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## Expertise

Fergus Bolster is a partner in the firm's Corporate M&A Group, where he focuses primarily on mergers and acquisitions, corporate re-organisations (including corporate re-domiciliation and demerger transactions), financing transactions, securities law and corporate governance matters.

Fergus has represented public and private corporations, institutional, private equity and venture investors, State bodies and investment banks, transacting in a variety of industries and sectors, including, in particular, technology, energy and media. He has extensive experience advising US and other international clients on cross-border acquisitions of Irish companies, both public and private, migrations and capital markets transactions (undertaken domestically and by Irish companies listed on US and other foreign exchanges).

Fergus counsels corporate clients on a broad range of governance and business-related matters, including directors' duties and responsibilities, disclosure obligations and compliance matters. This advice is often provided to boards and individual directors in situations where the satisfaction of their fiduciary duties may be subject to public scrutiny.

## Experience Highlights

Fergus has advised:

- Aon, the global consulting and professional services firm, on its corporate re-domiciliation from the UK to Ireland and the listing of the new Irish holding company, Aon plc, on the NYSE
- Weatherford International plc, the Irish registered, NYSE listed parent of the Weatherford group of companies, on one of the largest and most complex cross-border corporate restructurings of 2019, and the largest in Irish corporate history. In a highly innovative legal structure, the transaction, which involved a \$7.4 billion debt-for-equity swap and refinancing, was implemented through the first ever combined use of the US Chapter 11 bankruptcy process and an Irish examinership restructuring process
- Cimpress on its corporate re-domiciliation from the Netherlands to Ireland and the listing of the new Irish holding company, Cimpress plc, on Nasdaq
- STERIS, a leading provider of infection prevention and other procedural products and services, on its corporate re-domiciliation from the UK to Ireland and the listing of the new Irish holding company, STERIS plc, on the NYSE
- The Irish Strategic Investment Fund, on its investment in the Irish based AMCS Group, the world's leading

- supplier of integrated software and vehicle technology for the resource management, waste collection and recycling industry
- Fidante Capital, as lead manager, on the admission of Yew Grove REIT plc to the AIM market of the London Stock Exchange and the Euronext Growth market of Euronext Dublin and its related €75 million placing of new ordinary shares
  - Zavante Therapeutics on its acquisition by Irish registered, Nasdaq listed, Nabriva Therapeutics plc
  - FireEye, Inc. on its acquisition of Clean Communications Limited
  - The Irish Strategic Investment Fund, the cornerstone investor in Greencoat Renewables plc, on the floatation of Greencoat on the AIM market of the London Stock Exchange and the Euronext Growth market of Euronext Dublin
  - Tullow Oil plc, listed on the London and Ghana Stock Exchanges and Euronext Dublin, on its £607 million rights issue of ordinary shares
  - Weatherford International plc, the Irish registered, NYSE listed parent of the Weatherford group of companies, on over \$5.5 billion in equity, debt and hybrid securities offerings
  - Worldview Capital on its successful hostile takeover of Petroceltic International plc. The Matheson team won the award for Hostile Deal of the Year at the Finance Dublin Deals of the Year 2017, for its lead role on this transaction
  - Electrortoute and its founders on a major new partnership with Mitsubishi Corporation, a deal which has seen Mitsubishi taking a 60% stake in the Irish company. The Matheson team won the award for Small Market M&A Deal of the Year at the Finance Dublin Deals of the Year 2017, for its lead role on this transaction
  - Oculus VR, LLC (a subsidiary of Facebook, Inc.) on the acquisition of Irish based InfiniLED Limited
  - Weatherford, the leading wellbore and production solutions company, on its corporate re-domiciliation from Switzerland to Ireland and the listing of the new Irish holding company, Weatherford International plc, on the NYSE
  - Actavis Inc. (NYSE) on its \$8.5 billion acquisition of Warner Chilcott plc (Nasdaq) and corporate re-domiciliation to Ireland
  - Royalty Pharma on its \$6.5 billion hostile bid for Elan Corporation (NYSE)

## Accolades

Fergus Bolster is recommended.

**European Legal 500 2020**

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Fergus Bolster often acts on deals involving entities from the USA. Sources highlight his knowledge of public company law, and one client appreciates that he is "strategic in his approach, very responsive and gives very clear advice."

**Chambers Global & Europe 2019**

"A very strong corporate team with deep local knowledge. Standout corporate partners include Fergus Bolster..."

**IFLR1000 2019**

"Very responsive and pragmatic."

**IFLR1000 2019**

Leading Lawyer - Highly Regarded for M&A

**IFLR1000 2018, 2019 and 2020**

Leading Lawyer - Highly Regarded for Capital Markets: Equity

## **IFLR1000 2018, 2019 and 2020**

Recommended Capital Markets

### **Legal 500 2019 and 2020**

Recommended Commercial, Corporate & M&A

### **Legal 500 2019 and 2020**

Matheson showcased its strength in the technology sector with the "insightful" Fergus Bolster, advising Oculus VR on its acquisition of InfiniLED

### **Legal 500 2018**

Matheson's "proven track record in advising Irish public companies with US listings was in evidence once again, with Fergus Bolster advising Weatherford International on a \$1bn registered direct offering of ordinary shares and warrants to acquire ordinary shares"

### **Legal 500 2018**

Fergus Bolster is "very good for general corporate advice in Ireland". Clients appreciate his "excellent stewardship".

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

Clients say Fergus Bolster is "responsive, succinct and well informed".

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

Winner - Hostile Deal of the Year -- Worldview Capital on its successful hostile takeover of Petroceltic International plc

### **Finance Dublin Deals of the Year 2017**

Winner - Small Market M&A Deal of the Year - ElectroRoute and its founders on a major new partnership with Mitsubishi Corporation

### **Finance Dublin Deals of the Year 2017**

Fergus Bolster is admired for his "responsiveness and knowledge of Irish law, especially how it relates to international companies".

### **Chambers Global 2016**

Fergus Bolster has particular expertise in handling M&A transactions and corporate governance issues, with a keen focus in cross-border takeovers.

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

Clients consider Fergus Bolster to be a strong choice for technology transactions.

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

Fergus Bolster recently advised on the merger of Realm Energy International with San Leon Energy. He also has particular expertise in advising on takeovers and securities law.

### **Chambers Europe 2013**

Fergus Bolster is highly regarded by market commentators and has a wealth of experience in the corporate sector.

### **Chambers Global 2012**

Fergus Bolster is applauded for his "availability, responsiveness and pragmatic advice".

### **European Legal 500 2012**

Recognised for Venture Capital Law

### **Best Lawyers Ireland 2014 - 2019 editions**

## Education

Fergus earned his Bachelor of Civil Law (B.C.L. (Hons.)) from University College Cork and, before practicing law, interned as a Legal Stagiaire in the Human Rights' Unit of the Irish Department of Foreign Affairs in Dublin.

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