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He is an excellent advocate and thinks quickly on his feet. Excellent drafting skills, very thorough and always gets into the detail of the matter

- 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

Public Law and Human Rights

Recent instructions include:

- Instructed as a member of the claimant's counsel team in the landmark case of *R v Jogee* [2016] UKSC 8, in which the Supreme Court substantially revised the law of secondary criminal liability, abolishing the controversial doctrine of parasitic accessorial liability.
- Instructed by Article 19 in its intervention before the European Court of Human Rights in the pending case of *Ganbarova and Others v Azerbaijan*, the first ECHR case to consider travel bans as restrictions of the right to freedom of expression.

Qualifications & Memberships

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

Insights

Is the grass always greener?

8 February 2019

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