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Expertise

Brendan is a Partner in the Commercial Litigation and Dispute Resolution Department at Matheson and is a member of the firm's Corporate Restructuring and Insolvency Law Group. Brendan provides specialist advice to financial institutions, creditor groups, NAMA, receivers, examiners and companies on contentious and non-contentious corporate restructuring and insolvency matters.

Brendan is a Council member of the Irish Society of Insolvency Practitioners and is also is a member of INSOL Europe and the American Bankruptcy Institute. Brendan lectures and tutors on insolvency law matters on the professional practice courses of the Incorporated Law Society of Ireland and Chartered Accountants Ireland.

Experience Highlights

- Advising in relation to solvent corporate restructurings, including high profile section 72 capital reductions such as Eaton Corporation plc, Tullow Oil plc and Weatherford International plc and section 201 schemes of arrangement such as Valista Limited and the merger of IAWS Group plc and Hiestand to create Aryzta.
- Advising on numerous cross-border mergers (both in and out of Ireland) under the European Communities (Cross-Border Merger) Regulations 2008 (as amended), examples of which include the merger of Citibank Europe plc with a number of its European sister companies, which was the first cross-border merger into Ireland, and the merger of various Henkel group companies.
- Advising financial institutions in relation to the enforcement of security, recovery of debt and enforcement options (including bankruptcy) with extensive experience in advising in connection with both High Court and commercial court proceedings.
- Advising directors and shareholders of companies on corporate governance and compliance issues and on matters relating to the Director of Corporate Enforcement, restriction proceedings, Section 205 proceedings and shareholder disputes.
- Advising financial institutions and receivers in domestic receiverships, examples of which include B3 Cable Solutions (Ireland) Limited, Goode Concrete, Murrays Rent A Car Limited, WMG Group Limited and Castleknock Golf Club.
- Advising Danske Bank A/S and various receivers in connection with the first ever residential property portfolio sale of over 700 properties.
- Advising in examinerships, both from an examiner's and creditor's perspective, examples of which include Fate Park, Qualceram Shires plc, Linen Supply of Ireland, Blackshore Group, Classic Marketing Limited and Tougher Oil Distributors Limited.
- Advising in liquidations, both from a liquidator's and creditor's perspective, recent examples of which include Buzreel Limited (In Liquidation) which company owned the Buy & Sell brand and advising the liquidators appointed to Newbridge Credit Union Limited (In Liquidation) and Berehaven Credit Union Limited (In Liquidation) in respect of their obligations under the Central Bank and Credit Institutions

(Resolution) Act 2011, which are the only two credit unions to be wound up in Ireland.

Accolades

Brendan Colgan is recommended.

European Legal 500 2020

Brendan Colgan is named a next generation partner.

European Legal 500 2020

Brendan Colgan is "*extremely technically proficient and effective*".

European Legal 500 2020

Brendan Colgan is named 'Highly Regarded'

IFLR1000 2020

Brendan Colgan remains "*calm under pressure*".

European Legal 500 2019

Brendan Colgan is recommended.

European Legal 500 2019

Brendan Colgan is described as being "*technically excellent and commercial*".

Restructuring / Insolvency: Chambers Europe 2019

Brendan Colgan is "*excellent*".

European Legal 500 2018

"*Technically very good and very commercial.*"

Chambers Europe 2018

Brendan Colgan is named a Highly Regarded Individual.

IFLR1000 2018

"*Excellent application of knowledge to deliver practical solutions, and commercially savvy.*"

IFLR1000 2018

Brendan Colgan "*gets behind all parts of the transaction and delivers everything at a high level. No query is too small and he is never out of his depth.*"

Chambers Global & Europe 2016

Brendan Colgan draws high praise from clients for his "*attention to detail, overall grasp of the major issues, and service-driven approach*".

Chambers Global & Europe 2015

Education

National University of Ireland, Galway, B Corp. Law, LLB

Law Society of Ireland

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