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Private Equity and Venture Capital

LK Shields Solicitors is a leading corporate and commercial law firm based in Dublin, Ireland.

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Our success is based on building long-term relationships with our clients, learning about their businesses and providing them with the solution focused advice they need. Our clients include multinationals, enterprising Irish and international businesses, public bodies, financial institutions and entrepreneurs in all industry sectors.

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is up to speed with
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is very capable, highly
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reasonable on fees***
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responsive,
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PLC Which Lawyer? in 2011 - Recommended for private equity

LK Shields Solicitors has extensive experience in advising on the structuring, formation and financing of Irish and international private equity funds as well as advising investors in private equity funds.

Our practice includes:

- Establishment of regulated funds and unregulated funds in Ireland
- Advising offshore funds on legal and regulatory issues on offering interests to Irish residents
- Advising funds on defaults by investors and restructuring of funds
- Advising investors in private equity funds
- Acquisition and disposal of portfolio companies
- Private equity and venture capital transactions such as MBOs and secondary acquisitions
- Acting for numerous investee companies from early stage through subsequent funding rounds

Recent Experience and Expertise

LK Shields Solicitors is praised for having excellent strength in depth and a good network on recommendations for European and US work
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A strong record
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Impressive
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Responsive, thorough and meticulous
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Takes in the practical commercial reality of matters
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An excellent commercial firm
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- Acted for **Atlantic Bridge Ventures Limited Partnership** in the establishment of its €85m venture capital fund.
- Acted for **Scottish Widows Investment Partnership Limited** in the launch of the SWIP Private Equity Fund of Funds II PLC.
- Acted for **Enterprise Ireland** on its investment of €20m in Bank of Ireland Kernel Capital Partners Private Equity Fund II pursuant to the Seed and Venture Capital Scheme 2007-2012.
- Acted for **Enterprise Ireland** on its investment of €21.75m in the Ulster Bank Diageo Venture Fund Limited Partnership pursuant to the Seed and Venture Capital Scheme 2007-2012.
- Acted for **Seroba Kernel Life Sciences** in the establishment of Seroba Kernel Life Sciences Fund II a dedicated life sciences venture capital fund.
- Acted for **Kernel Capital** in the establishment of Bank of Ireland Seed and Early Stage Equity Fund 2009.
- Acted for **Kernel Capital** in the establishment of the Bank of Ireland Med Tech Accelerator Fund.

Numerous investments and divestment transactions including:

- Acted in buy-out of 3i's interest in **Macalla Software** financed by Shackleton Ventures and the subsequent trade sale to Roamware Inc.
- Acted for **Englefield Capital** in relation to its €30m equity investment through its vehicle Rockfield Investment LLP in Imperative Energy Limited.
- Acted for **Braemar Energy Ventures LP** in its investments in Powervation Limited.
- Numerous other investments in portfolio companies on behalf of the funds we represent.

Private Equity and Venture Capital - Our Team



Emmet Scully is a partner and head of the Business Department, practicing in the areas of mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures and corporate restructurings. Emmet also advises on venture capital and private equity investment structures and transactions. Emmet has been "praised for his work on venture capital and private equity structures" according to **Chambers Global 2009**.
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