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About Claire

Claire O'Connor is a partner with over 15 years' experience across a range of project work, including acquisitions and disposals, private equity and has a specialism in corporate reorganisations, integrations and corporate governance.

Claire has previously undertaken client secondments to SAICA (a Spanish headquartered international recycling and waste management business), Claire's Accessories (a US-headquartered international jewellery and accessories retailer), as well as the Business Growth Fund (a British growth capital investor).

Experience

- Advising NFP, an Aon company, on multiple acquisitions, including the Bspoke Group.
- Advising BRUSH Group on multiple acquisitions including McGowan Group and Rybka and the sale to Greenbelt.
- Advising the owner-managers of Matrix SCM on the sale to Bridgepoint Development Capital.
- Advising Veolia on multiple acquisitions, including Biochemica Group, Arden Wood Shavings, the trade waste business of Niramax, decommissioning business KDC and Whitemoss Landfill.
- Advising Tefcold ApS on multiple acquisitions including Midlands-based wholesaler Interlevin Refrigeration, Hydrapower and Apollo Aerospace.
- Advising Park Ohio Corp on its acquisition of Midlands-based Heads & All Threads.
- Advising Dalata on its acquisition of Birmingham Hotel La Tour for £31 million and Aldgate Hotel for £91m.
- Advising Rcapital on its acquisition of SciChem.
- Advising Marston's PLC on its agreement to acquire the Charles Wells brewing business for circa £55 million and Thwaites' beer division for £25 million.

- Advising Cellar Trends Limited on an investment by Amber Beverage Group and the disposal of its Jägermeister trade, as well as the assets to Mast-Jägermeister SE.
- Advising SAICA on the acquisition of the Americk Packaging Group, a flexible packaging business in Ireland and the UK with turnover of around £110 million.
- Advised management on the MBO of the Adey Group, backed by LDC.
- Undertook a full-time secondment to the legal team at the Business Growth Fund, supporting its investors on new investments across growth, quoted and venture capital investments and advising on legal matters affecting Business Growth Fund's portfolio companies.
- Advising Mobeus Equity Partners LLP on its investment in Access-IS.
- Advising Capital Economics and its shareholders on the investment by LDC in the business.
- Acting for Marston's PLC on its £25.1 million acquisition of the trading operations of Thwaites' beer division.
- Advising Numis Securities Limited as nominated adviser and broker on the admission to the AIM market of the London Stock Exchange of Hunters Property plc, one of the largest national sales and lettings estate agency businesses in the UK.
- Acting for Mobeus Equity Partners LLP on the £11.3 million buy in management buy out of Creative Graphics International Limited. West Midlands Business Desk's Deal of the Month for June 2014.
- Acting for Cellar Trends Limited, the UK's leading distributor of specialist wines and spirits, on the disposal of its Jägermeister trade and assets to Mast-Jägermeister SE.
- Advising Hungarian medical research company, MediMass Kft, on the sale of its business to NYSE listed US buyer, Waters Inc.
- Acting for TIA (GB) Ltd and Shandong Yongtai Chemical Group (a UK/Chinese consortium) on the acquisition of the entire issued share capital of Covpress International Holdings Limited, for a reported deal value of £30 million. Winner of International Deal of the Year at the Insider Midlands Dealmakers Awards 2014.
- Acting for Park-Ohio Holdings Corp., a US manufacturing services and products holding company, on its acquisition of Apollo Aerospace Group.
- Acting for Torotrak plc on the investment of a 20% stake in Flybrid Automotive Ltd.
- Acting for Red Diamond, the owner of the global "Lee Cooper" trademarks, on a US\$72 million sale by its private equity owner, Sun Capital, to US-listed company, Iconix Brand Group.
- Lead adviser to an international recycling and waste management business, following a part-time secondment.
- Advising Growth Capital Partners LLP on their investment in FLYdocs Systems Limited.
- Advising Mobeus Equity Partners LLP on the buyout of Media Business Insight Limited.
- Advising the shareholders of Ridgian Limited on the disposal of the Company to Ricoh UK Limited.

Credentials

Education

- University of Sheffield, B.A., Honors, 2006

- College of Law, Graduate Diploma, Law, 2008
- College of Law, L.P.C., 2009
- College of Law, LL.B., 2009

Admissions

- England and Wales, 2012

Expertise

Services

- Corporate
- Financial Services

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