



Matheson

Pensions

Law Firm of the Year

Irish Pensions Awards 2014



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.



Matheson's pensions practice has unparalleled expertise in the Irish market.

We are consistently chosen to advise on the most significant pensions matters. This includes advising international companies and financial institutions on pensions law matters around mergers and acquisitions, the establishment of occupational pension schemes and employee benefit schemes, the restructuring of schemes, and advising on contentious disputes. We successfully defended the trustees of the Element Six Contributory Pensions Plan in the largest pensions litigation to come before the Irish courts.

The group maintains strong links with pensions related associations. Brian Buggy is a former chairman of the Association of Pension Lawyers in Ireland (APLI) and currently sits on the council of the Irish Association of Pension Funds. Deirdre Cummins has been an APLI committee member for ten years and is currently the APLI's treasurer. Deirdre also sits on the IAPF Defined Contribution Committee. Jane McKeever is a member of the Law Society Pensions Sub-Committee. This ensures that the group is at the forefront of development in the pensions arena.

Our pensions practice has significant experience in advising government departments and policy makers in relation to the drafting of pensions-related legislation. This enables us to provide our clients with a unique insight and perspective into the legislative framework.

Head of the Group, Brian Buggy, was appointed to the Pensions Authority by the Minister for Social and Family Affairs for the period 2000-2005. Brian is the only lawyer from private practice to sit on the Authority. This experience provides a unique degree of insight into the regulatory and legislative process.

Brian is the co-author of the seminal Irish pensions text, (*Irish Pensions Law & Practice*). This is the definitive text on pensions law in Ireland, and has been the reference point for the industry since its publication. This demonstrates the level of expertise and experience held within the Group and our commitment to driving best practice within the industry.

What others say about us

Matheson was highly commended for its innovative work in pensions litigation.

Financial Times Innovative Lawyers 2014

"The team gives advice that is practical, grounded and informed by experience."

Chambers Europe 2014

"The team's advice is very well thought through and gets us where we need to go."

Chambers Europe 2014

Brian Buggy has 'extremely good knowledge of the market'.

European Legal 500 2014

"A common theme that emerges when talking to clients of all Matheson's practices is just how focused the partners are on service."

IFLR1000 2014

"The lawyers give practical, strategic advice and know the right angle to take."

Chambers Europe 2013

Matheson is "fantastic on the detail and at protecting its client".

European Legal 500 2013

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