
J. Kirby Tarrant

Partner

Kirby Tarrant advises companies on commercial law and property matters.

Kirby solves dispute resolutions and investigates claims for his clients. He also acts in many contentious shareholder disputes and manages large scale discovery. Additionally, Kirby has specific experience of a number of sectors that are relevant to the needs of his commercial clients. In these cases, Kirby has a lead role preparing the claims, advancing the proceedings to an early trial date and negotiating for his clients.

Kirby is also President of CLG an international network of commercial lawyers with over 20 firm members based in Europe, Asia, South Africa, Mexico and USA.

Representative Experience

- Acted in leading commercial cases to come before the Irish Courts. At the start of his career he led the successful defence team in one of the largest ever cases before the Irish Courts of *Marathon Petroleum v. Bord Gais Eireann* and has continued to act on many leading commercial cases;
- Representation of Pod Music in the case of *Pod Music v Festival Republic Dublin Limited* in the Commercial Court concerning a major shareholder dispute over the Electric Picnic Festival. This claim resulted in a very successful settlement following an extensive discovery process;
- Acted for the Defendants *W2 Film Produktions Und Vertriebs GmbH v Morgan O'Sullivan* and James Flynn shareholder derivative action;
- Acted in many defamation cases including *Fanning v Irish Daily Mail* and *Cooney v The Irish Times*;
- Directly involved in numerous cases in the Commercial Court and High Court, often developing, pursuing and achieving a strategically beneficial settlement for the client with the result that the case is dealt with confidentially and without the necessity of a court appearance.
- Noted specialist in 'mis-selling' cases and has written and presented papers on this topic to Dublin Chamber of Commerce and international law groups representation of over 20 Credit Unions in mis-selling claims against Davy Stockbrokers over perpetual bonds including *E-Services and Communications Credit Union v Davy* where the claim was for over €15m. The case was conducted in the Commercial Court and following, an extensive discovery process, was settled for substantial damages. Other similar mis-selling cases including *Greystones Credit Union v Bloxham*.
- Extensive knowledge of shareholder, partnership and property disputes with specific involvement in numerous Section 205 shareholder actions involving changes to company law. He acted for a group of BES shareholders in the leading shareholder dispute case of *McGilligan and Premier Trading House Limited* and was successful in the High Court and on appeal to the Supreme Court in restraining the removal of a non-executive director.



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