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Areas of expertise

Banking Disputes

Corporate and Financial Services Disputes

Crypto Disputes

Dispute Resolution

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Enforcement of Judgments and Awards

Fraud and Asset Tracing

Funds Disputes

Insurance Disputes

International Arbitration

Legal

Restructuring and Insolvency

Shareholder and Valuation Disputes

Background and experience

Stephen advises domestic and international clients in relation to complex disputes. He specialises in managing financial services litigation, advising corporate clients and shareholders in contractual, technology and financial services disputes involving banking, pensions, insurance, funds and debt recovery and enforcement. He also specialises in commercial litigation, insolvency and restructuring, receivership, fraud and asset trading, breaches of fiduciary duty, crypto, cyber and professional negligence.

Work highlights include:

- Advising a German investment bank in its US\$400 million damages claim against entities in the New York Supreme Court
- Advising a German investment bank in its US\$3 billion damages claim against entities in the New York Supreme Court
- Acting for Ireland's largest construction company in its €17 million claim against a property

fund arising from the insolvency of Anglo Irish Bank

- Advising a global pharmaceutical group in capital reduction and company restoration applications
- Advising a director and nominee of shareholders of companies with property assets valued at €160 million in their successful minority oppression action
- Acting for Belgian Plc in its defence of a US\$34 million claim brought by its Irish distributor before the ICC International Court of Arbitration and obtaining a seven-figure sum for costs
- Advising an Irish pharmaceutical group in its examinership initiated by its €15.4 million secured lender
- Advising a corporate client on its breach of warranties claim arising from a €28 million purchase of a nursing home business
- Acting for a Dutch/Spanish Plc in its successful claim for €6 million against a US based technology company in respect of the failed implementation of an enterprise resource planning solution
- Advising an insurance intermediary on the termination of a representative agreement; passporting into Ireland; authorisation in Ireland; the provision of cross-border services; ongoing supervisory issues; compliance obligations; policy wording and the Temporary Run-Off Regime
- Advising an insurance intermediary on regulatory compliance including the Insurance Distribution Regulations and the Consumer Protection Code and Addendum to the Consumer Protection Code; the available exemptions to Ancillary Insurance Intermediaries; passporting within the EU; drafting policy wording and product offerings to ensure compliance and assist in commercial goals
- Advising a lending institution on compliance, due diligence and acceptance and execution of contracts and SME asset finance
- Acting for cyber insurers and insureds in relation to significant cyber and data breaches

Admitted in:

2014 - Ireland

News and insights

Find out more

5 November 2024 | 4 min read

Construction law in Ireland: collateral warranties

Cian O'Gorman

Team: Stephen O'Connor, Sheila Gallagher

Ireland

Insight

30 October 2024 | 4 min read

Dealing with consumer protection investigations from... the Irish CCPC

Stephen O'Connor

Team: James McDermott, Jill Quigley

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19 September 2024 | 2 min read

The Irish Competition and Consumer Protection... Commission (CCPC) publishes its 2023 Annual Report

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Team: James McDermott, Clara Burlacu

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Insight

13 August 2024 | 2 min read

Perspective on the CrowdStrike outage: an update on the... class action lawsuit

Ultán Anderson

Team: Stephen O'Connor, Matthew Shaxson, Richard Sharp, Cathal Keane

Ireland, Jersey, Guernsey

Insight

2 August 2024 | 2 min read

Perspective on the recent CrowdStrike outage: implications... for insurance and cyber resilience

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Ireland, Guernsey, Jersey

Insight

29 July 2024 | 2 min read

Irish Commercial Court holds company director personally... liable for GDPR breach

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27 May 2024 | 3 min read

Countdown to compliance: the IAF and SEAR July 2024... deadline

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Team: Stephen O’Connor, Rachel Devlin, Eoin McAuley

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17 May 2024 | 3 min read

HSE data breach fallout: a new era of collective lawsuits... arising from GDPR breaches?

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Team: Stephen O’Connor, Susan Coyle

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25 March 2024 | 3 min read

Preparing your organisation for the Digital Operational... Resilience Act (DORA) deadline

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Recognition

"Stephen is accessible at all times. He was comprehensive in his explanations and understood our strategy from the beginning. Nothing was an issue for his team and all negotiations carried out were very well structured and professional"

Legal 500, 2022

"We have had the pleasure of working with a variety of the team in particular Larry Fenelon, Ronan McGoldrick and Stephen O Connor. They all stand out as going the extra mile for their clients, taking calls and emails outside of normal business hours and always being available to address any urgent matters"

Legal 500 EMEA, 2023

"He is very practical in the advice he gives and he is a very good communicator. He is very upfront on his fees which are issued monthly. He explained in great detail the best approach to take in a dispute and had a plan of action prepared. He stays in regular touch with me and we work well together."

Legal 500, 2022

"He is always reachable by both phone and email and has an excellent understanding of the client’s needs. Both Ronan and Stephan have worked so hard

for us and we always feel they are a super team together."

Legal 500, 2021

"We have had the pleasure of working with John Hogan, Larry Fenelon, Stephen O'Connor, Ronan McGoldrick and David Heatley and all have been excellent in assisting us when we have required help with various matters including dispute resolution. All have been very approachable, patient and understanding during difficult periods we as a company have experienced over the years. We value their professionalism as well as their openness and friendliness, always making us feel at ease while providing us with workable solutions."

Legal 500, 2021