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## Expertise

Christian Donagh is a partner in the Finance and Capital Markets Department at Matheson and is head of the firm's Derivatives, Netting and Collateral Group. Christian's practice focuses on advising asset managers and investment banks doing business in and from Ireland in relation to securitisations, CLOs, fund-linked structured products, repackagings, securities lending and repos. Christian regularly advises Irish corporates and their counterparties in relation to ISDA master agreements and collateral arrangements relating to over-the-counter derivatives transactions such as interest rate and currency linked swaps, caps and collars and on compliance with EMIR. Frequently, the firm provides legal opinions on issues relating to the enforceability of close-out netting provisions and collateral arrangements documented using industry standard or bespoke derivatives, repo and prime brokerage documentation.

Christian qualified as a solicitor with Allen & Overy in 2000 and spent several years in each of its London and Hong Kong offices. Christian joined Matheson in 2006 and became a partner in 2007.

Christian co-chairs the Legal Committee of the Irish Debt Securities Association (IDSA) and is a former chairperson of IDSA. The IDSA is an industry organisation promoting and developing Ireland as a location for activities to support the global securitisation, structured finance, debt securities and specialist securities industries with over 35 corporate members. Christian is also a member of the Rules Committee of Euronext, Dublin.

## Accolades

Christian Donagh is recommended.

**European Legal 500 2020**

Christian Donagh is named a leading individual.

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Christian Donagh is "personable, very responsive and extremely commercial in his advice and approach to issues".

**Capital Markets: Chambers Global 2020**

Christian Donagh is named a 'Market Leader'

## **IFLR1000 2020**

Christian Donagh is recommended.

### **European Legal 500 2019**

Christian Donagh has a strong track record for notes issues and CLO transactions, and also assists with Islamic financing matters. According to one client, he has "*a huge amount of experience and has an exceptional network.*"

### **Capital Markets: Chambers Global 2019**

Recognised for Derivatives

### **Best Lawyers Ireland 2019 edition**

Christian Donagh is "*very easy to work with*".

### **Chambers Global & Europe 2018**

Christian Donagh is named a Market Leader.

### **IFLR1000 2018**

Recognised for Derivatives.

### **Best Lawyers Ireland 2018 edition**

One client reports "*Christian Donagh finds solutions, he is reassuring when things get hectic, and I know I can rely on him*".

### **Chambers Global & Europe 2017**

Christian Donagh is named a Leading Lawyer.

### **IFLR1000 2017**

Clients appreciate Christian Donagh for "*taking the initiative to go further than simply delivering what we ask - he sees other areas he can help in addition to taking the solid approach you would expect*".

### **Chambers Global 2016**

Christian Donagh is named a Leading Lawyer

### **IFLR1000 2016**

Christian Donagh "*is very thorough, proactive and always available to discuss and provide many alternatives. He is passionate about what he does*".

### **Chambers Global & Europe 2015**

Christian Donagh is named a leading lawyer.

### **IFLR1000 2015**

Christian Donagh is described as "*very calm when under pressure, commercial in his attitude but also capable of innovative thinking and delivering vehicles that are complex*".

### **Chambers Global & Europe 2014**

Head of derivatives Christian Donagh is one of the country's top specialists.

### **IFLR1000 2014**

Christian Donagh is lauded as "*a proactive, responsive practitioner who knows our business inside out and provides workable solutions*".

### **Chambers Global 2013**

Christian Donagh is praised for his derivatives work.

### **IFLR1000 2013**

Christian Donagh is recognised as a leading lawyer by **IFLR1000** and **Best Lawyers**.

## Education

Qualified as a solicitor in Ireland

Qualified as a solicitor in Hong Kong (non-practising)

Qualified as a solicitor in England and Wales (non-practising)

University of Hong Kong (PCLL, Postgraduate Certificate of Laws)

University College Dublin (LLM in Commercial Law)

University College Dublin and DePaul University Law School, US (BCL International)

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