



I feel confident that I am receiving the best counsel from people who understand the business and where it intends to move towards.

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The Irish whiskey industry has grown exponentially in the last 10 years expanding from just four to over 40 distilleries across the island of Ireland. As a measure of that growth, more than €1.55 billion has been invested in the all-island economy with Irish whiskey now being exported to over 140 international export markets. Neither the domestic nor international popularity and appeal of Irish whiskey show signs of diminishing and the whiskey industry continues to be one of the most important all-island enterprises. Long may it continue to grow and develop.

Philip Lee has unrivalled whiskey industry experience advising the most established whiskey brands to more recent whiskey market entrants. Led by senior partner Bernard McEvoy, the specialised team in Philip Lee is unique in having continually acted for whiskey market leaders since 1987. What started with advising Cooley Distillery plc, up to and including its ultimate sale to Jim Beam in 2012, has developed over 35 years into a market leading team advising on all aspects of the whiskey industry.

Complimentary to our crafted understanding of the whiskey business is our depth of experience in advising distilleries on their operational needs. With the demand for maturation space at an all-time high, clients have called on the niche Philip Lee team of planning, real estate and construction law specialists. This has proved invaluable to efficient completion from inception to bespoke warehouse delivery.

OUR DISTILLERY CLIENTS INCLUDE:



WHISKEY INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

Establishment

- Fundraising under the Business Expansion Scheme
- Site acquisition/renewal lease negotiation
- Distillation equipment contracts
- Barley/malt/barrell supply agreements
- Brand name acquisitions
- Employment/master distiller contracts

Expansion/operation

- Contracts for sale of distilled spirit and buy back of mature whiskey
- Contracts for sale of bulk pure alcohol and whiskey as own and generic products
- Contracts for the sale and storage of new fill whiskey
- Development and long-leasing of whiskey maturation warehousing
- Planning advice from project inception including COMAH Regulations advices
- Trademark registration
- Distribution and marketing agreements

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