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# EOIN MacLACHLAN

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## OVERVIEW

Eoin accepts instructions in all of Chambers' core areas of practice, with a particular interest in Commercial Litigation & Arbitration, Civil Fraud, Company & Partnership, and Insolvency & Asset Recovery.

Prior to coming to the Bar, Eoin worked for BCG (Boston Consulting Group). During his time there, he gained broad commercial experience in the areas of private equity, retail banking, and healthcare.

While studying for the BVS course at City, University of London, Eoin was a Lord Mansfield Scholar, which is Lincoln's Inn's most prestigious award. He received a 'Distinction' in the BVS. This followed first-class degrees in law from University College Dublin and St John's College, Cambridge, both of which he attended on scholarship.

## EXPERTISE

### COMMERCIAL LITIGATION & ARBITRATION

Commercial disputes, both domestic and international, form a significant component of Eoin's practice.

Recent instructions include:

- ***Hotel Portfolio II UK Limited (in liquidation) v Bawtree & Anr. (ongoing)*** - acting for the first defendant in a dispute concerning the ownership of shares in a data centre group (led by Christopher Parker KC);

- ***Al Othman Hold. Co v Al Rajhi Holdings WLL*** [2025] EWHC 3078 (Comm) - acted for the successful

defendant in a dispute concerning a corporate loan (led by Darragh Connell);
- ***D'Aloia v Persons Unknown & Others*** [2024] EWHC 2342 (Ch) - acted for the successful defendant, Bitkub, a Thai-based exchange, in cryptocurrency fraud proceedings (led by Darragh Connell). This decision found that USD Tether constitutes property for the purposes of English law. It was the first time that this has been decided following a full trial in the English High Court;
- Acting for a HNW individual in an LCIA arbitration concerning the ownership of an international iron foundry (led by Greg Banner KC and Darragh Connell);
- Acting for a corporate entity in an LCIA arbitration in a dispute relating to carbon credits (led by Darragh Connell).

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## INSOLVENCY & ASSET RECOVERY

Eoin is routinely instructed in both individual and corporate insolvency matters. He has acted on behalf of creditors, debtors and office-holders.

He has experience in a wide range of matters including:

- Corporate winding up and related applications (e.g., rescission applications, applications to restrain presentation or advertisement of a bankruptcy petition);
- Bankruptcy (e.g., acting for both debtors and creditors, advising and appearing in applications relating to disputed debts);
- Administration (including applications for the extension of administration orders, and applications relating to the lifting of the statutory stay on proceedings against the company in administration); and
- Possession proceedings relating to insolvency events.

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## CRYPTOASSETS

Eoin has been involved in advising clients in a range of crypto-related disputes, including in relation to asset-recovery and related applications.

Highlights include:

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- Acting for cryptocurrency exchange in an ongoing dispute with a former user of the cryptocurrency exchange.

### BANKING & FINANCIAL SERVICES

Eoin regularly advises and acts for financial institutions in relation to disputes arising from secured lending.

### CHARITIES

Eoin regularly advises on charity matters. Recent cases include advising a medical charity on its ongoing restructuring work, and a church on its planned division into two entities.

## QUALIFICATIONS

- BCL (Econ), University College Dublin: First Class (2017)
- LLM (European), St John's College, Cambridge: First Class (2018)
- BVS, City Law school: Distinction (2021)

## AWARDS

**Lord Mansfield Scholar, Lincoln's Inn, 2020-2021**

**Cambridge European Scholar, University of Cambridge, 2017-2018**

**Bank of Ireland Prize, University College Dublin, top of year in first and third years, second in year in final year**

**UCD Ad Astra Scholar, University College Dublin, 2012-2017**

## NOTABLE CASES