

**Richard Dickson****Partner****Areas of Law:** Real Estate, Property Development**Contact Number:** **Office** +44 (0) 28 90 244 951**Mob** +44 (0) 7814067448**Email:** [richard.dickson@carson-mcdowell.com](mailto:richard.dickson@carson-mcdowell.com)**Background**

Richard joined the firm in September 2021 as a Partner in the Real Estate team having previously been a Partner of a long-established Belfast firm.

He graduated from Queen's University, Belfast in 1996 with a degree in Law and was admitted to the Roll of Solicitors in Northern Ireland in 1999.

Richard has considerable experience in dealing with all aspects of property law transactions and continues to act for a wide range of clients in relation to property acquisition, disposal, landlord and tenant as well as commercial, residential and mixed-use property development. He regularly advises retail tenants and commercial property landlords and has overseen key residential, commercial and mixed-use property developments in recent years from site acquisition through to disposal.

He regularly assists the firm's Corporate, Planning and Banking Teams on specific property aspects to firmwide projects.

Richard is described by a client in Chambers Independent Chambers Independent Guide to the UK Legal Profession as having "consistently demonstrated a level of expertise and dedication" and "navigating complex legal matters with precision and efficiency".



## Experience

### (i) Real Estate / Property Development

- Lead NI property advisor to Heitman (Global Real Estate Fund) – (US Chicago) on its acquisition of two Belfast self-storage assets including new build project at Kennedy Way Belfast and an existing property at Duncrue Industrial Estate.
- Acted on behalf of University of Ulster and its subsidiary Studio Ulster Limited in respect of the development agreement for lease and grant of lease of Studio Ulster, Titanic Park, Belfast Harbour – Belfast City Deal funded project.
- Lead NI property advisor to the Northern Ireland International Investment Fund represented by CBRE Indirect Investment Services Ltd as fund arranger on its financing of the build and investment in Dunluce Lodge Hotel, Portrush. Key luxury hotel development project for Northern Ireland.
- Lead NI property advisor to Kilwaughter Minerals Limited (Top 100 Northern Ireland Company and key employer) in relation to the sale of its entire shareholding to Saint Gobin. Complex quarry site with multiple title issues.
- Represented Celerion Group (US Delaware) on its development agreement for lease as anchor tenant of iREACH (Institute of Research for Advanced Clinical Healthcare) development Lisburn Road Belfast being delivered by Queen's University Belfast with City Deal funding assistance (currently under construction).
- Acts for multiple leading residential housing developers in all aspects of housing development including planning agreements, site acquisition, infrastructure projects, site delivery and sale contracts.
- Acted for Alskea Ltd (award winning residential developer) on acquisition and development of former Belvoir Park Hospital site, Hospital Road Belfast including listed Victorian buildings for refurbishment and re-development for residential use and sale.

- (ii) Property advisor to **Belfast International Airport** on a wide range of property matters, including key lettings, operational contract matters and wider estate issues.

### (iii) Retail

Regularly advises multiple unit branded retail clients and restaurant chains in respect of lettings in Northern Ireland