

Hogan Lovells hires financial regulatory partner Eoin O'Connor to head Dublin office

Dublin, 7 October 2021 – Global law firm Hogan Lovells is pleased to announce the hire of financial regulatory lawyer Eoin O'Connor as a partner to its Global Regulatory practice and as Dublin Office Managing Partner.

Eoin, who will work closely with antitrust and competition partner Christopher Hutton to build the firm's presence in Dublin, joins from leading firm Walkers where he served as Head of Regulatory for Ireland.

He advises on compliance with industry guidance, legislation and codes issued by the Central Bank of Ireland, prudential requirements, Irish authorisation and licensing issues, asset disposal projects by Irish and international clients, ongoing compliance with conduct of business, consumer protection and other requirements, anti-money laundering, data protection, financial institution M&A and the regulation of securitisation activities.

His experience includes acting for a wide range of domestic and international financial institutions, including commercial banks, investment banks and asset managers, electronic money and payment institutions, funds, fund promoters and services providers and international law firms.

Eoin trained and practised as a solicitor in Arthur Cox and went on to build a successful financial regulatory practice at Walkers, where he advised key clients on the expansion of the Irish financial services sector following the Brexit vote.

“The regulatory and economic landscape is rapidly evolving and increasingly complex. Eoin’s wealth of experience will help clients with operations in Ireland and elsewhere approach it not as an obstacle, but as a source of opportunity,” said Alice Valder Curran, Head of the firm’s Global Regulatory & IPMT practice. “I’m delighted to welcome Eoin to our preeminent UK and global regulatory team.”

Sharon Lewis, Financial Institutions and Insurance Sector Group Head, commented: “Eoin’s move to Hogan Lovells creates new opportunities for us with clients in key sectors such as financial institutions, for a number of which Ireland is their European home. These clients increasingly require EU regulatory advice as we transition towards a new post-Brexit environment. I am delighted to welcome Eoin to the team and look forward to working with him as he grows our financial services regulatory capabilities from Dublin.”

Eoin’s hire follows the firm’s launch of a Dublin office in March this year, and broadens the firm’s practice offering to clients in key sectors.