



Our new team members for the HSE



Liam Connellan, Partner, and Head of Pensions

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Liam provides advice on all aspects of pensions law, advising public sector bodies, employers and trustees generally on all compliance and regulatory aspects of pension scheme administration including the handling of complaints and Pensions Authority enquiries, audits and investigations, and members in relation to their pension arrangements.

Liam also advises on pension scheme restructurings and the manner in which the restructuring can be most effectively achieved. This can include proposed conversions from defined benefit to defined contribution pensions for various clients and the winding up of a scheme whereby he advised in relation to the correct distribution of trust monies in accordance with the provisions of the scheme's governing trust deed and rules and the requirements of the Pensions Act 1990, as amended.



Patrick McClean, Partner, Health and Social Care

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In addition to health care law, Patrick's specialist areas of advice and representation include immigration legislation and schemes, and judicial review proceedings on behalf of the State.

Before joining ByrneWallace, Patrick was a member of the judicial review section of the Chief State Solicitors Office dealing exclusively with High Court and Supreme Court litigation.

Patrick advises and represents State bodies on their statutory responsibilities and fair procedures. He has represented the Health Service Executive and the Child and Family Agency in defending judicial review applications, and has significant expertise as a court advocate on behalf of the Child and Family Agency in complex and contested in camera applications under the Child Care Act, and Section 25 applications under the Mental health Act 2001.



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Martin Cooney, Partner, and Head of Construction

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Martin advises on all aspects of construction law and public procurement for large scale development and PPP projects.

He also advises on challenges to public procurement competitions and has expertise in various forms of dispute resolution including mediations, conciliations, adjudication, expert determinations and arbitrations. He regularly provides advice on public procurement, including potential challenges and has represented clients in negotiations with NAMA, private equity and hedge funds. Martin has expertise in various forms of dispute resolution having represented employers, consultants and contractors in mediations, conciliations, adjudication, expert determinations and arbitrations. He is also experienced in traditional litigation having represented clients at all court levels, particularly in the Commercial Court.



Fergal Ruane, Partner, and Head of Projects and Infrastructure

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Fergal has over 20 years' experience advising both public and private bodies in the areas of construction and public procurement law and has advised on a vast array of large, medium and small scale projects in the transport, data centre, ICT, health, energy, residential, commercial and concession sectors.

In particular, he has extensive experience advising on a variety of public procurement, construction, PPP, infrastructure and commercial matters including consultancy and construction contracts, development/project agreements, framework agreements, tender documents, operation, maintenance and commercial contracts and related security documents.

Prior to joining ByrneWallace, Fergal worked in the Railway Procurement Agency (now known as Transport Infrastructure Ireland) where he was Head of the Legal Team and Secretary for the Agency for over 7 years. He has also trained and held senior positions in a number of top 10 Irish corporate law firms in Dublin.