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Re: Ireland for Law

Dear Colleague

I am writing to you as Chair of the Ireland for Law initiative which represents a forward-looking opportunity, to maximise the present and emerging opportunities for Ireland as an international legal services provider. The strong value proposition and competitive advantage that the Irish legal system presents internationally has been further highlighted following Brexit, it offers more choice and opportunity to our legal community and our clients, both private and corporate, based on a legal system of international repute.

I am now calling for your renewed engagement with Ireland for Law as we embark on the process of international recovery from the disruption of COVID-19 to normal legal and Court's business.

As you will know, Ireland is one of the most open economies in the world and Irish lawyers have many decades of experience working with leading global firms who rely upon them to support their transactions and help grow their business. We have a strong rule of law tradition, a respected judiciary who also strongly support this initiative. We also have a deep pool of legal talent, with specialist knowledge across many sectors including, for example, in technology, pharmaceuticals, life sciences, financial services and aviation finance. The success of this initiative in the coming years also offers to create additional career and business opportunities for those working across the legal sector.

Ireland for Law works with the international business community to help promote Irish law and Irish legal services, and we want to show how Irish lawyers can help companies and other valued clients to create value around the world. This has become even more apparent since 2019 when the Minister for Justice asked me to chair the Implementation Group for this key initiative. It brings together the key sectoral stakeholders from the legal community including the Law Society and the Bar of Ireland. It also brings on board each of the Departments of the Taoiseach, Justice, Enterprise, Finance and Foreign Affairs. IDA Ireland has also strongly supported this initiative and its key events since its inception and its continued engagement is assured.



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Together we are working with the key stakeholders and with the support of our diplomatic and trade missions around the world to demonstrate to the international business community and others safeguarding their legal interests the advantages of using:

- Irish law for their business contracts;
- Irish law for legal advice and transactions;
- Irish dispute resolution for their business disputes.

Ireland is now the leading English-speaking common-law jurisdiction in the EU. Following Brexit, businesses have come to recognise the benefits of being able to combine Common Law procedures and legal principles with ease of enforcement in all EU Member States. Our Commercial Court has a proven track record in ensuring the efficient, just and expeditious resolution of complex domestic and international business disputes.

We look forward to working with you on this exciting project, and encourage you to keep in touch by following us on social media and visiting www.irelandforlaw.com. There you can learn more about our work, what it will mean for the future of the legal profession in Ireland and how to access our rich online events. We also particularly look forward to a more direct engagement with you when there is an increasing opportunity to hold physical Ireland for Law events with the lifting of COVID restrictions in months ahead.

Yours sincerely,

John Bruton
Chair, Ireland for Law