



The Healthcare Team



Aisling Gannon – Partner and Head of Healthcare Unit

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Aisling is head of the firm's Healthcare unit. She has extensive experience in representing and advising public and private healthcare service providers. She advises hospital management in terms of risk and crisis management, and clinical and corporate governance issues. She assists and manages the defence of Employer's Liability (EL), Public Liability (PL) and malpractice claims. Her niche experience, therefore, best places her to provide legal, strategic, tactical, practical and risk management advices to healthcare service providers.

Aisling qualified as a solicitor in 1998, and was appointed a Partner in 2005. She is a member of the Academy of European Law and the Irish Healthcare Risk Manager's Association. She is an Associate member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, the Royal Society of Medicine, the Mediators Institute of Ireland, and the Medico Legal Society of Ireland.



Elaine Healy – Associate

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Elaine acts on behalf of hospitals, the former health boards and pharmacies under both public and employer liability insurance policies. Elaine specialises in defence litigation with particular emphasis on infection control and hospital acquired infections.

She has successfully brought a number of delay and prejudice applications before the High Court and has defended significant cardiology cases. Elaine has a specialist interest in Ward of Court applications and works with Aisling and the team in providing the 24 hour on call telephone assistance to our clients.



Ciara Dalton - Solicitor

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Ciara acts on behalf of hospitals and private clinics in the defence of negligence actions, to include cosmetic surgery claims. In particular, Ciara provides consultancy and advisory services including the provision of legal and tactical advices regarding the defence of such claims and advices relating to risk management generally. On an ongoing basis, Ciara assists service providers in complaints handling, relevant guideline reviews and in considering 'terms of reference' for internal and external enquiries. Ciara also has experience in preparing for and providing representation at Coroners' inquests.



David Quinn - Solicitor

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David acts on behalf of hospitals and general practitioners in the defence of medical negligence actions and in the provision of general advisory services. He acts on behalf of hospitals in the investigation and handling of both employer's liability and public liability claims, with an emphasis on actions in the workplace and assault actions. He has a particular interest in alternative dispute resolutions and mediation. David also provides advice to assist in the reviewing and drafting of hospital guidelines and protocols through to the implementation stage, by way of our 'on-call' consultative and advisory services

He has gained extensive experience in the medical defence area generally, while working for The MDU in Ireland, the UK and Australia.



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Aifric joined Beauchamps Solicitors in June 2006 and works as a Legal Executive in the Healthcare Department. She supports the solicitors with their case and court work on a daily basis. She assists in the co-ordinating and preparing of cases for pre-trial consultations, settlement meetings and hearings. She instructs and attends upon Counsel at the hearing of motions and pre trial applications. Aifric holds a Diploma in Professional Legal Studies and has seven years legal experience having previously worked with Eversheds O'Donnell Sweeney and Vincent & Beatty Solicitors.