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Areas of Law: Real Estate, Energy & Renewables

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Background

Stuart is an Assistant Solicitor in the Real Estate Team at Carson McDowell LLP having joined the firm in March 2015.

He attained a degree in law (LLB Honours) at the Queen's University, Belfast in 2008 before continuing his studies at the Institute of Professional Legal Studies and was admitted to the Roll of Solicitors in Northern Ireland in 2010. He has since practised exclusively in the area of Real Estate and was formerly an Associate in an international law practice.

Stuart advises corporate, individual and institutional developers and investors on all property aspects of commercial transactions and renewable developments in Northern Ireland, including the negotiation of initial land documentation and the acquisition, disposal and ongoing management of large real estate portfolios involving both commercial and residential properties.

Stuart has considerable experience in the renewable property market in Northern Ireland, having acted on a wide range of solar, wind, anaerobic digestion, hydro-electric and shale gas developments over the past number of years. He works closely with Dawson McConkey and Emma Cooper.

Experience

(i) Commercial Property

- Advised the Department for Social Development in connection with the regeneration of its designated area including advising on the leasing of commercial property and various licensing matters;

- Advised a local Council on the licensing and disposal of various commercial properties in their district as well as the development of strategic sites in major towns within that Council area;
- Advised Bord Gais Eireann on the negotiation and completion of Deeds of Easement with various landowners in respect of natural gas infrastructure throughout Northern Ireland, the purchase of associated sites and rectification of title issues;
- Advised the Quinn Group on all aspects of its Northern Ireland property portfolio, including title issues, boundary disputes and rectifications, agricultural tenancies and planning permission for various proposed developments;
- Advised Readymix plc on the disposal of the entire property portfolio in the Cemex (NI) Group to CRH plc, after having advised the company for a number of years on the management of a property portfolio including more than 30 sites.

(ii) Energy and Renewables

- Advises RES UK & Ireland Limited in obtaining Option Agreements, Leases and Easements as well as exercising their rights to construct a number of wind farm development projects in Northern Ireland;
- Advised the Island Renewable Group on obtaining property rights from landowners in connection with the development of on-shore wind farm projects with a combined development potential of more than 108 MW;
- Acted for the owners of both commercial and residential property in Northern Ireland on leasing arrangements regarding the installation of solar powered photovoltaic electricity systems;
- Currently advising Kingspan Energy Limited in relation to the development and installation of solar powered photovoltaic electricity systems on a portfolio of commercial properties in Northern Ireland;
- Advises a number of solar PV developers on the form of documentation to be used for both ground mounted and roof mounted installations on commercial and residential property in Northern Ireland;
- Acted for a collective group of five landowners in the negotiation of individual lease agreements involving a 13.8 megawatt wind power project at Carn Hill, Newtownabbey developed and commissioned by Gaelectric;

- Advised a number of estate owners as to how to protect their legal ownership rights under historical estates as well as advising on renewable energy initiatives in developing their property for commercial benefit; and
- Advised an Irish PLC in the acquisition and financing of a large portfolio of 250kW wind assets in all counties in Northern Ireland.