



## Catherine Burke

### Partner

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As Head of Darwin Gray's award-winning Commercial Property team, Catherine has extensive experience in commercial property, advising foreign, national and local companies on the acquisition, financing, and disposal of business property including industrial, retail, agricultural, and development land.

With a particular focus on pre-let development schemes and site assembly work on commercial and residential sites Catherine regularly acts for developers on large scale and high-profile development projects including housing associations acquiring, developing and disposing of properties. She also undertakes high value secured lending work for banks and building societies providing investment and development finance to borrowers

With a proven track record of navigating the requirements of multiple public sector stakeholders, Catherine also leads on the Team's National Procurement Service Work acting for local authorities and third sector bodies in terms of their property requirements.

Catherine is known for having the technical expertise to deal with complex legal issues, adopting a pragmatic and collaborative approach. Her joined up thinking and willingness to link directly with a client's other advisors is invaluable.

*"She's a very well-known and respected solicitor in the commercial law and conveyancing scene in Cardiff and South Wales"*

*"Catherine always takes a wider view and perspective on matters, with a consideration for long-term effects"*

## Recent work

- Acting for a developer on complex mixed use urban regeneration scheme involving landmark heritage buildings
- Acting on the acquisition of large residential development site dealing with site assembly, easements, complex overage provisions, all planning and infrastructure agreements and plot dispositions
- Acting for a housing association on a 'golden brick' development contract involving the allocation of 50 dwellings on a major residential development
- Acting for a national housebuilder on the construction and disposal of a mixed-use district centre by way of pre-lets to a number of national operators
- Acting for a lender in the provision of a £5.4million investment loan to a borrower where the transaction was delivered in a tight timescale as the borrower's existing facility expired
- Acting for a commercial developer on the acquisition of a brownfield site for the construction of a 42 unit light industrial scheme together with all unit disposals

## Expertise

- Acting for developers and landowners in respect of conditional contracts, option agreements and overage
- Advising on the construction elements of residential and commercial development projects
- Development land acquisition, infrastructure and planning agreements
- Multi-tenanted investment property sales and purchases
- Secured lending work including complex development finance
- Urban regeneration schemes

## Career

### Experience

- Head of Commercial Property, Darwin Gray, 2021 - present
- Partner, Darwin Gray 2019 - present
- Senior Associate, Darwin Gray, 2014 - 2019
- Solicitor, Darwin Gray, 2007 - 2014
- Solicitor, Kieran McCarthy & Co, 2002 - 2007

### Education

- St Angela's College, Cork
- University College Cork
- Law Society of Ireland
- Irish Taxation Institute

## Membership

- Former board member of Hendre
- Committee member of Hafod Housing and Hafod Care, Catherine is currently a shareholder in Hafod group companies