



## John McMahon Managing Director (NI)

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## Overview

John is a solicitor qualified to practise in three jurisdictions: Northern Ireland, England and Wales and the Republic of Ireland. John is also admitted as a Barrister and an Attorney in Bermuda. With particular expertise in corporate, commercial and intellectual property matters, his career has included a number of years spent in private practice as well as in-house. John also has a particular interest in advising clients in the property, energy, retail, hospitality, sport and general contracting industries.

## Expertise

- Corporate law
- Commercial law
- Mergers and acquisitions
- Private equity
- Intellectual property

## Cases

- Acted in the acquisition of a £180m distressed property development debt from Ulster Bank Limited
- Acted in the £90m refinance of Kilmona Group
- Acted in the acquisition of £90m of debt from Cerberus Capital Management owned spv for Rhino Investment Management LLP
- Acted in the £34m acquisition of the business and assets of Straben Developments Limited for Straben Limited
- Acted in the acquisition of Warner Chilcott plc for \$3.1bn in December 2003
- Acted in the acquisition of a portfolio of commercial buildings in Belfast city centre for Kilmona Group
- Advised on a new £100m health hub to be located at Kings Hall Belfast
- Advised Galgorm Castle Golf Club on the hosting of a European PGA Challenge Tour event - the NI Open
- Advised on the sale of the entire issued share capital of Belfast Distillery Limited to a US-based purchaser
- Advised the estate of the late George Best on the protection and exploitation of its intellectual property including

the registration of George Best trade marks and negotiated a commercial exploitation agreement with IMG

## Recognition

Recognised by the Legal 500 2018 for Northern Ireland: Corporate and Commercial and Northern Ireland: Commercial Property

John McMahon is recognised by the Legal 500 2017.

## Career

<b>2017</b>	<b>Keystone Law (NI)</b>   Managing Director
<b>2016-2017</b>	<b>McMahon McKay</b>   Director/Principal
<b>2007-2015</b>	<b>Johnsons Belfast</b>   Partner
<b>2001-2006</b>	<b>Appleby Bermuda</b>   Senior Counsel
<b>1997-2001</b>	<b>Halliwells Manchester</b>   Partner
<b>1993-1997</b>	<b>Eversheds Manchester</b>   Assistant Solicitor
<b>1993</b>	<b>Qualified as a solicitor in England &amp; Wales</b>
<b>1991-1993</b>	<b>Eversheds Manchester</b>   Trainee Solicitor