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Finance and Capital Markets

Matheson's debt practice is "*the envy of the market*".

European Legal 500

Established in 1825 in Dublin, Ireland and with offices in Cork, London, New York, Palo Alto and San Francisco, more than 670 people work across Matheson's six offices, including 86 partners and tax principals and over 440 legal and tax professionals. Matheson services the legal needs of internationally focused companies and financial institutions doing business in and from Ireland. Our clients include over half of the world's 50 largest banks, 7 of the world's 10 largest asset managers, 7 of the top 10 global technology brands and we have advised the majority of the Fortune 100.

Our Finance and Capital Markets Department has enjoyed a pre-eminent reputation in arranging structured finance transactions ever since our involvement in drafting the original securitisation legislation enacted in Ireland and subsequently advising in relation to the first securitisation of international assets through Ireland. Our Finance and Capital Markets Department has an unrivalled depth of resource, knowledge and experience in the Irish market.

Depth and breadth of experience

We advise managers, arrangers, originators, issuers, guarantors and trustees on the securitisation of all types of asset classes, including trade receivables, commercial and residential mortgages, marketplace lending loans, auto receivables and non-performing loans as well as other more esoteric assets. These transactions have been funded publicly through once off bond issues or through medium term note or commercial paper programmes. They have also been funded privately through bespoke lending or other financing arrangements. We also advise on CLO, CDO, NPL, repackaging, Tier 1, marketplace lending, loan origination / direct lending and high yield transactions.

We are market leaders in the structuring of insurance-linked securities and advising on all aspects of the establishment, operation and management of special purpose reinsurance vehicles (SPRVs). Our derivatives lawyers advise Irish investment entities, financial institutions and corporates entering into ISDA master agreements, securities lending and repo transactions and collateral arrangements relating to derivatives transactions. We advise in relation to Irish corporates entering into interest rate and currency OTC swap transactions as well as acting for investment entities entering into credit derivative transactions as part of complex structured finance transactions. Our Listing team offers a seamless service for all listings on the Main Securities Market or Global Exchange Market of Euronext Dublin (formerly the Irish Stock Exchange) and other stock exchanges.

Track record of innovation

We continually operate at the cutting edge of this ever changing field of expertise and often lead the market in putting in place new and innovative structures. This has enabled us to create novel structures to achieve specific regulatory, funding and accounting requirements for our clients. We established the first (and most active) Irish repackaging programme. As a result, our repackaging team has advised on hundreds of repackaging transactions for a large number of different international financial institutions. We advised on the first Prime Collateralised Securities (PCS) deal. We advised on the introduction of numerous new asset classes to securitisation through Irish companies, including: auto receivables, insurance related assets, intellectual property rights, oil receivables, contingent deferred sales commissions, non-conforming mortgages, shipping receivables and private equity investments. We advised on the first European marketplace lending securitisation and regularly advise managers on their debut (or repeat) European CLOs. Given our US presence, our US based clients have consistently found this to be an invaluable resource when executing a diverse range of transactions.

Accolades

- We are consistently ranked as a tier-one debt capital markets law firm by all the leading international legal journals, including Legal 500, IFLR and Chambers.
- Matheson has been ranked Ireland's Most Innovative Law Firm by the Financial Times Innovative Lawyers Report 2017.
- Matheson has been named Irish Transfer Pricing Firm of the Year 2018 and International Firm in the Americas of the Year 2018 by the International Tax Review.

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