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Business Law Update 2021

Date	30 September 2021
Time	2.00pm to 6.00pm
Venue	Online webinar with live Q&A session
Fee	€186
Discounted* Fee	€160
CPD Hours	3.5 General (by Group Study)
Event Code	21015

Aims and Objectives

Join your colleagues for an afternoon of updates on core areas of interest/concern in business law practice & procedure. This conference, presented by the Business Law Committee in collaboration with Law Society Professional Training, is aimed at solicitors practising in business and commercial law.

Topics/Learning outcomes to be covered include

- Competition law
 - ECN+ Implementation: A New Era for Irish Competition Law
 - Irish merger control: What you Need to Know
 - Competition law enforcement – Key Cases of the Last Year
 - State aid post Covid-19
- DAC6
- Consumer Law Update – the General Scheme of a Consumer Rights Bill 2021
- ESG
- Company Law Update
 - Companies (Miscellaneous Provisions)(Covid-19) Act 2020:
 - Companies (Corporate Enforcement Authority) Bill
 - Insolvency
- AML Requirements for Trust and Company Service Providers (TCSPs)
 - Regulation of TCSPs
 - Framework for Audit

Chairperson

Máire Cunningham, Partner, Beauchamps, Dublin

Máire is a partner in Beauchamps Corporate and Commercial team. Máire acts for both investors and investees across all sectors including food, agri tech and med tech. Máire has extensive experience in all areas of corporate law with a particular focus on shareholder relations, private equity and venture capital. Máire also advises on the establishment of partnerships and partnership law.

Speakers

Philip Andrews, Partner, McCann Fitzgerald, Dublin

Philip leads McCann FitzGerald's Competition, Regulated Markets, EU and Trade Law Group and is one of Ireland's most experienced EU and competition law practitioners. Philip previously served as Legal Adviser to the Competition Authority, now the CCPC, and assisted in drafting the Competition Act 2002. He is also co-author of *Modern Irish Competition Law*, a leading textbook on Irish competition law that has been cited by the Irish Supreme Court and the Competition Court.

Niamh Counihan, Partner, Matheson, Dublin

Niamh has extensive knowledge and experience in all aspects of contentious and non-contentious corporate restructuring and insolvency law matters and commercial litigation, including advising companies, shareholders, directors, financial institutions, creditor groups, liquidators, receivers and examiners; in relation to mitigating insolvency risk in the context of commercial transactions and; on high profile cross-border insolvency and restructuring matters and Commercial Court disputes. Niamh is a member of the Law Society of Ireland Business Law Committee.

John Cuddigan, Partner, Ronan Daly Jermyn, Cork.

John Cuddigan is Head of Ronan Daly Jermyn's Tax Practice and specialises in the provision of corporate and business tax advice to corporates and individuals. John has advised on all aspects of Irish direct and indirect taxation for companies and individuals and has significant experience in the areas of corporate restructuring, property transactions and restructuring, remuneration strategies and tax structuring of businesses in Ireland. He also has extensive experience in the areas of tax appeals and Revenue audits. John has lectured extensively and presented seminars on various tax matters for the Irish Tax Institute and the Law Society of Ireland and is incoming Chairman of the Taxation Committee of Law Society of Ireland. He was co-author of the Institute publication on the Irish Finance Act (FINAK) from 2008 to 2014. He is also a member of the taxation committee of the CCBE (Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe).

Justin McKenna, Partner, Mason Hayes Curran, Dublin

Justin is a partner in Mason Hayes Curran Corporate team, specialising in corporate finance, mergers & acquisitions and private equity transactions. He has extensive experience in corporate transactions with particular emphasis on all aspects of offers for, or the acquisition or disposal of, interests in public companies and the regulation of such transactions, public offers of equity securities by Irish and foreign issuers, private equity transactions and investment and acquisition transactions involving management groups.

Eugénée Mulhern, Senior Adviser, A&L Goodbody, Dublin

Eugénée Mulhern is a Senior Adviser in A&L Goodbody's Corporate and M&A Practice. Her key areas of expertise include corporate finance, capital markets, M&A, corporate governance and securities law. She has 14 years experience working as a director in corporate finance in one of Ireland's leading stockbroking and financial services firms and has advised a wide range of Irish public companies on governance, financing, takeovers and M&A. She is a governor of the National Maternity Hospital, Holles Street and has served on its executive and nominations committees between 2011 and 2020 and also serves on the investment committee for direct lending provider, Dunport Capital.

Sean Nolan, Partner, Clark Hill Solicitors LLP, Dublin

Sean Nolan is a partner in Clark Hill Solicitors LLP where he practices company and commercial law in the firm's Dublin office. He is a co-author of *Business Law in Ireland* (2015 Ed) published by the Law Society and Oxford University Press and *Buying and Selling a Business - Tax and Legal Issues* published by the Irish Institute of Tax.

Deirdre Kilroy, Partner, Matheson, Dublin

Deirdre Kilroy is a partner in Matheson's Technology and Innovation team and is Head of Intellectual Property. Deirdre specialises in intellectual property, technology and data privacy law. She has over 20 years' experience in these areas. Prior to joining Matheson she spent over 12 years as Head of Technology & Intellectual Property with a leading Irish law firm. Deirdre is acknowledged by many independent directories as an expert in her field. She regularly lectures in Ireland and internationally, including at the Law Society of Ireland, and contributes to relevant publications. She is a member of the Intellectual Property & Data Privacy Committee of the Law Society of Ireland, and sits on Technology Ireland's Data Working Group. She is a member of the Intellectual Property Commission of the International Chamber of Commerce and also of INTA, IAPPI and SCL.

Una Dixon, Department of Justice

Una is head of the Anti-Money Laundering Compliance Unit in the Department since September 2019 and also has responsibility for the Criminal Injuries Compensation Tribunal. She has worked in a number of Government Departments and spent 4 years as Ireland's Energy Attaché in Brussels and a year in the French Ministry for Ecology in Paris. She is a graduate of NUIG, UCC, DCU, the IPA and NCI. Una was recently awarded the King's Inns Diploma in Corporate, Regulatory and White Collar Crime and has two Law Society Diplomas – in E-Commerce and in Regulation Law & Practice.

Jane Skelly, Department of Justice

Jane is a Regulatory Investigator (Authorised Officer) in the Anti-Money Laundering Compliance Unit (AMLCU). She has 14 years' experience working in the area of anti-money laundering, counter terrorist financing, fraud and financial crime prevention in the retail banking sector, investment banking sector and civil service. Jane is a graduate of the DIT and holds qualifications in Anti-Money Laundering, Financial Crime Prevention and White Collar Crime from the International Compliance Association, UCD and King's Inns. In 2018, Jane was nominated to represent Ireland at the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) conference in Vienna entitled "Empowering Women Leaders in International Anti-Money Laundering and Countering Terrorism Financing". She is a member of the UNODC Women Leaders in International Anti-Money Laundering and Countering Terrorism Financing network.

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