



Niall Hargan

Associate



Areas of Law: Real Estate, Landlord & Tenant, Licensing, Site Assembly, Acquisition & Disposal, Betting and Gaming, Telecommunications, Education, Energy & Natural Resources, Residential Conveyancing.

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Background

Niall graduated from Queen's University, Belfast in 2006 with LLB 2.1 (Hons) in Common and Civil Law with Hispanic Studies. As part of his degree he spent a year studying Spanish and European Law at the University of Salamanca. He obtained his professional qualification at the Institute of Professional Legal Studies at Queen's University, Belfast where he represented Northern Ireland at the World Final of the Louis M. Brown International Client Counselling Competition held at the National Law School of India University, Bangalore. The Northern Irish team claimed first prize in the competition. Niall was also presented with the IPLS Owen Catchpole prize for Solicitor Advocacy.

In November 2011, Niall received the Junior Solicitor of the Year Award (3 – 8 years PQE) from The Law Society of Northern Ireland. He is a member of the Belfast Solicitors' Association.

He advises clients on all aspects of Commercial Property law including acquisitions and disposals and the law of Landlord and Tenant, specialising in licensed premises. Niall also offers advises on the Licensing, Betting and Gaming laws of Northern Ireland.

Niall speaks Spanish, French and Irish. He is a member of the Cumann Chluain Árd.

Retail / Food and Drink

Niall works for a large number of retail clients with particular reference on those requiring Licensing law advices (mainly bars, clubs, off-licences, hotels and restaurants). He manages the extensive Northern Ireland property portfolio of McDonald's Restaurants Limited and acts for one of the United Kingdom's largest video game retailers. He advises the Funky Monkey Group of leisure companies to include the Air-Tastic and Captain Green's brands.

Health and Education

Niall currently manages the property portfolio of Stranmillis University College and acts for Ulster University. In the past he assisted Rosemary Carson with the management of Queen's University, Belfast's vast property holding. He also acts for a number of GP practices and Oasis Dental Care and Dignity Funeral homes.

Property and Licensing Support

He also provides property and licensing due diligence support to the firm's corporate, banking and defence litigation departments. Niall is also the "go-to" solicitor in Northern Ireland for a number of lawyers practising in England, Wales, Scotland and the Republic of Ireland, where projects have a Northern Irish property or licensing dimension.