals against decisions taken by the competition or telecoms regulators. The team is well equipped to advise on arbitration and mediation proceedings. The law firm's client list includes high net worth individuals who are the subject of regulatory investigations. The law firm additionally offers a respected healthcare team that handles medical negligence or product liability claims.

Strengths

"The team handles cases in a very thorough manner with huge attention to detail, while being sensitive to the issues and characters involved. The lawyers' high standards and perseverance help to bring matters to a resolution."

"The lawyers are exceptional advisers who are highly responsive and take a client-partnering approach."

"The team bends over backwards to be helpful."

"William Fry is highly capable of dealing with complex and sophisticated commercial litigation. In particular, the law firm has unparalleled experience in complex jurisdictional disputes."

"The team is knowledgeable of the law and process. The lawyers listen attentively to the client are available when required."

Work highlights William Fry advised Glanbia on the prosecution of proceedings related to the supply of defective products.

Notable practitioners

Owen O'Sullivan (see p.1712) stands out for his advice to high net worth individuals on regulatory investigations and investment disputes. **Strengths:** *"Owen O'Sullivan is excellent to work with."* **Garrett Breen** (see p.1706) has diverse public and civil litigation experience that ranges from the defence of government departments in regulatory investigations through to the handling of cross-border claims that relate to alleged corporate raiding of international target companies. He is additionally well versed in planning disputes.

Strengths: *"Garrett Breen is very quick to respond, very helpful and has good industry knowledge."*

"He is a really excellent, very calm and measured solicitor." *"He ensures that the client's best interests are always at the forefront of his actions."* **Paul Convery** (see p.1707) rises in the rankings having attracted attention from market commentators for his successful financial services litigation practice. He is additionally seen advising on commercial disputes including contractual breaches.

Strengths: *"Paul Convery is a savvy and perceptive litigator with very strong technical knowledge and a calm, unfussy style."* *"By taking the time to understand individual circumstances, Paul provides tailored legal strategies and solutions."* *"He is very strong."*

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Addleshaw Goddard (Ireland) LLP

What the team is known for Addleshaw Goddard receives consistently strong praise for its work on behalf of a diverse client list that ranges from major companies through to smaller domestic entities or private individuals. The team handles civil cases that involve issues of defamation, product liability, the termination of commercial contracts or enforcement actions against debtors. Lawyers at the firm also advise trustees on proceedings filed on behalf of insolvent companies. The practice defends professional negligence claims brought against financial services companies.

Strengths

"Addleshaw Goddard always provide comprehensive advice clearly setting out what actions need to be taken. Time is taken to review each case so that there is a full understanding."

"The team is able to get a quick handle on complex issues and this results in very clear and strong advice."

"It is an experienced team that provides a very prompt service."

"Whilst the matters are complex, Addleshaw Goddard always finds solutions to problems, which gives great comfort in making decisions. The team is excellent, reliable, efficient, skilled and supportive."

"It is a really personable team and the lawyers are relatable, which makes them really easy to work with."

Notable practitioners

Caoilfhionn Ní Chuanacháin advises on diverse commercial claims, including those that arise within insolvency situations. She further handles professional negligence mandates and liability claims. **Strengths:** *"Caoilfhionn Ní Chuanacháin is a pleasure to deal with. She is very strong at getting to grips with the situation at hand, considering it in conjunction with the specifics of the industry and dispensing relevant advice."* *"She is technically very strong, but also very pragmatic."* *"Caoilfhionn provides prompt advice in a digestible fashion and works well with senior counsel to develop strategy."* *"She is excellent."* *"She provides strong support in dealing with difficult counterparties."*

Eversheds Sutherland

What the team is known for International law firm Eversheds Sutherland offers a versatile practice that offers expertise in a wide range of contentious matters. The team has experience in both high-value and smaller commercial disputes, including those arising between landlords and tenants or as a result of issues on construction projects and construction damages. The law firm also advises regulators for the housing and telecoms sectors on the exercise of their enforcement powers. Lawyers in the team defend clients in high-profile professional negligence claims. Eversheds' disputes practice demonstrates additional strength in internal corporate investigations, shareholder disputes and in regulatory mandates that carry an additional criminal component.

Strengths

"The team at Eversheds is agile, flexible and always available."

"The team is extremely experienced, capable and thorough, and provides significant confidence to clients."

"Eversheds has very strong experience advising on disputes and judicial reviews. It has an in-depth understanding of the technical aspects of disputes which is essential for getting results."

"The department is reactive and flexible in its approach."

"The lawyers have a very practical and realistic approach to the commercial issues faced."

Work highlights Eversheds Sutherland assisted Arderin Distillery with a judicial review application relating to liability for excise duty during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Notable practitioners

Dermot McEvoy often handles real estate or construction disputes arising for Irish developers, landowners or tenants. **Strengths:** *"Dermot McEvoy is very clear, never speaks in legalese and puts clients at ease very quickly." "He is excellent: technically strong and commercial." "Dermot is always hands-on, provides a lot of input and uses the different elements of his team really well." "He is very knowledgeable about disputes."* **Norman Fitzgerald** has notable experience in cases relating to alleged professional negligence in the performance of financial audits. He also provides strategic advice on various other contentious mandates ranging from the management of internal corporate investigations to the enforcement of security against debtors. **Strengths:** *"Norman Fitzgerald provides valuable insight and guidance with a very subtle and understated approach." "He is strong, pragmatic and commercial." "Norman has well-rounded knowledge." "He is fully on top of his brief and provides excellent advice." "He provides valuable insights and guidance with a very subtle and understated approach."*

experience in sensitive proceedings that involve property disputes including orders for vacant possession of buildings. Lawyers in the team also offer expertise in a wider range of commercial and regulatory disputes, with notable experience defending public bodies in challenges including contractual claims. The law firm additionally advises on judicial reviews of planning decisions and disputes arising from development projects.

Strengths

"Beauchamps' advice is practical and the law firm provides plenty of partner time. The lawyers break down the legal stuff into general talk, so they have a good, practical and business-oriented understanding of the law and how to communicate."

Notable practitioners

Head of department **Emma Keegan** leads commercial cases that often involve the enforcement of security against debtors. She has further expertise handling damages claims for insurers.

Strengths: *"Emma Keegan is very client-driven and her response rate to all queries is exceptional."*

Dillon Eustace

What the team is known for The disputes team at Dillon Eustace has notable strength in cases relating to investment funds, financial services and insolvency. The practice assists Irish banks with a significant volume of debt enforcement mandates. Lawyers in the team act for real estate management companies on property disputes, as well as handling shareholder disputes and advising on claims for breach of contracts. The law firm draws strength from an important contentious insurance practice to handle professional indemnity cases.

Strengths

"Dillon Eustace is very efficient and knowledgeable, and provides guidance on strategy."

"The lawyers are very client-focused, knowledgeable and considered in terms of how they act."

"The team manages very complex situations well, and the lawyers are very responsive."

Work highlights Dillon Eustace assisted Principal Systems with Commercial Court proceedings seeking damages for breaches of warranty relating to the purchase of a business.

Notable practitioners

Peter Bredin (see p.1706) handles commercial proceedings arising in diverse circumstances including loan defaults, insurance coverage disputes and damages claims, as well as shareholder disputes. **Strengths:** *"Peter Bredin is a very impressive lawyer." "He has excellent knowledge."*

John Doyle earns praise for his work on a wide range of disputes mandates, including those that are resolved through mediation. He is particularly experienced acting on disputes in the financial services sector. **John O'Riordan** (see p.1711) is an experienced commercial litigator who routinely advises clients in the insurance and finance sphere. He is well versed in handling shareholder disputes. **Strengths:** *"John O'Riordan has an immense breadth of experience and commercial awareness." "John has a vast amount of knowledge in litigation and law in general. He is very well informed and is on top of any changes in legislation. He is always available to discuss complex cases and has a customer-first attitude to what he does."*

He is a pleasure to work with and is not afraid to say what we don't want to hear, knowing it is in our best interest." "He is clear and concise in his advice and is good to discuss cases with. He is always super accessible."

LK Shields Solicitors LLP

What the team is known for The disputes practice at LK Shields Solicitors acts on contentious work from diverse areas to form a well-rounded offering. The team advises on competition damages claims filed against major manufacturers and additionally assists construction companies or building materials suppliers with commercial disputes, including those that are subject to adjudication. Lawyers at the firm offer experience in real estate disputes including removal of tenants. The law firm's wider practice includes advising on shareholder disputes, claims arising from damage to property and copyright infringement cases.

Strengths

"LK Shields has strong business acumen and is very experienced."

"The team always has the necessary in-house expertise for the various components of a dispute. It responds in good time, and informs the client in advance if there is a likely delay."

"The department is always available, responds to emails promptly and passes on information in a timely manner."

Work highlights LK Shields advised Millstreet Equestrian Services on proceedings at the High Court for damages relating to the anti-competitive rules of the Show Jumping Association of Ireland.

Notable practitioners

Jill Callanan leads the dispute resolution team and is the main point of contact in the law firm.

Maples Group

What the team is known for Maples acts on contentious regulatory mandates and civil debt enforcement matters for a significant number of financial services sector clients. The team handles professional negligence claims both for the administrators of insolvent companies and for defendant financial advisers. The law firm is also well placed to assist with a range of claims arising out of insolvency situations. Lawyers at the practice additionally defend companies and individuals in investigations carried out by a range of other Irish regulators, with further experience in subsequent judicial review applications.

Strengths

"Maples is able to navigate quickly shifting landscapes."

"The law firm is very client-focused and brings together multi-disciplinary teams with various aspects of expertise."

"The lawyers are always approachable and happy to discuss different approaches. The team is strong with complementing capabilities."

"Maples is efficient in dispute resolution involving high-value assets. The lawyers are quick and diligent."

"The team is very accessible, responsive and collaborative."

Work highlights Maples assisted Energoinvest Reach Active with judicial review challenges to

Band 3**Beauchamps LLP**

What the team is known for The disputes practice at Beauchamps represents banks and financial institutions in a significant volume of cases relating to insolvency, debt collection and the enforcement of possession orders. The team has

public procurement awards.

Notable practitioners

Brian Clarke assists with construction litigation, debt enforcement mandates and regulatory investigations into financial services sector clients. **Strengths:** "Brian's strategy in dealing with the other side is strong, decisive and impactful. He is thorough and well informed in interactions with the counterparty. He is excellent." "Brian Clarke at Maples is excellent. He shows in-depth knowledge and care for the subject matter. His advice is well thought out and pragmatic, and demonstrates his extensive experience in dispute resolution."

RDJ LLP

What the team is known for RDJ offers an experienced healthcare team spread across offices in Cork and Galway that handles clinical negligence claims on behalf of hospitals predominantly in the South and West of Ireland. The law firm acts on complex claims that flow from catastrophic injuries and the failure to diagnose critical conditions. The practice also has wide experience across commercial and administrative proceedings, including defamation and shareholder disputes. Lawyers in the team have strong reputations for their insurance sector expertise.

Strengths

"RDJ provides considered and commercially aware advice delivered in a timely manner."

"The team excels at unpicking the detail and devising a strategy."

"It is a very strong and pragmatic litigation team that is responsive."

"The department has good expertise and resources, and is able to resolve matters quickly. It is a large team with a good range and depth of knowledge."

"RDJ has a team of very able lawyers who can advise pragmatically on complex matters. The team has excellent lawyers across the disciplines."

Work highlights RDJ defended Valero Ireland in a franchising dispute.

Notable practitioners

Richard Martin represents clients in commercial disputes, with a focus on indemnity litigation acting for insurers and shareholder disputes.

Strengths: "Richard Martin is responsive and very easy to deal with."

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ByrneWallace LLP

What the team is known for ByrneWallace is often instructed by psychiatric hospitals or state entities to advise on various matters including regulatory issues and criminal proceedings as well as matters involving child protection and care orders. The team represents other key public sector clients either as claimants in High Court proceedings against private companies or as defendants in applications for judicial review of procurement or other decisions. The law firm also offers a wider commercial disputes team which regularly handles landlord and tenant disputes or construction litigation.

Strengths

"ByrneWallace is really invested in the client's business and is super engaged."

"The team's responses are timely and comprehensive."

"They are good solicitors who handle a range of work. They're diligent and good to work with."

"The law firm is very good in construction disputes."

"The team is very helpful in complex cases with many strands. The lawyers are very good at holding the client's hand through the process."

Work highlights ByrneWallace advised Be-Spoke Capital on Commercial Court proceedings relating to breaches of a shareholder agreement.

Notable practitioners

Jon Legerburu leads the department and is a key contact for clients.

DAC Beachcroft Dublin

What the team is known for DAC Beachcroft has built up notable expertise in professional disciplinary matters, with an impressive client list that includes several of Ireland's main statutory regulatory bodies. The team handles complaints arising from alleged fraud, forgery and breach of undertakings, further representing members of professional associations who are made the subject of disciplinary proceedings. The practice has additional expertise advising on commercial cases relating to defamation or the breach of real estate, supply or distribution contracts.

Strengths

"DAC Beachcroft is always very helpful in initial conversations. It is very responsive, open and helpful in terms of availability and having those initial strategy discussions."

"The practice provides regular updates and reasonably quick responses."

"The team has a wealth of experience in the professional discipline area and its responsiveness is very quick."

"It is a good team with a range of skills. The lawyers are very responsive and provide good advice."

"DAC Beachcroft gives commercially sound advice. The team is really quick and keeps the client updated."

Notable practitioners

Lisa Broderick handles a range of commercial and contentious regulatory work for the law firm's key clients, including telecommunications mandates.

Strengths: "Lisa Broderick is absolutely great. She is very easy to get on the phone, available at short notice and very responsive." "She is an excellent solicitor. She is very good at handling the relationship between counsel and client."

Rowena McCormack regularly acts for clients in the finance, insurance and construction sphere. She advises on professional negligence, contractual disputes and judicial review proceedings.

Hayes solicitors LLP

What the team is known for Hayes solicitors boasts a leading healthcare litigation department that acts on major medical malpractice cases. The team frequently handles high-value catastrophic injury claims on behalf of healthcare consultants, dental professionals and hospitals. The law firm's healthcare sector expertise extends into the professional discipline area, where clients benefit from notable experience in the defence of doctors and pharmacists in professional misconduct inquiries. The law firm also handles commercial

claims that deal with defamation or financial disputes.

Strengths

"Hayes solicitors has an excellent team of experienced lawyers at every level."

"The team is extremely good in commercial litigation, and is extremely diligent and hard-working."

"The lawyers are approachable and very good at what they do."

"It is an exceptional team that is capable of handling the most complex matters. It offers seamless, excellent service and the lawyers are proactive and always responsive."

"The team is very proactive in relation to the management of claims. It is always looking for out-of-the-box solutions to cases and provides just excellent advice overall."

Work highlights Hayes solicitors advised the University of Limerick and Plassey Trust Company on a judicial review against Irish Water.

Notable practitioners

Managing partner **Joseph O'Malley** leads the law firm's commercial litigation practice and receives praise for his work on diverse matters ranging from high-profile product liability claims brought against the Irish state through to sensitive defamation proceedings. **Strengths:** "Joseph O'Malley is intelligent, commercial and exceptionally hard-working." "He is a strong team leader and provides commercial advice." "Joe is excellent at negotiating settlements and dealing with complex matters. He has excellent communication skills, perseverance and judgement." "He is able to understand and address the nuance of complicated legal issues and formulate the appropriate strategy." "He is an excellent legal resource. He is very accessible, which is of great comfort."

Ogier

What the team is known for Ogier offers a multi-faceted practice which represents clients in both litigation and ADR. The team's clients include domestic and international corporates. Lawyers in the team are visible acting on commercial proceedings in the finance sector, including on investigations and loan disputes. The law firm is additionally well versed in cases involving the real estate and insurance sectors.

Strengths

"Ogier demonstrates a quick understanding and analysis of situations and quick, good-quality responses."

"There is great depth within the team."

"Ogier has a very strong ability to handle complex and sophisticated matters, and is excellent at breaking down and explaining them."

"All of the team members are knowledgeable in their areas of expertise, are extremely responsive and on time and have very good knowledge of local and international commercial laws."

"The lawyers never drag things out unnecessarily and are very commercial. There is no messing around with this team."

Notable practitioners

Larry Fenelon (see p.1708) garners praise from clients for his expertise in disputes concerning construction and property issues. He is particularly active in damages claims. **Strengths:** "Larry lays things out in a very straightforward way; always

well prepared and easy to understand.” “He has a great ability to explain the various issues and potential outcomes, which is very comforting from a client perspective.” **Ronan McGoldrick** (see p.1710) handles litigation and arbitration arising from lending agreements, fraudulent action and development plannings. **Strengths:** “Ronan McGoldrick offers excellent service.”

Philip Lee LLP

What the team is known for The disputes team at Philip Lee assists Irish regulatory bodies with a range of matters relating to their enforcement responsibilities, including the issuance of enforcement notices or the defence of applications for judicial review of decisions. The law firm acts on both the public authority and the private bidder sides of public procurement challenges. The practice is also present in healthcare litigation, with particular experience in disputes relating to the national cervical screening programme.

Strengths

“There is a super team at Philip Lee with a great depth of knowledge.”

“The lawyers are extremely responsive and attentive.”

“Philip Lee provides strong engagement from a legal, commercial and operational perspective on disputes.”

“The team is readily available to deal with issues.”

“Our queries are always replied to quickly and we are kept up to date with what is happening with the case.”

Notable practitioners

Eimear Collins has experience handling significant commercial disputes arising between landlords and tenants, as well as other real estate issues. **Strengths:** “Eimear Collins is super on strategy, clear on the objective of achieving the best outcome for the client and is extremely commercial.”

Other Ranked Lawyers

Karyn Harty of Dentons earns praise for her handling of a huge range of disputes mandates. She has considerable knowledge of financial services regulatory and white-collar crime proceedings as well as defamation claims.

Strengths:

“Karyn Harty is a very prominent litigator.”

“She is fantastic.”

Ann Henry represents a range of clients in the professional services, pharmaceutical and insurance industries. She assists with breach of contract disputes, injunction proceedings and allegations of professional negligence. She joined Bird & Bird from Pinsent Masons in February 2024.

Strengths:

“Ann Henry has the ability to view issues from unusual angles and come up with novel approaches that provide good resolutions.”

“She is very responsive and gives commercial advice.”

“Ann is a very good, business-oriented lawyer who is very pragmatic and concentrates on what is important.”

“She offers good practical handling of matters, good client care and good outcomes.”

Ciarán Markey of Browne Jacobson has experience representing clients in commercial mandates covering shareholder disputes and consumer regulations, as well as competition infringements.

Strengths:

“Ciarán Markey is a very sound litigator.”

Investment Funds

Investment Funds
Leading Firms
Band 1
A&L Goodbody
Arthur Cox
Dillon Eustace
Maples Group
Matheson LLP
Band 2
Dechert LLP
McCann FitzGerald LLP
William Fry LLP
Band 3
Mason Hayes & Curran LLP
Simmons & Simmons LLP
Walkers
* Indicates individual with profile.
◇ (ORL) = Other Ranked Lawyer.
Alphabetical order within each band. Band 1 is highest.

Band 1

A&L Goodbody

What the team is known for A&L Goodbody assists international financial institutions with the establishment and authorisation of UCITS and non-UCITS funds, including QIAIFs and ETFs. The law firm earns praise for property funds expertise. The legal practice has secured regulatory approval for the establishment of novel products, including cannabis ETFs. A&L Goodbody assists

Investment Funds	
Eminent Practitioners	
Eminent Practitioners	Stapleton Peter Maples Group
Doyle Tara Matheson LLP *	
Leading Individuals	
Band 1	O'Shaughnessy Kerill A&L Goodbody
McDermott Brian A&L Goodbody	Band 4
Murphy Kevin Arthur Cox	Bredin Cillian Dillon Eustace *
O'Connor Donnacha Dillon Eustace *	Browne Mark Clerkin Lynch (ORL) ◇
O'Reilly Tara Arthur Cox	Carty Stephen Maples Group
White Mark McCann FitzGerald LLP	Commings Cormac Arthur Cox
Band 2	Coyne Vincent William Fry LLP *
Barr Michael A&L Goodbody	Dillon Ian Arthur Cox
Bowen Gayle K&L Gates (ORL) ◇	Dolan Trevor Eversheds Sutherland (ORL) ◇
Counihan Dualta Matheson LLP *	Donoghue Adam Maples Group *
Harrington Dara Arthur Cox	Lovegrove Philip Matheson LLP *
Kelliher Brian Dillon Eustace *	Mackey Jeff Dechert LLP *
Lydon Shay Matheson LLP *	O'Sullivan Declan Dechert LLP *
Widger Carol Dechert LLP *	Phelan James William Fry LLP *
Band 3	Ryan Niamh Simmons & Simmons LLP
Blake-Knox Nicholas Walkers	Taylor Patricia William Fry LLP *
Conlon Ian Maples Group	Up-and-coming individuals
Cunniff Sarah Arthur Cox	Dunne Morgan McCann FitzGerald LLP *
Durkin Conor Pinsent Masons (Ireland) (ORL) ◇	McKnight James Simmons & Simmons LLP
Ferguson Iain McCann FitzGerald LLP	O'Loughlin Colman Dillon Eustace *
O'Dwyer Eimear Maples Group	

with the approval process to allow fund managers to become authorised UCITS management companies or AIFMs. The law firm benefits from a key team based in London that advises UK-based

asset managers on Irish funds matters.

Strengths

“The standard of advice from A&L Goodbody is of a very high quality and delivered quickly. Compli-

Foreign Desks (Based Abroad) Investment Funds

Irish expertise

based in countries listed below

Cayman Islands Maples Group

Foreign Experts Investment Funds

Based in Ireland

with expertise in countries listed below

USA Murphy Kevin Arthur Cox

Irish expertise

based in countries listed below

Cayman Islands Brosnan Pádraig Maples Group

UK Moran Michelle K&L Gates (ORL) ♦

♦ (ORL) = Other Ranked Lawyer.

cated topics are covered in an understandable and commercial way."

"The team is always very responsive with a very good service level."

"A&L Goodbody is very pragmatic and practical in its advice."

"The lawyers are prompt, thorough and careful in what they do."

"The law firm's service levels and responsiveness are first class. The team has a good range of knowledge regarding market practices."

Work highlights A&L Goodbody acted for Exponent Private Equity on the establishment and authorisation of an AIFM.

Notable practitioners

Brian McDermott is a market-leading practitioner with particular expertise in the structuring of property funds. **Strengths:** "Brian McDermott is fantastic; a really strong, stable pair of hands." "It is a pleasure working with Brian owing to his knowledge of the industry and his pragmatism." **Michael Barr** is a well-regarded market presence who advises on a range of fund mandates including property funds. Advancing in the rankings, **Kerill O'Shaughnessy** regularly advises clients on the establishment and operation of funds, including UCITS funds. He has strong experience acting on low-carbon investments and SFDR compliance. **Strengths:** "Kerill O'Shaughnessy is very strong technically and has a very good understanding of his client's processes and priorities." "He is a proactive lawyer with a lot of energy. He always provides good advice, is always on top of his game, is never late and is very reliable." "He has a high level of focus on client service and getting the right result. He understands the market we operate in." "He's pragmatic and knows the guidelines in Ireland and how they're implemented." "Kerill has strong expertise in the asset management sector."

Arthur Cox

What the team is known for Arthur Cox has a powerful practice boasting expertise in a wide range of matters. The law firm has a strong reputation for work on the establishment of ETFs, with further experience in standalone mandates in which ETFs seek to adopt an ICSD model for the settlement of transactions. Arthur Cox assists with the creation of funds that incorporate ESG provisions. The law firm has assisted global fund management services providers with specialised depositary activities authorisation. Arthur Cox

frequently acts for US-based clients on Irish law matters.

Strengths

"Arthur Cox exhibits thoughtful intellectualism in how it approaches complex areas."

"The law firm has a deep pool of partner and associate talent to draw on."

"The Arthur Cox team is extremely knowledgeable and has a strong ability to handle complex problems."

"Arthur Cox has the best ETF team out there."

"Everything the team delivers is always top-notch."

Work highlights Arthur Cox assisted CIRCA5000 with the establishment of its first ETFs.

Notable practitioners

Kevin Murphy is highly regarded for his expertise in a range of funds mandates including the formation of UCITS funds. He is US-qualified and frequently acts on cross-border files. **Tara O'Reilly** is a leading figure in the Irish ETF space. She also stands out for her experience in the launch of funds that involve UCITS establishment. **Strengths:** "Tara O'Reilly's advice is always well thought through and appropriate." "Tara is a market leader, especially in the exchange traded funds area." **Dara Harrington** advises on a variety of funds mandates including the establishment of loan origination funds and UCITS platform creation. **Strengths:** "Dara Harrington is fantastic, super commercial, a great problem-solver and very responsive." "Dara is a really strong private funds lawyer." **Sarah Cuniff** advises clients on regulatory changes and extension authorisations. She has considerable experience assisting with SFDR mandates. **Strengths:** "Sarah Cuniff is very commercially minded and understands her clients and how they want to grow." "She is an exceedingly strong technical lawyer." **Cormac Commins** regularly advises clients on the establishment of UCITS ETFs and other funds. **Strengths:** "Cormac Commins is an experienced funds lawyer." **Ian Dillon** advises clients on a range of matters including real estate funds and ICAV funds. **Strengths:** "Ian Dillon is excellent; he just gets it. He is practical, straightforward and presents legal arguments in a really understandable way." "Ian is personable, very knowledgeable and always commercial in how regulatory requirements are best managed by the client."

Dillon Eustace

What the team is known for Dillon Eustace is a renowned practice widely respected for its international focus and ability to handle cross-border matters. The investment funds team benefits from a close working relationship with the law firm's office in the Cayman Islands. The firm frequently advises asset managers on the establishment of fund vehicles in Ireland. Dillon Eustace attracts praise for work on the structuring and registration of UCITS and QIAIF funds. It has additional experience in the set-up of fund management companies and the negotiation of management agreements.

Strengths

"Dillon Eustace offers a personalised one-on-one service and all the lawyers have very strong knowledge of the Irish market."

"Dillon Eustace has an excellent team of highly

intelligent lawyers who clearly work well as a team." "The Dillon Eustace team is highly knowledgeable and willing to propose alternate solutions to meet our needs. It has strong counsel at both the partner and associate level across fund formation, fund finance and tax. The lawyers' responses are always timely."

"Dillon Eustace is way ahead of anyone else from a customer accessibility point of view."

"The law firm is amazing in terms of funds. The lawyers are precise and devoted to the client."

Work highlights Dillon Eustace advised Kirkoswald Asset Management on the establishment of an Irish regulated hedge fund master feeder fund.

Notable practitioners

Donnacha O'Connor (see p.1711) is a market-leading practitioner who advises clients on a wide array of mandates including the establishment of AIF and ESG funds. **Strengths:** "There is nobody who knows more about Irish funds structures than Donnacha O'Connor." "Donnacha is exceptional. He is always willing to listen to the issues and has a great way of finding solutions in a client-friendly and commercial manner." "He is a truly first-class operator and master of technical issues, offering great tactical and strategic solutions." **Brian Kelliher** (see p.1710) is experienced in advising clients on a range of mandates, including international fund investments. **Strengths:** "Brian Kelliher is really fantastic." **Cillian Bredin** (see p.1706) assists clients with the establishment of funds, including AIF funds. He frequently acts on cross-border structures. **Strengths:** "Cillian is an extremely strong partner who is commercial and pragmatic and has very strong regulatory knowledge." **Colman O'Loughlen** (see p.1711) joins the rankings as an up-and-coming practitioner this year. He acts for a range of management companies on UCITS, AIFM and MiFID licence applications. **Strengths:** "Working with Colman O'Loughlen is a very good experience."

Maples Group

What the team is known for Maples earns praise for its advice to US or UK investment firms establishing Irish UCITS or AIF management companies, including those that require 'top-up' MiFID permissions. The law firm maintains a market-leading reputation for advice on the set-up and authorisation of alternative investment funds. Maples has specific experience in the structuring of LQIAIFs. The law firm's global fund registrations team affords promoters access to investors across Europe and other key markets. Maples is part of a global team that has local capabilities in markets such as the Cayman Islands, Luxembourg and the British Virgin Islands.

Strengths

"Maples provides well-considered, commercial solutions to complex issues."

"The team is responsive, clear, practical and comprehensive."

"The strength and depth of the team, from associate to partner, is second to none."

"Maples is a strategic-thinking and responsive business partner."

"It is a very collaborative bunch of lawyers."

Work highlights Maples assisted StepStone

Group with the establishment of a European joint venture capital secondaries fund.

Foreign desks Maples has a team of Irish-qualified lawyers based in the Cayman Islands who earn praise for advice to international asset managers on their European funds. Pádraig Brosnan is a key contact for the desk.

Notable practitioners

Peter Stapleton is a highly regarded name in the Irish investment funds market who assists clients with a number of matters including those with regulatory aspects. **Ian Conlon** assists with regulatory mandates relating to the authorisation of new Irish AIFMs and the restructuring of UCITS businesses. **Strengths:** “*Ian Conlon is an excellent lawyer with very strong business acumen married with excellent legal and regulatory know-how.*” “*Ian is highly intelligent, communicates clearly and provides valuable guidance every step of the way.*” “*Ian’s deep knowledge and very interactive nature helps him deliver a really strong service.*” “*His knowledge in complex issues and his ability to resolve tricky situations is second to none. His advice is always on point.*” “*He’s responsive, intelligent, commercial and practical. He understands our business and is client-oriented.*” **Eimear O’Dwyer** often advises funds that target European distressed situations. She acts on a wide range of fund structures, frequently handling cross-border mandates. **Strengths:** “*Eimear O’Dwyer’s expertise and attention to detail are remarkable.*” “*She anticipates the client’s needs and is very proactive.*” “*She is an excellent lawyer who is very strong commercially with insightful legal and regulatory know-how.*” “*Eimear is great with clients.*” **Stephen Carthy** is experienced in the establishment of UCITS umbrella funds and in the creation of new Irish MiFID entities for investment firms formerly operating from the UK. He also advises on regulatory matters. **Adam Donoghue** (see p.1708) is co-head of the law firm’s Irish Funds & Investment Management team. Highlighted for his extensive knowledge, he acts on diverse matters affecting international asset managers. **Strengths:** “*Adam Donoghue is unflappable, knowledgeable and very clever.*” “*He takes a very commercial view and never gets stuck in the reeds. He is always very clear.*” “*He leverages his time in London to bring clever solutions.*” “*He’s very easy to deal with and responsive.*” **Pádraig Brosnan** is Irish law-qualified and the head of the law firm’s Cayman-based Ireland desk.

Matheson LLP

What the team is known for Matheson is an esteemed offering that regularly handles fund formation mandates and assists with the establishment and authorisation of fund management companies. The law firm earns praise for specific MiFID or investment management regulatory expertise. It assists with all corporate, commercial and regulatory matters arising from independent fund service providers expanding into the Irish market through global M&A transactions. Matheson advises on the launch of new sub-funds on UCITS platforms and assists with the transitioning of third-party managers away from the same. The law firm also handles standalone mandates relating to the drafting of fund services

agreements, including within the context of the replacement of existing management companies.

Strengths

“*The department is very pragmatic in its approach to new rules and regulations.*”

“*The senior and junior partners are accessible and able to process complex matters in a timely manner. Matheson is a very pragmatic and commercial law firm to work with.*”

“*There are very experienced teams within the law firm to assist with various matters. The lawyers are extremely efficient at acknowledging emails and providing timely responses.*”

“*Matheson really is the best in Ireland. Clients benefit from the strength of its experience and the relationships that the whole law firm has with other clients as well to inform our market practice.*”

“*The lawyers are responsive, commercial and solution-driven.*”

Work highlights Matheson assisted Fidelity International with the establishment of six ETF sub-funds.

Notable practitioners

Head of department **Tara Doyle** (see p.1708) is a notable, long-established presence in the Irish funds market and is noted for her activity in key industry bodies. **Dualta Counihan** (see p.1707) is a notable presence who handles a wide range of fund structuring mandates. He is also adept at handling regulatory matters. **Shay Lydon** (see p.1710) advises on the establishment, structuring and restructuring of investment funds, including pre-contractual documents. He regularly assists with SFDR-related topics and has experience in Article 8 and 9 funds. **Strengths:** “*Shay Lydon is fantastic: very practical and hands-on.*” **Philip Lovegrove** (see p.1710) regularly advises clients on specific issues relating to ETF.

Band 2

Dechert LLP

What the team is known for Dechert benefits from a strong connection to the firm’s significant international network, which enables the team to advise UK and US fund managers on the establishment of Irish-domiciled funds and on their registration and distribution across Europe and globally. The law firm assists with the establishment of local UCITS ManCos, AIFMs or MiFID firms, often for international firms restructuring activities out of the UK. It advises investment management firms on the change of funds service providers. Dechert also counts major third-party managers among key clients.

Strengths

“*Dechert provides in-depth and quick responses.*”

“*The team is able to decipher complex and sophisticated matters quickly.*”

“*The team has excellent technical knowledge on the funds industry locally and globally. It has experienced partners and associates who always respond in a timely manner.*”

“*Dechert provides actionable and concise advice. Its commercial experience is one of its strongest points.*”

“*The lawyers are very aware of what is going on around them in terms of current regulatory and*

commercial issues and themes, as well as current structures and what is coming down the line.”

Notable practitioners

Carol Widger (see p.1713) advises on an array of fund mandates including establishment of ICAV and UCITS regulatory advice. **Strengths:** “*Carol Widger’s advice is very commercial and actionable.*” “*She provides commercial practicality in her advice and has deep regulatory knowledge.*” “*Carol Widger is very strong.*” **Jeff Mackey** (see p.1710) acts for a range of funds on compliance and regulatory mandates. He also assists with restructuring and transactional issues. **Strengths:** “*Jeff Mackey is very proactive, commercial and reliable.*” “*Jeff is extremely knowledgeable, both from a legally technical perspective but also in market practice. He’s very practical in the kind of advice he gives.*” **Declan O’Sullivan** (see p.1712) has proven experience in the establishment of UCITS umbrella funds or UCITS management companies.

McCann FitzGerald LLP

What the team is known for McCann FitzGerald is a prominent practice advising on a mix of funds matters. The law firm advises payment services or peer-to-peer lending companies on the process to become authorised by the Irish Central Bank and on commercial matters relating to their ongoing operations. Lawyers in the team advise on the establishment of fund management companies and handle related compliance mandates. McCann FitzGerald also assists with all issues relating to the launch of sub-funds on QIAIF or UCITS platforms, including the appointment of managers and other funds service providers.

Strengths

“*McCann FitzGerald is always great at providing thoughtful, practical advice.*”

“*You can always rely on McCanns to provide a robust response and good speed of delivery.*”

“*The team knows the industry inside-out.*”

“*The department is very good at delivering good work in a timely manner.*”

“*The lawyers are very responsive and have a strong ability to recognise urgent situations.*”

Work highlights McCann FitzGerald advised Pegasus Capital Advisors on the establishment of an Irish investment limited partnership.

Notable practitioners

Mark White is a highly esteemed presence in the Irish funds market who is experienced handling funds that invest in alternative asset classes, including private equity as well as establishment of UCITS funds. **Strengths:** “*There is always a feeling of reassurance when Mark is involved. His ability to slot into a matter and identify the issues at hand is seamless.*” “*He knows our business inside-out and generally knows the answer to any question we pose to him. He is very knowledgeable.*” “*Mark always gives A-1 service, thoughts and advice.*” **Iain Ferguson** advises clients on fund structuring mandates for asset managers setting up UCITS or QIAIFs. **Strengths:** “*Iain Ferguson understands the business from A to Z, and is able to deliver pragmatic advice which is actionable.*” “*Iain is consistent in delivery and provides good, practical advice.*” “*He’s always available when needed, very good at listening to concerns, and always either provides advice or finds the right people to*

provide advice.” “He is an excellent partner who understands our business and has very strong subject matter and industry knowledge.” New to the rankings, the up-and-coming **Morgan Dunne** (see p.1708) advises international clients on regulatory implementation projects, as well as fund transactions. **Strengths:** “Morgan Dunne is practical, commercial and very smart.” “He is wise beyond his years.”

William Fry LLP

What the team is known for William Fry acts for a number of top financial service providers and investment managers on a variety of funds structures and products. It has a dedicated global funds registrations team that assists clients seeking to sell funds across Europe and worldwide. William Fry advises on mergers of sub-funds as well as the launch of various product platforms, including EFT and QUAIIF platforms products for global asset management companies. The law firm also advises on regulatory licence applications to the Central Bank on behalf of UCITS management companies.

Strengths

“William Fry’s team is very strong and provides great support.”

“The lawyers are well informed and quickly over new regulatory developments, allowing them to provide timely advice on such matters.”

“The team takes a thorough approach to advice, is clear and succinct in presentation, and is willing to engage at both a legal and commercially pragmatic level.”

“The practice consists of highly accomplished and experienced lawyers.”

Work highlights William Fry assisted BlackRock with several ETF mandates.

Notable practitioners

Vincent Coyne (see p.1707) is experienced in advising private equity on asset acquisitions. He is also adept at property fund establishment matters. **Strengths:** “He is an exemplary lawyer with strong commercial awareness and attention to detail.” “Vincent Coyne is responsive and pragmatic. He is a solid negotiator who can cut through delays arising from minor points.” Entering the rankings, **James Phelan** (see p.1712) advises a range of financial institutions on the structuring of funds and the implementation of new regulatory regimes. He has particular experience assisting with UCITS matters. **Strengths:** “James Phelan is very client-focused and has excellent market and regulatory knowledge.” “James is extremely commercial and considers all facets of a query when providing precise advice.” **Patricia Taylor** (see p.1713) offers significant expertise in business disposal mandates. She also assists with the regulatory aspects of fund transactions. **Strengths:** “Patricia is very strong on the funds side.”

mination of asset managers or other fund service providers. It also acts on the establishment of funds and sub-funds that fall under the different regulatory regimes for UCITS and AIFs.

Strengths

“Mason Hayes & Curran is able to advise on the most complex types of fund structuring and to integrate expertise from different areas of the law firm in order to deliver a seamless service for clients.”

“The level of service from Mason Hayes & Curran is exceptional at all times.”

“The law firm is capable at handling complex and sophisticated matters. The team is responsive to queries and deals with issues in a pragmatic and commercial manner.”

“The lawyers manage to navigate some very choppy waters in a commercially astute way.”

Work highlights Mason Hayes & Curran assisted Oberweis Asset Management with the negotiation of an investment management agreement to act as manager of a UCITS.

Notable practitioners

Rowena Fitzgerald is a key contact for clients.

Simmons & Simmons LLP

What the team is known for Simmons & Simmons is a prominent presence on the Irish funds landscape, combining a superb global reputation with the presence of experienced Irish partners. The law firm assists with applications to the Irish regulator for the authorisation of AIFM and UCITS management companies or other fund service providers. It also has proven experience in the establishment of new AIFs that are structured through master-feeder funds. Simmons & Simmons further assists with the launch of sub-funds on UCITS platforms.

Notable practitioners

Niamh Ryan regularly advises fund managers and financial institutions on a range of matters, including UCITS. **James McKnight** advises clients on various funds issues including authorisation applications by the Central Bank of Ireland.

Walkers

What the team is known for Walkers advises on the creation of UCITS umbrella funds and on subsequent launches of sub-funds, including for companies that host third-party managers. The law firm advises on the appointment of third-party management companies or the negotiation of depositary agreements. It further acts for international clients seeking to set up fund management companies in Ireland. The Dublin branch is well connected as part of the Walkers Global network.

Strengths

“Walkers has a knowledgeable team in the area of fund formation with a lot of breadth and depth, and significant experience in complex structures.”

“The team is very thorough and responsive to questions.”

“The team is very knowledgeable.”

Notable practitioners

Nicholas Blake-Knox’s practice covers a range of fund mandates including UCITS. He acts for management companies and financial institutions.

Strengths: “Nicholas Blake-Knox is extremely knowledgeable and pragmatic.” “He is very experi-

enced and very visible in the market.” “He is exceptional; an incredible talent.” “It is always a pleasure to work with Nick, who is very responsive.” “Nick is an excellent partner who is very diligent, commercial and well connected in the industry.”

Other Ranked Lawyers

Gayle Bowen of K&L Gates regularly advises promoters or independent fund management companies on securing relevant permissions to carry out regulated activities in Ireland. She also assists with the establishment of UCITS funds.

Strengths:

“Gayle Bowen always comes up with the right answers to very in-depth, complex legal questions, and she is very client-focused.”

“Gayle is hands-on and available when needed.”

Mark Browne of Clerkin Lynch advises clients on a broad range of matters including the structuring of ICAV funds.

Strengths:

“Mark Browne is astute and precise, with a good understanding of the commercial aspects underlying the transaction.”

Trevor Dolan of Eversheds Sutherland advises on sub-fund establishment, fund reorganisations and the launch of unregulated funds.

Strengths:

“Trevor Dolan has a good depth of knowledge.”

Conor Durkin assists with the establishment of AIFs or UCITS, drafts amendments to funds documentation and advises on interactions with the regulator in relation to the functioning of the AIFMD. He joined Pinsent Masons from Mason Hayes & Curran in November 2023.

Strengths:

“Conor Durkin has a great level of knowledge and industry insight.”

“Conor has deep expertise in the formation and structuring of investment funds. What stands out is the hands-on attention he gives to clients and the experience he has gained from many years in practice.”

“It is a pleasure to work with Conor. He is very helpful and always one step ahead of everyone.”

“He is client-focused.”

“He is very responsive and helpful.”

Foreign Experts (Based Abroad)

London-based **Michelle Moran** of K&L Gates is admitted to practice in Ireland and the UK, and often advises US or European fund managers on the restructuring of their activities.

Strengths:

“Michelle Moran is experienced, knowledgeable and commercial.”

“She has excellent industry experience and an ability to navigate clients through issues and provide clear, practical advice.”

Band 3

Mason Hayes & Curran LLP

What the team is known for Mason Hayes & Curran handles applications for the authorisation of AIFMs and assists with the appointment or ter-

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Featured in Banking & Finance (Ireland)

Practice Areas: Jenny Ahern is Head of our Banking and Finance Team. Jenny is a corporate banking specialist and has extensive experience in dealing with domestic and cross-border transactions involving multi-jurisdictional finance arrangements. Jenny advises both lender and borrower clients on notable acquisition and leveraged finance transactions as well as a range of corporate lending, commercial real estate, development finance and fund finance transactions. Her wealth of experience also includes advising on high profile debt restructurings and significant portfolio acquisitions and disposals.

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Featured in Dispute Resolution (Ireland)

Practice Areas: Declan served as the firm's Managing Partner from 2013 to 2022 and is currently a Partner in the Dispute Resolution team. He specialises in complex business disputes with significant reputational and financial consequences and in the management of solvency issues. Declan is renowned in the market for his strategic and commercial approach. He is also a CEDR accredited mediator. Declan advises on all types of business disputes including transactional warranty claims, shareholders' disputes, and negligence claims for or against a range of professionals including insurance brokers, lawyers, accountants and investment advisors. Declan has also acted in property related disputes and fraud-related litigation. His cases tend to be high value matters commonly with an international component. Domestically, he has represented Tribunals of Inquiry established by the State in proceedings taken against the Tribunals by persons affected by their actions. Declan also represents stakeholders in corporate insolvency matters and advises boards and individual officers regarding the management of insolvency risks. Declan is also a director of Rethink Ireland, a national charity which supports the most innovative non-profit organisations working in communities across the country through financial grants and non-financial assistance.

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Featured in Corporate/M&A (Ireland)

Practice Areas: Fergus Bolster is a partner in the firm's Corporate M&A Group, where he focuses primarily on mergers and acquisitions, corporate re-organisations (including corporate re-domiciliation and demerger transactions), financing transactions, securities law and corporate governance matters.

Fergus has represented public and private corporations, institutional, private equity and venture investors, State bodies and investment banks, transacting in a variety of industries and sectors, including, in particular, technology, energy and healthcare. He has extensive experience advising US and other international clients on cross-border acquisitions of Irish companies, both public and private, migrations and capital markets transactions (undertaken domestically and by Irish companies listed on US and other foreign exchanges). Fergus counsels corporate clients on a broad range of governance and business-related matters, including directors' duties and responsibilities, disclosure obligations and compliance matters. This advice is often provided to boards and individual directors in situations where the satisfaction of their fiduciary duties may be subject to public scrutiny.

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Practice Areas: Bryan Bourke is a Consultant in the Corporate Department of William Fry and a former Managing Partner of the firm. Bryan has extensive experience in corporate transactional work, having advised on some of the largest public and private M&A/takeover deals in Ireland in recent years. He also advises on joint ventures, fund-raising, restructurings and broader corporate governance issues.

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Featured in Corporate/M&A (Ireland)

Practice Areas: George is a partner in the firm's Corporate M&A Group. In over 25 years of practice, he has advised on many of the most significant and complex Irish corporate transactions across a range of industry sectors. George is listed as a leading corporate lawyer across a range of publications including IFLR1000, Chambers Europe and The Legal 500. Mergers & Acquisitions George's representative M&A transactions include many of the most significant takeovers (hostile and friendly) and mergers of Irish listed companies including; Independent News & Media / Mediahuis; IFG / Epiris; Allergan / Actavis (\$66 billion); Willis / Towers Watson (merger of equals); Royalty Pharma / Elan (hostile takeover); Questcor / Mallinckrodt (\$5.6 billion); Medtronic / Covidien (\$42.9 billion); Actavis / Warner Chilcott (\$8.5 billion); Auxilium / Endo International (\$2.6 billion); and Worldview / Petroceltic (hostile takeover). Private Equity George also acts for a range of Private Equity institutions across a range of industry sectors, in particular Energy, Infrastructure and Telecoms. Recent mandates include advising Asterion Industrial

Partners; AMP Capital; Aurelius; Bain Capital; Carlyle Cardinal Ireland; EQT; GLIL Infrastructure; Insight Venture Partners; the Irish Strategic Investment Fund; Macquarie Asset Management; and Partners Group. George previously worked in the London office of a leading international law firm and has been a partner in Matheson since 2003.

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Featured in Corporate/M&A (Ireland)

Practice Areas: Liam is a Partner on the Corporate team at Mason Hayes & Curran. He advises clients in relation to with their corporate business affairs. He acquires and sells companies and has a reputation for being focused, practical and having the temperament to get the deal done. Liam's work can range from helping clients to establish their businesses using corporate structures, to assisting clients with taking in investment or funding. He also advises on re-structuring ownership arrangements and on the acquisition and selling of companies. In corporate transactions, clients can face any number of issues to deal with. Liam's role is to guide the client through the issue and to find, where possible, a practical and commercial solution. While his practice is broad, Liam has worked quite extensively on renewables transactions, acting for developers, investors and financial institutions.

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Featured in Investment Funds (Ireland)

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Career: Larry leads the Dispute Resolution team in Ogier's Ireland office. He specialises in national and international litigation, arbitration and ADR in a variety of disputes such as commercial, funds, property, insurance, construction and sport. He is a zealous advocate for clients. As a qualified mediator and arbitrator he has years of experience sitting on both sides of the bench. In 2021, Larry was appointed Senior Counsel by the Government of Ireland in light of his expertise and experience. Larry's clients include international corporates, insurers, law firms, non profit bodies, property funders, developers, commercial landlords, investors, private equity, retailers and hospitality. Larry is regularly appointed as an arbitrator in commercial disputes as well as advocating for parties in arbitration. He is a fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators since 2001 and is a former committee member. He is a member of Arbitration Ireland and the London Court for International Arbitration (LCIA). An accredited commercial mediator by the Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution (CEDR), Larry is also regularly appointed as a mediator in commercial disputes. He is a former chair of the Law Society's Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Committee and is a member of the Irish Commercial Mediators Association (ICMA).

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nies and financial institutions, asset managers, private equity firms, hedge funds, investment banks, alternative lenders, arrangers, issuers, rating agencies, trustees and investors on all aspects (including restructuring) of debt capital markets, securitisation (cross-border and domestic), structured finance and fund finance transactions. In particular, Alan advises on CLOs, CDOs, LPNs, NPLs, RMBS, CMBS, US life settlements, receivables and mortgage securitisations, ABS, ABCP, MTN and repackaging programmes, deposit and fund-linked structured products (including Shariah-compliant structures), cat bonds and other insurance-linked securities (ILS), high-yield and other debt offerings (both public and private). Alan has extensive experience of advising US based alternative asset managers on the structuring, establishment and capital-raising for funds implementing a wide range of investment strategies and also funds investing in private equity, distressed debt and other credit-led opportunities, real estate, infrastructure and a broad range of other asset classes. Alan also advises clients on Irish prospectus, transparency and market abuse law, and listing queries relating to the listing of debt securities on the Main Securities Market and the Global Exchange Market of Euronext Dublin. Alan has acted on a number of high profile and market-first transactions involving peer-to-peer (P2P) and marketplace lending platforms, including Europe's first marketplace lending securitisation. Alan is a qualified solicitor and a qualified tax consultant and is a member of the Law Society of Ireland and the Irish Tax Institute. Alan was previously seconded to the legal department of a large investment bank in London where he acted as in-house counsel to the Global Markets — Fixed Income trading desk. Alan is licensed as a Foreign Legal Consultant with the Supreme Court of the State of New York. Alan previously tutored at the Law Society of Ireland and University College Dublin.

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and structures using Irish "Section 110" companies. Conor has extensive experience of reviewing and advising on non-performing loan portfolios and has acted for purchasers, sellers and financiers of these assets. He advises on banking regulatory issues and has particular experience of the issues arising from the EU's financial sanctions regime. Conor has completed secondments to two leading banks and an internationally-renowned aircraft leasing company. He lectures and tutors on banking law at the Law Society of Ireland.

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