

Our US Group

Irish Law Firm of the Year 2007

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Irish Tax Firm of the Year 2005 and 2007

INTERNATIONAL TAX REVIEW

Best Managed Firm Best Corporate Citizen 2007

MANAGING PARTNERS'
FORUM

European Law Firm of the Year 2006

LEGAL BUSINESS

Irish Law Firm of the Year 2005 and 2006

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■ WHY IRELAND?

Ireland has succeeded in attracting some of the world's largest organisations to establish operations here. The list of multinationals currently operating in Ireland includes the biggest players in the worldwide technology, pharmaceutical, biosciences, manufacturing and financial services industries and the vast majority of these have been from the US. Almost two out of every three foreign direct investment projects that came to Ireland in 2007 originated from the US.

The reasons are compelling:

- Our low tax rate - corporation tax on trading profits is 12.5%;
- We are a member of the EU and the only English-speaking jurisdiction in the euro-zone;
- As a common law jurisdiction, our legal system is similar to that of the US;
- Dublin is an established international financial centre;
- We have a skilled and well-educated labour force;
- Ireland has a comprehensive double tax treaty network with 44 countries, including the US; and
- We traditionally have had a strong, long-standing relationship with the US.

Some of the US enterprises that have chosen Ireland in recent years include:

Finance	Pharmaceutical	Technology	Corporate/Other
Goldman Sachs	Bristol-Myers Squibb	Microsoft	Wal-mart
Merrill Lynch	Abbott Laboratories	Intel	Exxon Mobil
Citigroup	Wyeth	Google	Ingersoll-Rand
Wachovia	Stryker	Dell	Madison Dearborn
Morgan Stanley	Merck	AOL	MetLife
JP Morgan	Amgen	Corning	Equifax Inc.
Bank of America	Schering-Plough	Sophis	Marriott

We are pleased to have acted for a large number of these corporations.

■ IRISH INVESTMENT IN THE US

Historically, there has been significant Irish investment into the US by companies such as CRH, the Smurfit Group, Elan Corporation, NTR, IAWS, Kerry Group and Irish banks (such as Bank of Ireland and AIB). It is estimated that Irish companies in the US employ more than 80,000 people in 50 States.

No.1 Irish law firm for the ninth consecutive year in 2008

PLC WHICH LAWYER? YEARBOOK

No.1 Irish Legal Adviser, in both value and volume, to European M&A in 2006, 2007 and H1 2008

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■ WHY ARTHUR COX?

Arthur Cox is Ireland's largest law firm and has a long established history in the US, having opened our office there in 1980. An international firm, we comprise 300 lawyers, including 96 partners. We are an "all-Ireland" law firm, with full-service offices in Dublin and Belfast. The firm also has an office in London. A number of our attorneys are admitted, and have practised, in the US. Our practice encompasses all aspects of corporate and business law. We provide a comprehensive service to an international client base ranging from multinational organisations, banks and financial institutions and established global leaders to government agencies and new players in the technology, media and energy sectors. Our reputation is based on proven professional skills, a thorough understanding of client requirements, sound judgment and a practical approach to resolving commercial problems.

We offer breadth and depth across every facet of corporate, financial and business law and have the resources to successfully manage and drive forward transactions on schedule, helping our clients achieve their business objectives.

We have a dedicated US Group which co-ordinates all of the firm's US activities.

■ OUR TRACK RECORD

We are consistently ranked as the leading law firm in Ireland.

“This fantastic firm continues to power ahead”... - Chambers Global, 2008

‘...“the service is of the highest quality...” say clients.’ - Chambers Europe, 2008

“Top of the tree” according to rivals... - IFLR 1000, 2007

“On the ball and strong across the board”... - Chambers Global, 2007

“...Arthur Cox is synonymous with excellence.” - PLC Which lawyer? Yearbook, 2006

“...the strongest of them all”... - Chambers Global, 2006

‘Arthur Cox’s excellence across the board...’ - IFLR 1000, 2005

Our practice areas include the following:

- Banking
- Capital Markets
- Corporate and M&A
- Employment
- Energy and Resources
- Environment and Planning
- Financial Services
- Insolvency
- Pharmaceutical/ Life Sciences
- Listing Services
- Litigation and Arbitration
- Pensions
- Property
- Tax
- Technology and IP

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