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Background

Emma joined Carson McDowell in 2016 and is a solicitor in the corporate team.

Emma studied and obtained her undergraduate degree in Law with French from the Queens University, Belfast. During this time Emma spent a year studying French law at Jean Moulin University Lyon III in Lyon, France where she obtained her Diplôme d'Etudes Universitaires Françaises.

Emma qualified as a solicitor in 2012, having studied at the Institute of Professional Legal Studies where she obtained a Postgraduate Diploma with commendation in Professional Legal Studies.

Having trained in private practice, Emma worked as an in-house lawyer in Allen & Overy in Belfast before joining Carson McDowell.

As part of the firm's corporate department, she advises on mergers & acquisitions, corporate restructurings, commercial contracts and corporate governance issues across a variety of business sectors as well as drafting key and ancillary corporate documents to assist companies comply with their legal obligations. Emma also advises on Warranty and Indemnity insurance in corporate transactions.

Emma is a member of both the Northern Ireland Young Solicitors Association and the European Young Bar Association.

Emma also acts as mentor to Carson McDowell's trainee solicitors who are completing their corporate seat.

Experience

Emma's experience includes the following:

Corporate Transactions



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- Assisted in advising Prestige Insurance Holdings Limited in relation to a multi-million pound investment by Capital Z.
- Advising Kilwaughter Minerals Limited in its acquisition of the business and assets of Alumasc Facades from the Alumasc Group plc.
- Assisted in advising SHS Group Limited on the legal aspects of its acquisition of a majority shareholding in 3V Natural Foods Limited.
- Assisted in advising SHS Group Limited on the legal aspects of its acquisition of international ignition supplier Standard Brands (UK).
- Assisted in the legal due diligence and disclosure processes and assisted in providing advice to the shareholders of Lagan Group (Holdings) Limited on the sale of the group to Breedon Holdings (Jersey) Limited, part of Breedon Group Plc.

General corporate and commercial experience

- Drafting and negotiating corporate documentation including shareholders' agreements and articles of association.
- Advising clients on a range of company law matters including rights issues, reduction of share capital and company purchase of own shares.
- Drafting key and ancillary corporate documents to assist companies comply with their legal obligations.
- Advice in relation to the application of the Companies (Cross-Border Mergers) Regulations 2007 in Northern Ireland.
- Advising clients on and placing policies of Warranty and Indemnity Insurance in corporate transactions.
- Review and advice on commercial contracts.