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## Expertise

Julie is a partner in Matheson's Commercial Litigation and Dispute Resolution Department, with over 20 years' experience in financial services, corporate insolvency and restructuring, corporate, shareholder and cross-border disputes. Julie regularly advises on fraud claims, freezing orders, asset recovery and tracing, trust issues, directors' duties and enforcement matters. She has considerable experience in cross-border and domestic restructurings and workouts.

Julie is also a non-executive director of Irish semi-state company, Coillte.

Julie is a strong advocate of alternative dispute resolution, which provides the means to resolve disputes in a cost-effective, time-efficient, confidential and creative manner. She is a council member of the Irish Commercial Mediation Association.

Julie is consistently ranked as one of Ireland's top restructuring and insolvency lawyers by international legal directories. She was a council member of the Irish Society of Insolvency Practitioners from 2011 – 2014, acting as Secretary and as Chair of its Educational Sub-Committee during that period.

Julie is co-author of the Commercial Litigation Association of Ireland's Practitioners' Guide to the Commercial Court in Ireland and of the Law Society of Ireland's Insolvency Law text book. She is a frequent contributor to Irish and international legal publications and is regularly invited to speak at industry conferences.

Year after year, both Julie and her team are consistently ranked as top in their field.

## Experience Highlights

Julie has advised:

- a fund in relation to a claim against an investor and the fund administrator regarding an alleged over-purchaser following a trade request
- an international private equity company against an Irish plc oil company in a cross-border enforcement of a multi-million international arbitration award arising from a shareholder dispute in relation to a gas field in Poland
- a large Italian multinational manufacturer and distributor of electricity and gas in a successful

jurisdictional challenge to the enforcement of an Albanian judgment in Ireland, as part of a broader enforcement strategy (so far France, Luxembourg, Ireland, New York and the Netherlands) on the part of the Albanian applicant. After our success in the Court of Appeal (as well as the High Court), this is now the seminal case on this point.

- Hungarian companies in a cross border dispute with an Irish company related to a tax dispute in respect of work carried out in Denmark and Belgium
- minority shareholders in an Irish company with significant property interests in the UK in an oppression action and related injunctive proceedings restraining the attempted removal of one of the director/shareholders from all executive functions with stg£40m of assets at risk
- a Canadian private equity investor and noteholder in relation to a shareholder dispute with an Irish pharma company
- a joint venture partner in connection with a dispute regarding high profile city-centre development
- majority shareholders and directors of a production company in relation to a shareholder dispute with the founder and minority shareholder
- private equity fund in contesting application for examinership of Druids Glen Golf Club resulting in withdrawal of petition
- an international financial institution in relation to resolving a highly sensitive and contentious matter involving a misselling claim by one of its ex-wealth managers who had invested in a product, and a related defamation claim by the same wealth manager against the bank arising out of a remediation process across a broad portfolio of investments that had been conducted by the bank
- an international financial institution in relation to the successful appeal of a High Court decision regarding the ability of the bank to vary its variable interest rate as it deemed appropriate rather than in line with general market interest rates
- an international franchisor in connection with the resolution of a highly contentious Commercial Court dispute with its master franchisee for Ireland and Northern Ireland, certain directors of the master franchisor as guarantors and certain franchisee companies owned by the said directors
- the shareholder in a wind energy company in connection with a shareholder dispute, opposing the validity of offer and transfer notices, issue of proceedings and ultimate resolution and consensual share sale
- an Irish pillar bank and a receiver in defending claim for misrepresentation, breach of agreement and alleged sale of secured assets at undervalue
- a financial institution in relation to a complex multi-party dispute against two high profile professional service firms, the vendors and the client arising out of the acquisition of two well-known Irish retail companies by the investor plaintiffs
- a shareholder of a family business in connection with a petition for the just and equitable winding up of the company and in connection the ultimate resolution of what was a highly contentious shareholder dispute
- a shareholder in connection with a highly contentious international shareholder dispute regarding a substantial aluminum investment in Russia held through an Irish registered company
- private equity funds in relation to complex and novel litigation arising from and in connection with the sale of loan portfolios by divesting financial institutions to specialty funds and alternative acquiring entities
- a stockbroking firm in its defence of in a highly sensitive case brought against it by one of its customers in respect of a CFD exposure
- the Receiver in his successful defence of proceedings by a disgruntled creditor arising out of a complex restructuring involving a pre-pack receivership

## Accolades

Julie Murphy O'Connor is recommended.

**European Legal 500 2020**

Julie Murphy O'Connor is named 'Highly Regarded'

**IFLR1000 2020**

ILO Client Choice Award Winner: Asset Recovery  
**ILO Client Choice Awards 2020**

Julie Murphy O'Connor is "*energetic and focused*".  
**European Legal 500 2019**

Julie Murphy O'Connor is recommended.  
**European Legal 500 2019**

Julie Murphy O'Connor is described as "*somebody who has a lot of experience and is considered to be a very strong practitioner*".  
**Restructuring / Insolvency: Chambers Europe 2019**

"*Julie Murphy O'Connor and Edward Kane don't just passively take part in a fairly complicated process, but they take full control of it.*"  
**Chambers Europe 2019**

"*Julie is very good, very sharp, practical and responsive.*"  
**Chambers Europe 2018**

"*Julie is the go-to person for insolvency, advisory and contentious work.*"  
**Chambers Europe 2018**

Julie Murphy O'Connor is named a Highly Regarded Individual.  
**IFLR1000 2018**

"*Excellent technical knowledge with consummate client relationship.*"  
**IFLR1000 2018**

Julie Murphy-O'Connor is recommended.  
**European Legal 500 2017**

Julie Murphy-O'Connor has "*in-depth knowledge*".  
**European Legal 500 2017**

Julie Murphy-O'Connor provides "*excellent service and is highly competent in terms of insolvency and litigation advice*".  
**IFLR1000 2017**

Julie Murphy-O'Connor is named a leading lawyer.  
**IFLR1000 2017**

Sources say Julie Murphy-O'Connor "*is extremely efficient and responsive, and really commits to the project at all hours. She makes things easy, finds resolutions and has a great ability to engage.*"  
**Chambers Europe 2016**

Julie Murphy-O'Connor is named a leading lawyer.  
**IFLR1000 2016**

Insolvency and Restructuring expert  
**2015 Women in Business Law**

Julie Murphy-O'Connor is recommended.  
**European Legal 500 2015**

According to clients, Julie Murphy-O'Connor's "key characteristics are how she always looks at a commercial outcome to a problem to ensure that our position can't be weakened, and the speed of her response to our enquiries".

**Chambers Global & Europe 2015**

Julie Murphy-O'Connor is named a leading lawyer.

**IFLR1000 2015**

Insolvency and Restructuring expert

**Who's Who Legal 100 2014**

Insolvency and Restructuring expert

**2014 Women in Business Law**

Julie Murphy-O'Connor is "outstanding".

**European Legal 500 2014**

According to clients, Julie Murphy-O'Connor is "very personable and incisive, and a formidable litigator".

**Chambers Global & Europe 2014**

Julie Murphy-O'Connor is well liked. One client remarked: "Of the new crop of insolvency lawyers, I would say Julie is one of the smartest".

**IFLR1000 2014**

Julie Murphy-O'Connor is a firm favourite with clients, who say: "She always comes back with a quick reply and is client-focused, driven and very commercial".

**Chambers Global 2013**

Julie Murphy-O'Connor, is described as "technically highly proficient yet pragmatic and commercial, which is unusual and a very valuable combination of talents".

**IFLR1000 2013**

Julie Murphy-O'Connor is "decisive".

**European Legal 500 2013**

Julie is also recognised as a leading lawyer in **IFLR1000**.

## Education

Qualified as a solicitor in Ireland  
Academy of Private International Law, the Netherlands  
Leiden University, the Netherlands (Erasmus)  
Trinity College Dublin (LLB)

## Related Practice Areas

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[Corporate Restructuring and Insolvency](#)  
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