

Biography



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Expertise

Litigation & Insolvency, Restructuring

John O'Driscoll leads our Litigation, Insolvency & Restructuring practice in London.

John advises creditors, debtors, private equity funds, hedge funds, and other stakeholders on BVI and Cayman Islands law. He frequently advises on matters relating to crypto-currency, NFTs, and digital assets. He has significant experience in cross border litigation matters involving the United Kingdom, Europe, India, Kazakhstan, the Middle East, Africa, and South America.

Before joining Harneys, John led the Insolvency and Dispute Resolution practice at another leading offshore law firm in London for 10 years.

John is a co-founder of RAIIDAR International and is on the editorial board of International Corporate Rescue.

Memberships include:

- The American Bankruptcy Institute
- INSOL International
- RAIIDAR International

Experience

- Advising on aspects of the high profile crypto liquidation, Three Arrows Capital
- Advising a board of directors of a shopping centre in the INTU portfolio
- Advising on a multi-jurisdictional default in relation to bonds worth over euro 300 million and the movement of assets beyond the reach of creditors
- Acting as BVI counsel for the joint liquidators on the restructuring of a high value multi-national shipping group
- Acting for the shareholders of the Washington Special Opportunity Fund in highly contested winding up proceedings in the Cayman Islands
- Advising the liquidators of an international hotels and resorts group across 17 different jurisdictions

- Advising on a shareholder dispute litigated by way of a BVI arbitration
- Acting for a US bank on the winding up of two Cayman funds
- Advising on the high profile restructuring of General Healthcare Group, UK's largest private hospital group, which includes 35 hospitals and debt of circa £2.1 billion
- Advising on two complex and contentious European bank insolvencies with interests in the Cayman Islands

Recommendations

- **Who's Who Legal, 2021, 2022, 2023:** John is recognised as a global leader & a thought leader in the Restructuring & Insolvency guide.
- **Legal 500, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023:** John is recognised as a "leading lawyer".
- **Chambers and Partners 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023:** Clients say John is "very bright, switched-on, commercial, and user-friendly" and is "very well networked, good on strategy, commercial, and pragmatic."

Bar Admissions

- British Virgin Islands 2013
- Cayman Islands 2012
- England & Wales 2008
- Ireland 2005
- New York 2005

Education

- Trinity College (LLB) 2000

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