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Tim Bouchier-Hayes



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Background

With over 40 years' experience in private practice, Tim is the most experienced and well-regarded construction lawyer in Ireland. He has dealt with public authorities, developers, architects, engineers, surveyors and builders on all aspects of construction projects and has been consulted by private developers and public authorities in relation to most of the major construction projects undertaken in Ireland over the past three decades.

Alongside his private practice (where he has often represented his clients in mediation), Tim has built up a reputation as a effective mediator in his own right. With a long held belief in the power of bringing people together to help them resolve their disputes, Tim has mediated a growing number of cases. His practice naturally has a focus on the construction and property sector but, increasingly, he is asked to mediate a wide variety of commercial disputes.

Practice Areas

Breach of contract

Commercial agency, EU regulations & distribution agreements

Commercial contracts

Construction & property

Energy, oil and gas

Engineering

Insurance

Mining

Product liability

Professional negligence

Public sector

Sale of goods and services

Transport and infrastructure planning

Water industry

Legal Directories

Tim has been consistently recognised as a leading practitioner in Chambers and Partners:

"He is pragmatic and commercially focused, always trying to solve problems, rather than creating them!" (Chambers Europe)

Timothy Bouchier-Hayes is very knowledgeable and a safe pair of hands in complex construction mandates, with clients appreciating his practical assistance. The knowledge is there, but the pragmatism is also exceptional. He is really good in negotiations. He has a wealth of experience in construction projects. (Chambers, 2016)

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Tim Bouchier-Hayes is regarded as "an authority in construction." One interviewee adds: "He is very pragmatic, and explains complex issues simply." Sources praise Tim Bouchier-Hayes's "encyclopaedic knowledge of construction."

Alongside his extensive experience of construction matters, clients laud Timothy Bouchier-Hayes as very commercial and practical. He could see the bigger picture, and could take a point of view and defend it well. (Chambers, 2014)

Tim has also been consistently recognised as a Leading Individual by The Legal 500.

Career History

2017 – 2021: Broad directorships, Mediation, and Conciliations

2015 - 2017: Consultant at McCann FitzGerald

1991 - 2015: Partner in McCann FitzGerald Solicitors. Led the Construction Department in the firm for 15 years.

1974 - 1991 Previously worked with Max W Abrahamson, until the merger of that firm with McCann FitzGerald.

Professional Qualifications and Affiliations

BCL (University College, Dublin).

Solicitor, Law Society of Ireland, 1974.

Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators.

Member of the Adjudication, Conciliation and Mediation Panels of Engineers Ireland, from 1995 to 2019.

Member of the International Court of Arbitration, International Chamber of Commerce, Paris , from 1995 to 2019.

Member of the Adjudication Panel appointed pursuant to the provisions of the Construction Contracts Act 2013, from 1995 to 2019.

Interim Chairman of the National Paediatric Hospital Development Board. Also Chairman of Construction and Procurement Committees.

[In October 2017 construction work commenced on the construction of the New Children's Hospital Dublin, Ireland – the construction and equipping budget for the Project is €1.433 Billion].

Board Director of the Land Development Agency.

Board Director of Ecocem Materials Limited.

Interests

Former International Fencer representing at junior and senior World Championships.

Formerly International President of Jury (i.e. referee) of the International Fencing Federation. Presided at World Championships.

Tim is a Member (and was formerly a director and trustee) of Focus Ireland, a leading Homeless Charity in Ireland.

Client Feedback

"I have been involved in many mediations. Your skill and professionalism in this one was exemplary."

Solicitor representing a party to Mediation

"Many thanks for your patience and perseverance yesterday. We are very grateful for your involvement."

Solicitor representing a party to Mediation

Examples of cases mediated

Professional Indemnity

Claim against Engineer and Architect brought by private house owner arising from defects in design and construction.

Supply and Distribution

Dispute between manufacturer of Medical Devices and its appointed distributor pursuant to Supply and Distribution Agreement

Construction Contracts and Professional Appointments

Claims by homeowner arising from major defects resulting in water ingress and damage to property.

Claim for additional fees between consultant Archaeologist and a Local Authority related to major motorway project.

Dispute between owner and operator of a land fill site and a Local Authority resulting in payment of compensation and transfer of lands.