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Background

Gavin graduated with a distinction in his Masters in Legal Science from Queen's University, Belfast in 2009 and obtained his professional qualification from the Institute of Professional Legal Studies, Queen's University, Belfast in 2011.

Gavin trained and practised as a solicitor at another global law firm before joining Carson McDowell in September 2014. Gavin practices in the firm's Construction and Engineering Team and is involved in all aspects of non-contentious contract drafting and negotiating, as well as contentious construction disputes involving adjudications, arbitrations and litigation in the High Court.

Experience

- Acting for a major supermarket in advising and negotiating the terms of contracts (based on JCT D & B and NEC3 ECC) for new warehouse facilities in England, including negotiating the terms of various consultant appointments and associated collateral warranties;
- Advising a local education authority in respect of design and build contracts for works and repairs to various schools and youth clubs across Northern Ireland;
- Acting for a local English council in drafting and negotiating a wide variety of commercial and construction contracts for the procurement of building works and services as well as drafting and reviewing ancillary documentation such as forms of bond, guarantees and forms of warranty. Forms of contract used included the JCT suite of documents, NEC3, PfS and other bespoke terms and conditions.

- Advising a large utility provider on the drafting and content of contracts (based on NEC3 forms of contract) on a number of procurements relating to the redevelopment of its headquarters;
- Advising an investment group on the construction aspects of a contractual review in respect of the proposed purchase of a wind-farm portfolio;
- Acted for major UK contractor in providing review of framework agreements and call-off contracts that the contractor was tendering for; and
- Reviewed sub-contract terms and conditions of a major Northern Ireland based contractor for compliance with new legislative provisions.