



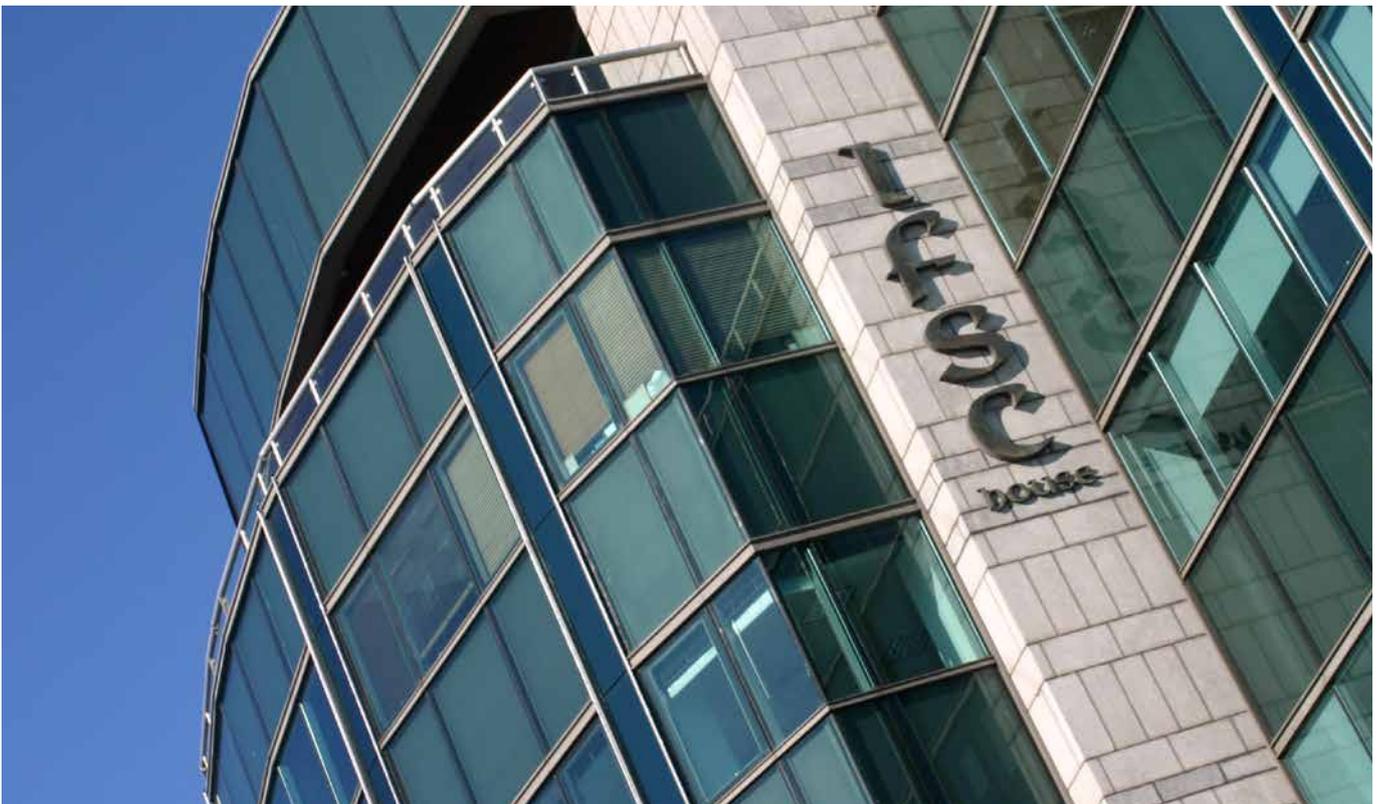
Matheson

## Financial Institutions

“ Matheson sets the standard for service, substance and responsiveness against which I judge other outside counsel ”

Client Choice Award International Law Office

The primary focus of Matheson is to serve the Irish legal needs of international companies and financial institutions doing business in and through Ireland. Our clients include over half of the Fortune 100 companies. We also advise 7 of the top 10 global technology brands and over half of the world's 50 largest banks. We are headquartered in Dublin and also have offices in London, New York and Palo Alto. More than 600 people work across our four offices, including 75 partners and tax principals and over 350 legal and tax professionals.



Financial institutions are operating in a dynamic and rapidly changing environment. As a consequence of the global financial crisis, governments and regulators have become much more proactive with a view to improving oversight and regulation. The operations, structure and location of regulated businesses are continuously being adapted in response to these developments.

At Matheson we believe that your professional advisers should give you a commercial advantage in dealing with these changes. We have worked extensively over many years with a broad range of financial institutions, both domestic and global, including banks, insurers and investment managers. We continually look to use the breadth and depth of our experience to benefit our clients. In our view, dedicated teams with extensive industry sector knowledge offer the best value for clients.

Our Financial Institutions Group unites lawyers with extensive industry experience, corporate transactional experience and regulatory knowledge who are solely focused on financial institutions.

## Transactions

We believe that detailed sector knowledge is essential in providing a high quality transactional service and are involved in executing and advising on all kinds of transactions in the financial services industry – including mergers and acquisitions, strategic investments, joint ventures and reorganisations.

In particular, we have extensive experience of reorganisations done using sector specific legislation, including legislation enacted to address issues in the Irish financial sector arising from the financial crisis.

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## Product development

We advise on the development of new and often innovative products. Our approach involves detailed consideration of product structures in the light of the relevant regulatory and tax environments and suggesting practical alternatives and adjustments where appropriate.

We work closely with our clients throughout the process of developing new products – from initial assessment to introduction to the market. We assist in adapting products to react to changes in the regulatory and commercial environments.



## Regulatory advice

We advise on all aspects of regulation, including:

- obtaining new authorisations;
- dealing with queries from regulators and enforcement issues;
- the management of regulatory capital;
- general advice on the legislation and regulations affecting financial services providers.

We have developed good working relationships with regulators in the Central Bank of Ireland.



## Thought leadership

Thought leadership is particularly important to the Financial Institutions Group as we believe it is as important to shape public policy as it is to advise on it. We regularly make formal and informal submissions to the Central Bank, Department of Finance and other State bodies. Group members regularly write, speak and organise seminars on topics that are important to our clients.

At Matheson the financial services sector is the largest single sector of our practice. The Financial Institutions Group works with many market leading teams including teams in Banking, Asset Management and Investment Funds, Asset Finance, Structured Finance and Derivatives, Tax, Restructuring and Insolvency and Financial Services Litigation.

## What others say about us

This domestic giant is applauded for its formidable corporate practice, which excels in all aspects of the area. International clients are a core source of instructions for the team, which specialises in advising international companies and financial institutions operating in Ireland.

[Chambers Europe 2013](#)

“It really knows the local market and did a good job of anticipating our needs and providing us with practical advice.”

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Matheson’s ‘outstanding’ team is ‘dedicated and efficient’, and ‘certainly one of the best’.

[European Legal 500 2012](#)

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