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Background

Sinead joined the firm in 2013 as a Partner in the Banking and Finance team. She graduated with a degree in law (LLB Honours) from Queen's University, Belfast in 1994 before continuing her professional studies at the Institute of Professional Legal Studies. She qualified as a solicitor in 1996 and has spent the intervening years as a banking and finance lawyer most recently as a partner in an international law firm.

Sinead advises a wide range of banks, borrowers and financial institutions on acquisition finance, real estate finance, general corporate lending, project finance and restructuring.

Sinead has for a number of years been recognised in Legal 500 and Chambers Independent Guide to the UK Legal Profession as a "leader in her field". She is described in Chambers UK 2014 as "first class" and is commended for her "well pitched, commercial and pragmatic advice backed by technical knowledge".

Significant recent experience

- Advising Bank of Ireland in connection with its participation in a complex credit facility to a leading independent all Ireland energy utility
- Advising Barclays Bank on facilities in excess of £200m made available to housing associations within the social housing sector in Northern Ireland
- Advising a NI bank in connection with the solvent restructuring and re-organisation of facilities provided to a major NI construction group. This included advising the bank on all aspects of the restructuring, including divesting businesses, restructuring bank facilities, taking security.
- Advising Irish Bank Resolution Corporation (formerly Anglo Irish Bank) in connection with the appointment of receivers to the Jermon group and advising the receivers Keenan Corporate Finance on the subsequent disposal of properties
- Advising various central banks on NI aspects of framework documentation for mortgage backed promissory schemes and funding for lending schemes

- Advising Ulster Bank in connection with funding the purchase by Kevin Lagan of Welsh Slate, one of the leading manufacturers of high quality roofing slate roof in the world
- Advising Ulster Bank in connection with facilities provided to the leading timber products manufacturer Balcas Group including funding the pioneering Invergordon Combined Heat & Power plant
- Advising a major NI corporate in connection with facilities provided by a NI bank in excess of £90m including advising on facility documents, security and co-coordinating advice from various overseas advisers
- Advising Danske Bank in connection with acquisition facilities provided to Ballyvesey Holdings in relation to the purchase of Morgan Elliott and Midlands Truck & Van