

AOIFE SHEEHAN

CALL – 2014 (IRELAND)
CALL – 2021 (ENGLAND & WALES)



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PRACTICE OVERVIEW

Aoife has a broad commercial chancery practice, with a particular focus on company law and insolvency. She is regularly instructed in complex high-value litigation, including disputes with a multi-jurisdictional dimension. Aoife is also qualified to practice in Ireland, where she has represented clients before all levels of the Irish courts.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

COMMERCIAL LITIGATION

Notable instructions include:

- Acting for plaintiff (led) in multimillion-euro claim for wrongful arrest of vessel outside the jurisdiction.
- Acting for defendant quarry owner (led) in commercial court proceedings concerning validity and interpretation of extraction licence terms.
- Advising PLC on issuing injunction proceedings seeking interim relief related to land/trespass dispute.
- Representing defendants (led) in successful challenge to summary judgment application seeking recognition and enforcement of foreign judgment pursuant to common law rules.
- Advising and acting for advisory body in claim alleging breach of contract and negligent advice.
- Advising businesses on insurance policy business-interruption claims arising from Covid-19 pandemic.

CORPORATE AND INSOLVENCY

Aoife is regularly instructed by companies, liquidators and creditors both in non-contentious and contentious company law and insolvency proceedings.

Recent instructions include:

- Acting for appellant (led) in successful appeal concerning an assignment by a company of its cause of action and allegations of abuse of process.
- Acting for creditor in statutory administrative rescue proceedings and advising on provisions of new legislative regime.
- Acting for liquidator in urgent application to defer date of company dissolution.
- Acting in company restoration applications brought in order to enforce security against property company or to realise property for beneficial owners.

BANKING AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

Aoife has extensive experience acting for creditors in banking and security enforcement disputes.

Notable instructions include:

- Acting as sole counsel for respondents to appeal against appointment of receiver by way of equitable execution.
- Acting in well-charging proceedings on behalf of creditors seeking enforcement of multimillion-euro security.
- Acting for creditors in proceedings seeking judgment on foot of personal guarantees.
- Moving and resisting interlocutory injunctions applications related to property held as security.
- Acting for lenders in applications to vacate lis pendens registered on secured properties on foot of frivolous or vexatious claims.
- Advising creditors on implications of bankruptcy and personal insolvency legislation vis-à-vis debt and enforcement proceedings.

CONSTRUCTION

Aoife is regularly instructed by plaintiffs and insurers in construction litigation and alternative dispute resolution proceedings.

Recent instructions include:

- Acting (led) for plaintiff in high-value claim for professional negligence in the design of a healthcare facility.
- Acting on behalf of architect in complex multi-party construction litigation with parallel

arbitration proceedings.

- Acting for insured defendants – architects and engineers – in court proceedings for professional negligence and breach of contract (multiple).
- Acting for plaintiffs in domestic construction project disputes with main contractor (multiple).

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Bar of Ireland (2014)
- Bar of England & Wales (2021)

EDUCATION

- LL.B, Trinity College Dublin
- LL.M, London School of Economics (Distinction)
- Barrister-at-Law Degree, Honorable Society of King's Inns

ACHIEVEMENTS AND AWARDS

- Visiting Professional, Chambers (Trial Division), International Criminal Court
- Entrance Exhibition, Trinity College Dublin