



Cathy Colton

Partner



Areas of Law: Liquor Licensing, Betting and Gaming licensing, Commercial Property and Real Estate

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Background:

Cathy qualified through Queen's University Belfast and the Institute of Professional Legal Studies and has worked in private practice since qualifying in 1984.

Cathy joined the Real Estate Team at Carson McDowell as a Partner in 2015 and heads up the Licensing sub-team within the Department. She enjoys an extensive client base in both the retail and business sectors at the forefront of Liquor Licensing in NI for the past fifteen years. She is recognised as being a leading player in this niche area of practice.

Her clients describe her as "very knowledgeable and timely" in her advices and they appreciate "her ability to deal with this complex area of law whilst offering practical and commercially viable solutions".

Cathy also practices widely in the field of Betting and Gaming Licensing representing a range of clients in all applications relating to this area.

She has experience in Pharmacy Licensing and has advised and acted widely in this field.

Experience:

Commercial Property and Real Estate:

- Advising in all areas of Commercial Property including the acquisition and disposal of retail sites and premises, businesses and liquor licences across a range of business sectors.
- Advising private clients in the acquisition of premises and businesses such as medical practices, dental practices and pharmacy businesses.

Liquor Licensing

- Successfully applying for Retail off sales for a very substantial number of Retailers across NI who trade under the names of Centra, Supervalu, Spar, Eurospar, Mace, Costcutters, Nisa and other independent retailers.
- Representing leading wholesale suppliers in applications for off sales and also strategically objecting to rival applications where appropriate.
- Advising in applications which have been ground breaking in setting legal precedent in the field of liquor licensing.

- Assisting the Law Society of Northern Ireland in the establishment of a database documenting the leading case law and decisions in this field over the last ten years.
- Delivering seminars to retail groups in this area and assisting in strategic planning for applications.
- Representing owners of Bars, Clubs and other licensed premises both in acquisition, disposal and all other applications relating to their liquor licence and premises.

Betting and Gaming:

- Representing multi-site operators in all applications relating to this field, including Bingo Licences, Amusement Permits, Bookmaking Club Licences and Lotteries.
- Advising on all published Papers addressing the current and proposed future of Gaming regulation in Northern Ireland.