

Biography



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Expertise

Litigation & Insolvency, Trusts & private client litigation

John McCarroll SC is a member of our British Virgin Islands Litigation & Insolvency team. Before joining us in 2018, John practised at the Chancery Bar in England and Wales (from 1988 to 2002) and the Bar of Ireland (2002-2018) working in commercial and chancery matters with a particular emphasis on company law, trusts, regulatory, insolvency, receivership and financial services. He took silk in Ireland in 2013. He has 30 years of experience of appearing in the superior courts.

John was a member of the Irish Central Bank's senior panel and is a member of the Chancery Bar Association and the Commercial Litigation Association of Ireland.

Experience

High profile cases include:

- Acting for a plc and a director and a subsidiary company in a civil insider dealing claim brought by the issuer of the shares (High Court, Supreme Court and subsequent company inspection).
- Acting for a plc minority shareholder in one of Ireland's largest private companies in an oppression claim (High Court, Court of Appeal and Supreme court).
- Acting for the Director of Corporate Enforcement in seeking disqualification orders against directors and officers of licensed bank following a report of company inspectors into serious malpractice at the bank (High Court and Supreme Court).
- Acting for a minority shareholder seeking relief from the "squeeze out" provisions under the Companies Acts (High Court and Supreme Court).
- Acting for two shareholders of a bank challenging, as infringing shareholder second directive rights, the actions of the Minister for Finance in recapitalising the bank thereby substantially diluting the holding of existing shareholders, under emergency powers following the financial crash of 2008 (Court of Appeal).
- Acting for the State and the Minister for Finance in defending a claim concerning the interpretation and constitutionality of the Irish Central Bank Act and the Regulations made under it.

Recommendations

- Legal 500, 2019 and 2024:** John is recognised in the British Virgin Islands Dispute Resolution rankings. A source said he is "one of the if not the leading silk. Great to work with. Insightful, strategic, smart. All around advocate and litigator" (2024 guide).

Bar Admissions

- Northern Ireland 2002
- Ireland 1994
- England and Wales 1988

Education

- Trinity College Dublin (LLB) 1987

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