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

Recent work includes:

- Advised an Irish owner managed testing and monitoring solutions business on the sale of one of its business services divisions to an international trade buyer
- Advising Justtip in relation to investments by Enterprise Ireland and further follow on investments by institutional and private equity investors and advising the company in respect of its general commercial matters
- Advised ACASS on the acquisition of a further interest in Shannon-based private jet charter and jet management service provider, ACASS Ireland
- Advised a private equity backed Irish consumer business on the acquisition of a stake in the business by the management team
- Assisting a start-up company in respect of the conversion of loan notes issued by it into equity
- Advising Thorntons Recycling on its acquisition of City Bin

Admitted in:

2023 - Ireland

2023 - England and Wales

2005 - South Africa

Areas of expertise

Corporate

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

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News and insights

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Ireland to prepare new AML legislation on crypto assets... ahead of December EU deadline

Dominic Conlon

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Call-in powers under the Irish Screening Act

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16 September 2024 | 4 min read

An overview of upcoming changes to Irish company law

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11 July 2024 | 1 min read

Enterprise Ireland (EI) introduces new standard-terms... Convertible Loan Note (CLN) for companies

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New Irish updates to size criteria under the Companies Act... 2014

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Key differences between Ireland and the US in M&A... transactions

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Update on Europe's AI Act: a new regulatory framework for... artificial intelligence

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The evolution of streamlining deed execution for... companies

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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

"I want to acknowledge the monumental effort put in by Matthew and the entire Ogier team. As I said of all our advisers through the transaction, Ogier were head and shoulders above everyone. Thank you all for your professionalism, competence, and hard work in getting this over the line. It was a pleasure working with you."

Client Feedback, 2024