



## Mary-Kim Doherty

### Partner



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### Background

Mary-Kim Doherty attained a degree in law (LLB Honours) from Queens University in 2002 and joined Carson McDowell LLP that year as an apprentice whilst obtaining professional qualification at the Institute of Professional Legal Studies of Queens University. In 2017 Mary-Kim became partner in the Real Estate Team.

Mary-Kim has experience in all areas of Real Estate including, site assembly and disposal, landlord and tenant law, land law disputes, rates appeals, refinance and compulsory acquisition. Mary-Kim acts for many retailers, private developers and has advised public and quasi-public bodies.

### Experience

#### Site Assembly and Disposal

Mary-Kim has acted for many developers in site assembly and disposal involving residential sites, hotels, student accommodation schemes, supermarket superstores and mixed used developments. Recent transactions include as follows;

- Acting on behalf of CDE in the acquisition of 300,000 square feet Caterpillar manufacturing plant in Monkstown for an undisclosed sum;
- Acting on behalf of McAleer & Rushe in the sale and development of a £21million Maldron Hotel in Belfast;
- Acting on behalf of McAleer & Rushe in the £72million development agreement with Queens University Belfast to deliver 1200 student bedrooms on over two Belfast City Centre sites;
- Advising Saint Gobain Building Distribution Limited on the property aspects involved in a number of transactions including the acquisition of H&T Bellas and Clady Plumbing Supplies Limited;
- Advising River Ridge Recycling Limited on the property aspects involved in a number of acquisitions including the operations of SUEZ and NWP.

### Landlord and Tenant

Mary-Kim acts on behalf of many high street retailers including B&M, Trespass, C&J Clark, Sports Direct & Heatons and landlords including Threadneedle in the grant of leases and associated documentation. She provides advices on landlord and tenant queries arising including giving advice in respect of The Business Tenancies (Northern Ireland) Order 1996. Recent transactions include;

- Acting on behalf of Threadneedle at Faustina Retail Park, Londonderry and Clondeboye Retail Park, Bangor;
- Acting on behalf of Threadneedle in the grant of leases in Clondeboye Retail Park, Bangor.
- Acting on behalf of B&M Retail Limited, Sports Direct/Heatons Shopping Centres, Trespass Europe Limited, C&J Clark and Patisserie Valerie in documenting lease agreements throughout a number of prominent retail parks throughout Northern Ireland.

### Banking support

Mary-Kim has recently provided advices to Investec plc in securing funding over two high value student accommodation schemes in Belfast City Centre.

### General Property law advices

On a day to day basis Mary-Kim provides advices on general property matters, title reviews and the property matters appertaining to corporate transactions. Recent transactions include;

- Providing advices to Malmaison and Hotel Du Vin Property Holdings Limited in respect of Belfast Malmaison hotel;
- Providing advices to Dobbies in respect of their garden centre site at Saintfield, County Down;
- Advising Lynns Country Foods on various aspects including acquisition & financing.