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- Legal 500

Diarmuid Laffan has a broad commercial practice focussing on insurance/reinsurance, professional liability, construction, civil fraud and sports law. He is recognised in Legal 500's 2021 guide as a 'Rising Star' for insurance, professional negligence and sports. Recent work includes:

- Instructed as junior to David Turner QC in an international reinsurance dispute.
- Instructed as junior to Dan Saoul QC in a pending High Court civil fraud claim.
- Acted as junior to Siân Mirchandani QC in successfully defending an adjudication claim brought by the building contractor on a substantial hospitality and leisure development against the employer's agent.
- Instructed as junior to Roger Stewart QC in pending Commercial Court proceedings concerned with the alleged mishandling of an international arbitration.
- Acted for an international law firm in successfully contesting an application to set aside default judgment brought by an African industrial conglomerate.
- Acted successfully for an athlete charged with possession and use of a prohibited substance. The charges were dismissed following a 2-day hearing of the National Anti-Doping Panel.
- Instructed as sole counsel in advising a facilities management contractor regarding its rights, under an interface agreement, against the design & build contractor on a major PFI project.
- Advised a national insurer on fraudulent claims and on pending proceedings for the recovery of sums paid out under voided policies.
- Instructed as sole counsel in an upcoming three-day construction trial arising out of the redevelopment of a luxury home.
- Acted successfully for a national hostelry in resisting an application to bring High Court committal proceedings against one of its officers.

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## Areas of Expertise

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### Professional Liability

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Recent instructions include:

- Acting for a firm of solicitors in a claim concerning the negotiation of a Share Purchase Agreement.
- Acting for a firm of solicitors in response to a claim regarding the issue of proceedings.
- Acting for a chartered building surveyor in an expert's negligence claim.
- Advising a firm of solicitors on allegations regarding the settlement of matrimonial financial remedy proceedings.
- Advising a firm of solicitors on the settlement of a personal injury action.
- Assisting with the response to an intimated *White v Jones* claim (as a pupil).

## Qualifications & Memberships

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Batchelor of Civil Law, University College Dublin (First Class Honours); BCL, Oxford University (Distinction).

## Insights

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### Is the grass always greener?

8 February 2019

Alison Padfield QC and Diarmuid Laffan analyse the obligations of SIPP providers.