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Conor Houlihan has more than 20 years' experience advising on a range of cross-border and domestic financing transactions, including debt capital markets, securitization and structured finance, real estate finance, acquisition and leveraged finance, distressed assets, fund finance and asset finance.

Conor has represented many leading banks and financial institutions, as well as a range of asset managers, funds, private equity investors and other public and private entities.

He has particular experience in the area of non-performing loans (NPLs) and bank deleveraging having advised numerous sellers, buyers, servicers and financiers on the acquisition, financing and management of NPLs in Ireland and elsewhere throughout his career.

Conor heads up DLA Piper's Finance and Projects practice in Ireland.

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

- English

CREDENTIALS

Professional Qualifications

- Solicitor regulated by the Law Society of Ireland
- Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales

Prior Experience

Conor joined DLA Piper in March 2019. Previously, he was a partner and head of the Banking & Capital Markets group at a leading

RELATED SERVICES

- Finance
- Debt Capital Markets
- Debt Finance
- Real Estate Finance
- Structured Finance and Securitization

RELATED SECTORS

- Financial Services
- Real Estate
- Insurance

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

English

Irish law firm, where he worked for more than 20 years, including 2 years based in the firm's Tokyo office.

Recognitions

- "extremely good at getting to the nub of complex issues" (*Chambers Global* 2018)
- "very strong technically and an excellent negotiator" (*Legal 500* 2018)
- "excellent commercially focussed lawyer, accessible and committed to getting the deal done" - (*IFLR 1000* 2018)

Education

- University of Limerick, Ireland, B.A. (Law & European Studies), 1997
- University of Limerick, Ireland, LL.M (European & Comparative Law), 1998

INSIGHTS

Publications

New Irish government supports for SMEs

16 April 2020

On 8 April 2020, the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation, Heather Humphreys TD, announced details of the further package of support measures that her department has put in place for SMEs impacted by COVID-19 bringing the overall support package to EUR1 billion.

COVID-19 - financial services measures in Ireland

31 March 2020

On 12 March, an Taoiseach, Leo Varadkar TD, announced the closure of schools, childcare facilities, colleges, and State-run cultural institutions, and recommended the cancellation of mass gatherings until 29 March.

Prospectus Regulation – A change to Ireland's total consideration threshold

13 February 2020

Regulation (EU) 2017/1129 (the Prospectus Regulation) gave Member States discretion to choose the threshold of total consideration for a public offer of securities below which a prospectus would not be required for offers to the public in that Member State. This is one of a number of exemptions from the obligation to publish a prospectus for public offerings of securities in the EU.

Central Bank of Ireland – focus on wholesale market conduct risk

27 January 2019

On 21 January 2020 the Central Bank of Ireland (CBI) issued an industry communication (Dear CEO Letter) in relation to securities market conduct risk, in which it provides an overview of the key findings from the CBI's 2019 market conduct supervisory work.

Conor regularly comments and provides content on banking and financing issues, including securitisation, non-performing loans, credit servicing, secured financing, security enforcement and related regulatory matters, for industry publications - ICLG, The Banker, Global Capital, Structured Credit Investor (SCI), and Finance Dublin, amongst others.

Events

Previous

COVID-19 and financial services – a European perspective

27 March 2020

Conor regularly presents on banking and finance topics to UK and international audiences, including recently Smith Novak's 2018 NPL Europe Spring Conference, amongst others.

NEWS

Conor Houlihan joins DLA Piper's Finance practice in Dublin

27 MAR 2019

DLA Piper today announces that Conor Houlihan has joined the firm's newly opened Dublin office. Conor will be leading the firm's Finance practice in Ireland.
