



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 particular expertise in the defence of obstetric and gynaecological claims, the advising and defending of general practitioners, and the defence of hospitals and doctors in respect of their insurance issues. Aisling has fifteen years experience in defending maternity hospitals, and former Health Boards in respect of their obstetric claims. She has considerable experience in the reviewing of complex liability, causation and quantum aspects in the defence of cerebral palsy claims.

Aisling has been recognised by some of the leading legal directories for her work in Litigation and Dispute Resolution, including Chambers Europe where clients describe here as *“incredibly enthusiastic, hard-working and positive...she’s conscientious and diligent and leaves no stone unturned.”*

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 is an associate member of the Irish Health Care Risk Manager’s Association, the Medico Legal Society of Ireland, the Mediation Institute of Ireland, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and the Royal Society of Medicine.



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 has a special interest in infection control and hospital acquired infections, represents clients at inquests before the Coroners Courts and Ward of Court applications. He assists 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. David also 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.



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Emma joined Beauchamps in June 2007 and now acts on behalf of hospitals in the investigation and handling of both employer's liability and public liability claims. Emma also assists as a junior fee-earner in the defence of obstetric and hospital acquired infection claims. She is an accredited mediator and has a Diploma in Employment Law.



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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.