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Background and experience

Before relocating to Ireland and joining Ogier in 2022, Matthew started his legal career in one of the "big five" South African law firms in 2003. He then went on to become a director at an international law firm's Johannesburg office. In 2014 he started his own law firm, where he led a team of junior legal professionals to provide legal services to commercial clients.

Matthew has 17 years of experience in advising on a wide range of commercial contracts, shareholding arrangements, private equity transactions and company law.

Recent work includes:

- Assisting a start-up company in respect of the conversion of loan notes issued by it into equity

- Advising the majority shareholder of a privately held company in relation to a restructuring of shareholding involving a subscription for shares by a senior manager
- Advised a branch of a foreign bank in respect of its role as central securities depository participant
- Advised an alcohol distribution company in respect of its takeover of a chain of off-licence premises

Admitted in:

2023 - Ireland, England and Wales

2005 - South Africa

Areas of expertise

Corporate >

ELIS Services in Ireland >

Equity Capital Markets >

Mergers and Acquisitions >

Private Equity >

Restructuring and Insolvency >

Languages

Afrikaans

English

Examples of work

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Ogier's Irish corporate team advises Cantor Fitzgerald's €2.85m investment

in Moby Bikes electric bike scheme

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Team: Sharon Meaney, Chelsey Heaney

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Deal

12 October 2023 | 1 min read

Mergers clearance granted to Thorntons Recycling, advised by Ogier in Ireland, on acquisition of The City Bin Co

Deal

News and insights

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21 November 2023 | 3 min read

New Developments in Corporate Beneficial Ownership – Ireland and the USA

Ryan Duggan

Team: Matthew Van Der Want, Dominic Conlon

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Insight

5 October 2023 | 2 min read

A refresher on the Prospectus Regime and MAR

Ryan Duggan

Team: Aaron Kelly, Sharon Meaney, Lydia Foley, Hugo Mahony, Edon Byrnes, Matthew Van Der Want

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Insight

28 July 2023 | 2 min read

Update on the Screening of Third Country Transactions Bill 2022: potential impact on pending or recently completed transactions

Dominic Conlon

Team: Matthew Van Der Want, Sheila Gallagher

Insight

1 January 2023 | 1 min read

Amendments to Irish competition law – implementation imminent

Edon Byrnes

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Guidance on Early Warning Tools under the EU (Preventative Restructuring) Regulations 2022

Edon Byrnes

Team: Matthew Van Der Want, Lydia Foley

Insight

9 December 2022

Privacy, transparency, money laundering and terrorism: big changes to the Register of Beneficial Ownership

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Recognition

"Matthew Van Der Want was a trusted advisor to a major division of a PLC listed mining and commodities firm listed in the UK. He assisted in a number of areas in our business including commercial, litigation, mining and property law. He has over the years quite remarkably straddled all these

various aspects of our business and has become a trusted and missed advisor to the company."

Client feedback, 2023