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Louise has a broad range of experience across commercial litigation at all levels of the court system and has a particular interest in regulatory and compliance matters. In this area, Louise has advised and represented clients on both contentious and non-contentious matters, with experience in complex claim litigation and regulatory investigation. She has hands on experience in advocacy and in all stages pre and post litigation and investigation.

Louise has developed in-depth experience in the Life Science sector. She has advised international and domestic clients on complex EU and Irish rules on medical products and devices, healthcare services and Covid-19 related issues.

Louise focuses on providing the most straightforward, commercial and strategic advice to clients in order to secure the best result possible.

RELATED SERVICES

- Litigation, Arbitration and Investigations

RELATED SECTORS

- Consumer Goods, Food and Retail
- Financial Services
- Life Sciences

EXPERIENCE

- Six month trainee secondment to the Dispute Resolution team at Clydesdale Bank, now Virgin Money, advising on both issued and threatened actions, relating to fraud, professional negligence, interest rate derivatives, and restructuring issues, both in Scotland and England.
- Advising a leading e-cigarette manufacturer and distributor on the regulatory framework under the Tobacco Products Directive and the relevant advertising controls for entry into the Irish market.
- As part of a multi-jurisdictional review, advising a US medical device manufacturer on the commercialisation, distribution and obsolescence of products under Irish consumer, competition and medical devices regulations.
- Acting on behalf of a global brewer in the first of its kind regulatory investigation in England & Wales; advising on strategy and business continuation while responding to the exercise of significant investigatory powers.
- Providing regulatory and compliance advice on anti-money laundering, anti-bribery and corruption and sanctions position in the Irish market.
- Advising a helicopter manufacturer on a high profile and sensitive Fatal Accident Inquiry involving multiple fatalities.

- Defending a major UK clearing bank on strategic litigation related to the mis-selling of derivative products, the validity of assignment and consequential bankruptcies.

CREDENTIALS

Prior Experience

- Council of Europe, Strasbourg – Legal Assistant 2015 and 2016
- DLA Piper, Edinburgh Office – Trainee Solicitor 2016 – 2018
- DLA Piper, Edinburgh Office – Associate 2018 – 2019

Education

- University of Glasgow, LL.B. (Hons.) with Spanish Legal Studies
- University of Glasgow, Diploma in Legal Practice, 2016

Memberships

- Regulated by Law Society of Scotland

Additional Information

- Notary public in Scotland
- Pro-bono co-ordinator for the Dublin office
- Local lead for Iris (LGBT+ and Allies employee network)
- Member of Leadership Alliance for Women (LAW)

INSIGHTS

Publications

Ireland - Whistleblowing Laws in Europe: An international guide

June 2021

Financial Services Sector – Brexit update: European temporary permissions/reverse solicitation recognition

25 March 2021

The recently concluded Trade Agreement between the EU and the UK, which fails to address trade in financial services in detail, has resulted in regulatory divergence across EU Member States, leading to uncertainty for UK firms providing regulated financial services in the EU before 31 December 2020, when the transition period based on the withdrawal agreement between the EU and the UK came to an end.

Diversity & inclusion in the fs sector: the CBI's expectations

7 January 2021

Diversity & Inclusion has become a key focus of the Central Bank of Ireland (CBI) in recent years. The CBI identified cultural failings within the financial services sector as having contributed to the financial crisis, and were a trigger for the CBI's Tracker

Mortgage Examination. The CBI considers a lack of diversity and inclusion at senior management and board level in organisations to be a leading indicator of elevated behaviour and culture risks.

Ireland - Global bribery offenses guide

1 December 2020

Global bribery offenses guide

4 December 2019

In recent decades, improved standards in the identification and enforcement of international bribery offenses have provided the backdrop to a growing appreciation and management of bribery risk within the business community.

- Ireland: Latest updates on the Schrems saga
- Updated regulations in the Irish Pharma sector
- Ireland: Cannabis Medical Access Programme