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Simmons & Simmons in Ireland



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About us

"a superb global reputation with the presence of experienced Irish partners."

Chambers and Partners

Simmons & Simmons is a leading international law firm with 23 offices throughout Europe, the Middle East and Asia.

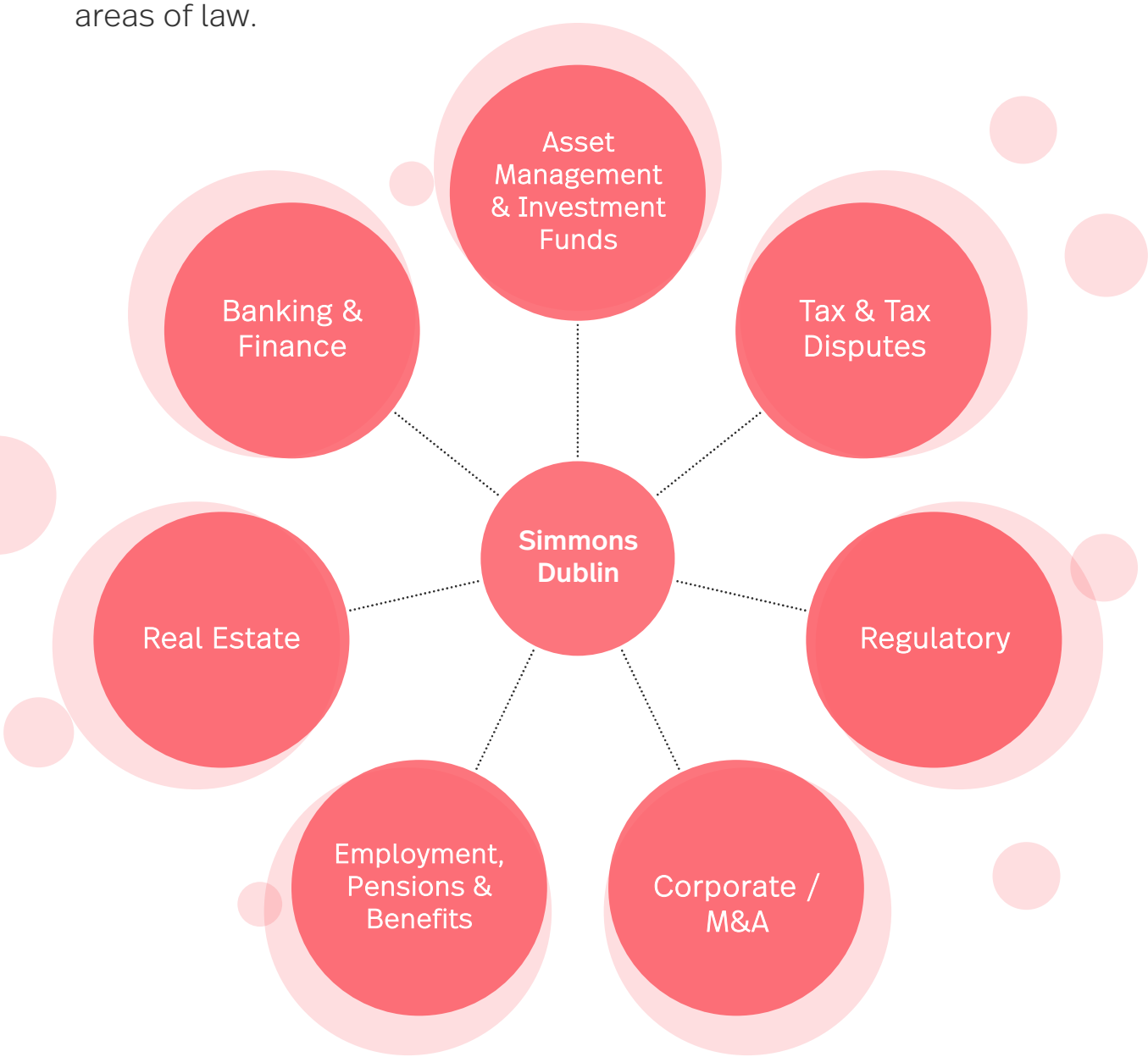
As part of our integrated global offering, Simmons Dublin holds a reputation in the market for the depth and quality of its expertise across the firm's key industry sectors. Our team of expert lawyers offer the firm's international and Irish clients a worldwide legal and regulatory solution, advising on complex local and cross-border mandates.

Our highly specialised Irish team, led by country head Rachel Stanton, are renowned for their wealth of experience in financial transactions. We advise some of the world's largest asset managers and financial institutions on a wide variety of legal issues from multi-jurisdictional transaction work to contentious risk issues.



Core Strengths

Our highly specialised team of renowned and experienced lawyers advise across a variety of areas with a particular focus on the following areas of law.



Collaborative, agile and partner-led

Solution-oriented, pragmatic and commercial advice.

A law firm that challenges, creates new possibilities and offers opinion not just option.

Our Irish capabilities

Asset Management and Investment Funds

Our Asset Management and Investment Funds team advises managers on the establishment of all types of Irish domiciled funds such as UCITS, and AIFs (including master feeder structures), pursuing all strategies, including ETFs, hedge funds, property and infrastructure funds. We work closely with colleagues across our network of offices to provide full legal and regulatory cross jurisdictional support to our clients. We also advise on the establishment of Irish UCITS management companies and AIFMs, as well as other fund service providers such as fund administrators and depositaries.

Banking

Our Banking team advises international banks, corporates, real estate owners, investors and developers, funds, mezzanine and alternative lenders, insurance lenders, issuers and arrangers. We have a proven track record of executing complex, high profile and innovative cross-border financing transactions across all sectors. We offer a premium service in fund finance, real estate finance, secured and unsecured lending transactions, senior and mezzanine debt structures, leveraged acquisition finance, syndicated loans, loan sale transactions, debt restructuring, debt capital markets and securitisations.

Corporate

Our Corporate and M&A team advise Irish and international clients on M&A, private equity transactions, venture capital investments, joint ventures, corporate restructurings and corporate governance matters across the firms key sectors with a particular focus on financial services, healthcare & life sciences, infrastructure and TMT. Working closely with our international network, our corporate team provides partner-led and commercially focused advice to some of the largest businesses and institutional investors active in Ireland.

Debt Capital Markets

Our Debt Capital Markets team advises on high-end issuer-side work for large corporates handling underwriter work for major investment banks at every stage of debt transactions. We advise on a diverse work portfolio, including corporate bonds, convertible bonds, private placements, Euro Commercial Paper Programmes, regulatory capital transactions, MTN programmes, Eurobond issues, project bonds, green bonds, liability management transactions and structured retail debt issues. We also have the capability of advising on transactions involving complex aspects of US securities law.

Financial Services Regulatory

Our Financial Services Regulatory team acts for a wide variety of sell-side investment banks and buy-side asset managers, advising on domestic and cross-border financial regulatory issues, including AIFMD, EMIR and MiFID. As well as covering all aspects of regulatory compliance, we advise at the highest levels on strategic regulatory issues relating to, for example, outsourcing, ESG and the senior manager regime. Given the nature of our client base our advice is often multi-jurisdictional.

Our capabilities contd.

Real Estate

Our Real Estate team has extensive experience acting for some of the world's leading property organisations on complex, multi-disciplinary transactions both in Ireland and across borders. Our Irish team advises lenders, substantial investors, pension funds, property funds, borrowers, developers, landlords and occupiers on a comprehensive range of legal services across all real estate sectors and asset classes, such as hotels, offices, data centres, student accommodation, nursing homes and retail.

Structured Finance

Our Structured Finance team advises arrangers, lenders, borrowers, note issuers, originators, servicers and trustees on domestic and cross-border securitisations and other asset-backed financings. Our advices include residential mortgage-backed securitisation, securitisation of consumer assets, commercial real estate finance acquisition/disposal of receivables portfolios, warehousing and limited recourse asset-backed financings, Covered bonds and trade receivable and trade payable financings (supply chain finance).

Tax

Our tax team advise clients across all our key sectors, Financial Institutions, Asset Management and Investment Funds, TMT and Healthcare and Life Sciences. We work seamlessly with all our departments in Dublin as well as being an integral part of our international tax team, assisting our clients with their international expansion and operations. Our lawyers are experts in all aspects of taxation law and work as part of a multi-disciplinary team of lawyers, accountants and economists to create the optimal solution.

Employment

Our Employment team is renowned for its wide range of expertise. Through our global network, we deliver cutting-edge legal advice. We're one of the few global law firms to offer a truly integrated employment practice and we're known for our strong ability to bring a proactive approach to employment law matters. We've advised international and high-profile organisations from investment banks, asset managers and hedge funds, to pharmaceutical companies and major media organisations. We advise on high-profile and sensitive cross border projects and disputes, strategic remuneration regulation, whistleblowing claims and more.

Company Secretarial

Our Company Secretarial team provide specific expertise with respect to supporting the management and running of a company at any stage. As a dedicated team of experts in all areas of corporate structure, we assist companies of all types and sizes, to fulfil their statutory obligations efficiently.

Simmons Wavelength

Simmons Wavelength were the first regulated legal engineering business in the World – formed in 2016 and acquired by the firm in 2019. Wavelength is part of Simmons & Simmons Solutions, which also houses the firm's eDiscovery solutions, flexible resourcing (Adaptive), product development and management (New Business), service optimisation and legal project management (Service Excellence) teams, digital products and productised services.



Solutions provides the access needed by our clients and practice groups to the capabilities, skillsets and technology that allow us to build truly differentiated offerings and solve our clients most complex problems.

Our Legal Engineers operate at the intersection of technology, law, and design, often bridging the gap between lawyers and tech and applying learnings from outside the legal profession to create innovative solutions to legal problems.

Delivering cutting edge solutions to the legal sector.

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