

Shane O'Donnell

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Overview

Shane is Head of **Corporate** in our Dublin office. He is an acknowledged leader in his field, running some of the most complex and big-ticket mandates in the Irish market. He acts as a trusted legal advisor to an extensive list of corporate clients, both Irish and international.

Shane has extensive experience in mergers and acquisitions, fundraisings, take-private transactions, listings, restructuring and corporate advisory mandates on behalf of Irish and international clients.

He was Head of the Corporate practice in his previous law firm.

Recognition

Shane is consistently ranked as a leading practitioner by *Chambers Global*, *Legal 500*, *IFLR* and *Best Lawyers*:

- Shane is described by clients as "very smart" and they highlight his "ability to distil complex information into a few salient points," *Chambers Global*, 2020
- One client appreciates that "his legal advice is always pragmatic and takes our business needs into account," *Chambers Global*, 2020
- Recognized under "The Best Lawyers in Ireland" in Mergers & Acquisition Law, *Best Lawyers* 2020
- Shane is described as a "tremendous dealmaker", *Legal 500 EMEA*
- Interviewees say that Shane is "a pleasure to deal with, responsive, pragmatic and looks out for the interests of his clients. He is head of the firm's corporate department and receives strong market recognition for his activity on M&A and corporate finance," *Chambers Global*, 2018
- Clients describe Shane as "a terrific business lawyer, with common sense second to none," *Chambers Global*, 2017
- Shane is praised by clients for his practical approach; "in addition to legal skills, he also brings a commercial

Activities and Affiliations

Prior and Present Employment

- Partner, Dentons, 2021 to present
- Partner, William Fry, 2001–2020

Areas of focus

Practices

- **Mergers and Acquisitions**
- **Venture Capital**
- **Equity Capital Markets**
- **Takeovers and Tender Offers**
- **IPOs and Public Offerings**
- **Joint Ventures**

Industry sectors

- **Private Equity**
- **Technology**
- **Life Sciences**
- **Energy**
- **Financial Institutions**

Education

- National University of Ireland, 1998, LL.M., Commercial Law
- National University of Ireland, 1997, BCL, Hons

Admissions and qualifications

- Solicitor, Law Society of Ireland, 2001
- Solicitor, Senior Courts of England and Wales, 2011