



April McClements

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Expertise

April McClements is a Partner in the Insurance and Dispute Resolution team. April is a commercial litigator and specialises in insurance disputes.

April advises insurance companies on policy wording interpretation, complex coverage disputes (in particular relating to financial lines policies), D&O claims, professional indemnity claims, including any potential third party liability, and subrogation claims. April manages a significant number of professional indemnity claims for professionals, including insurance brokers, architects and engineers, for a variety of insurers.

April has been involved in obtaining High Court approval for various insurance portfolio transfers and/or schemes of arrangement arising from reorganisations and/or mergers and acquisitions involving life, non-life and captive insurers. April also works in the area of general commercial litigation with a particular focus on contractual disputes, most of which are litigated in the Commercial Court. She is also a strong advocate of ADR and has acted for clients in mediations and arbitration.

April is a member of the Law Society of Ireland, the Insurance Institute of Ireland and the British Insurance Law Association. She has contributed to various industry publications and has participated in seminars as a speaker on insurance issues.

Experience Highlights

- Advising Aviva in relation to a significant subrogation claim against the ESB which is being litigated in the Commercial Court arising from flooding in Cork City in November 2009.
- Advised Aviva on the Commercial Court application for approval of the restructuring of the non-life insurance business of Aviva Ireland. This was one of the largest restructurings of an Irish insurance business in recent years and involved more than one million policyholders.
- Defended an insurance broker in a significant professional indemnity action by Bloxham Stockbrokers alleging under- insurance.
- Advising an insurer in respect of cover under a Financial Institutions policy for multiple misselling claims.
- Acting for Kenmare Resources in the Supreme Court appeal of a €10 million libel award.
- Advised an insurer in relation to coverage of various D&O claims.
- Advised an insurer in relation to coverage of a fidelity claim notified by an Irish head-quartered company under its Commercial Crime Insurance Policy in respect of losses suffered by its US subsidiary as a result of alleged theft and fraud by other parties including former employees.
- Successfully represented excess layer insurers, Chubb and WR Berkley, in declaratory coverage proceedings in the Commercial Court in respect of the Michael Lynn professional indemnity cover.

Accolades

April McClements is recommended.

European Legal 500 2020

April McClements is named a leading individual.

European Legal 500 2020

April McClements is a "*highly efficient lawyer*".

European Legal 500 2020

April McClements "*uses a common-sense approach to solving any issues and is open to finding novel solutions*".

European Legal 500 2019

April McClements has "*very, very good technical knowledge*".

Chambers Europe 2019

April McClements is named a next generation lawyer.

European Legal 500 2019

"*April's technical knowledge and attention to detail is second to none.*"

Chambers Europe 2018

April McClements is recognised in the Influential Women in Re/Insurance Report

Intelligent Insurer 2018

April McClements is "*technically excellent*".

European Legal 500 2018

April "*has been extremely impressive in terms of commercial awareness, legal insight and on the wider elements of individual cases.*"

Chambers Europe 2018

April McClements is recognised in the Influential Women in Re/Insurance Report

Intelligent Insurer 2017

April McClement's "*delivers clear and concise information without any delay.*"

Chambers Europe 2017

April McClement's "*retention of the day-to-day details is remarkable. She can bring things to hand immediately, knows all the details by heart and shows great commitment,*" says one client.

Chambers Europe 2016

April McClements is named a leading individual.

European Legal 500 2016

April McClements is "*a very experienced and professional insurance litigator*".

European Legal 500 2016

April McClements is recommended.

European Legal 500 2015

Education

University College Dublin and Osgoode Hall Law School, Toronto (BCL, International)
Law Society of Ireland, Diploma in Commercial Litigation
Qualified as a solicitor in Ireland
Qualified as a solicitor in England and Wales (non-practising)

Related Practice Areas

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