

Jeanne Kelly

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Jeanne is one of the founding partners of our first international office in Dublin and has over 25 years' experience including leading a commercial tech practice where she advised private and public sector clients on technology, intellectual property and data privacy law. She has led data protection compliance programmes for some of Ireland's leading corporates, as well as for multinationals with Irish operations. She has extensive experience in large outsourcing projects, supply arrangements and intellectual asset management. She is also ranked as a leading individual in tech (legal 500 2024) along with TMT and IP (Chambers Europe 2024) and Data Privacy (Lexology Pro 2025).

She regularly speaks at leading industry conferences in Ireland and overseas on GDPR, FDI, legal issues for start-up and scaling companies and data privacy. She is also an experienced media commentator on legal issues.

Jeanne was announced as 'Corporate Leader' of the Year at the Irish Women's Awards 2020.

Jeanne is a Past President of the British Irish Chamber of Commerce.

Expertise

Advertising and marketing

Commercial contracts for retail

Complex licensing, R&D and collaboration

Copyright and related rights

Data protection and privacy

Designs

International trade and commerce

Regulatory compliance for schools and academy trusts

Trade marks

Trade secrets and confidential information

Featured experience

Global luxury goods brand

Supporting global luxury goods brand on its brand strategy and rollout, as well as on enforcement issues.

External counsel

External counsel for a Fortune 500 US Financial Services company, advising on data protection and foreign direct investment matters

Advising international museums

Advising international museums on legal aspects of art curation, touring exhibitions and IT infrastructure procurement.

Advised on the establishment of EMEA operations

Advised one of the world's largest social media companies on the establishment of its EMEA operations

Testimonials

"Jeanne Kelly is a standout partner in every respect. She combines an impressive command of intellectual property law with a thoughtful, client-centred approach. Ciarán Markey brings the same exceptional quality, with an eye for detail and a proactive approach that sets him apart. Together, Jeanne and Ciarán create a dynamic team."

Legal 500 EMEA 2025,

"Jeanne Kelly is a particular partner who stands out for her enthusiasm and strong interpersonal skills."

Legal 500 EMEA 2025,

"Jeanne Kelly is technically gifted, astute and commercially minded, with superb strategic focus."

Chambers Europe Guide 2024,