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Background

Rachel is a solicitor in the Corporate team at Carson McDowell. Rachel graduated from Newcastle University with a degree in Law (LLB Hons) in 2009 before completing a Masters in Advanced Legal Practice and attaining a Distinction in her Legal Practice Course from Northumbria University in 2011. Rachel trained as a solicitor with Herbert Smith Freehills, working in both Belfast and London and qualifying in March 2014. Rachel is qualified to practise in England and Wales and in Northern Ireland, and she joined Carson McDowell in September 2015.

Rachel is involved in assisting on a variety of corporate transactions including the acquisition and disposal of companies and joint venture and shareholder arrangements. Rachel also provides advice and assistance to companies on a range of governance and compliance issues.

Experience

Rachel's experience includes the following:

- Led the legal due diligence and disclosure processes and assisted in providing advice to the shareholders of Lagan Group (Holdings) Limited on the sale of the group to Breedon Holdings (Jersey) Limited, part of Breedon Group Plc, a transaction worth in excess of £400 million.
- Advised Saint-Gobain Building Distribution Limited in its acquisition of V P Jebb Ltd., a plumbers' merchant business, as part of its Bassetts network.
- Assisted in advising SHS Group Limited on the legal aspects of its acquisitions of Nuva Water, Standard Brands and 3V Natural Foods.
- Assisted in advising River Ridge Recycling in the disposal of its confidential waste shredding business to Irish company, Agnail Limited.
- Led the legal due diligence and disclosure processes and assisted in providing advice to the shareholders of Connected Health Limited in the company's acquisition of an Irish domiciliary care business.

- Provided advice to Saint-Gobain Building Distribution on its acquisitions of Clady Plumbing Supplies and H. & T. Bellas, including co-ordinating the legal due diligence processes.
- Assisted in providing advice to the shareholders of Chain Reaction Cycles, the global online retailer of bicycle components and accessories, on its merger with fellow online retailer, Wiggle, following clearance by the UK Competition and Markets Authority.
- Assisted with the legal aspects of the sale of Cloghan Point oil terminal to LCC Group by AES.
- Led the disclosure process and assisted generally with the legal aspects of the sale of F.R. Cathcart builders' merchants business to Murdock Builders Merchants.
- Led the due diligence and disclosure processes and assisted with the legal aspects of the sale by Hi-Life Group Limited of Hi-Life Diners Club to The Dining Club Group, a company backed by Bridgepoint Development Capital.
- Assisted in providing advice to Genie UK Limited, part of the Terex Group, in its acquisition of Independent Parts & Service Limited, a provider of equipment and support services to owners and operators of powered access platforms.
- Assisted in providing advice to River Ridge Recycling in its acquisition of the business of Wastebeater Belfast.
- Drafting key and ancillary corporate documents to assist companies comply with their legal obligations.
- Drafting and negotiating non-disclosure agreements for clients seeking to share confidential information, business plans etc. or to investigate possible transactions.
- Drafting and negotiating shareholders' agreements and articles of association.

Information Law Team

Rachel is a member of the firm's Information Law Team which seeks to provide practical advice to and training for clients in relation to GDPR.