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Languages spoken

English | French



About Gerard

Gerard McElwee advises on EU regulatory law, focusing on chemicals, circular economy and sustainability, as well as general product compliance and liability.

Gerard brings deep expertise in chemical regulations, including REACH, biocides, pesticides, cosmetics, detergents and CLP. In the realm of circular economy and sustainability, he provides strategic counsel on a broad spectrum of issues, such as packaging, single-use plastics, RoHS/WEEE, waste management, water conservation, green claims (marketing representations), ecodesign, corporate sustainability reporting, corporate sustainability due diligence and deforestation. He helps clients navigate complex regulatory landscapes with precision and foresight.

Gerard's practice includes general compliance advice, strategic guidance and contentious matters, with extensive experience litigating before the ECJ, European agencies and national courts. Gerard has been described by clients as "really helpful and responsive" and is ranked for EU Regulatory: Environment by *Chambers*. His clientele comprises European, American and Asian companies, as well as EU trade associations and corporate task forces, typically established for chemical compliance purposes.

Gerard is a frequent speaker at conferences and publishes regularly on his practice areas.

Credentials

Education

- Vrije Universiteit Brussel, LL.M., 2012
- UCD Michael Smurfit Business School, H.Dip, 2006
- University of Galway, LL.B., 2005
- University of Galway, B.A., 2004

Admissions

- Brussels, 2014

- Ireland, 2010
- England and Wales, 2010

Recognitions

- Ranked for EU Regulatory: Environment by *Chambers Europe* 2024-2025
- Named a Key Lawyer for EU Regulatory: Chemicals in Belgium by *Legal 500 EMEA* 2024
- Recognised for excellence in Life Sciences: Regulatory in Belgium by *Leaders League* 2023

Expertise

Services

- Environmental, Safety & Health

Industries

- Chemicals

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