



- 1 Are you a successful business owner, senior executive or leading professional?
- 2 Have you considered succession issues such as setting up a trust for your children?
- 3 Are you concerned about protecting your wealth in future years?
- 4 Would you be interested in a full legal health check for you and your family?

How can we help?

The last decade has seen an unprecedented economic boom in Ireland. This in turn has led to the creation of significant personal wealth for many people and the resulting legal challenges that this wealth can bring.

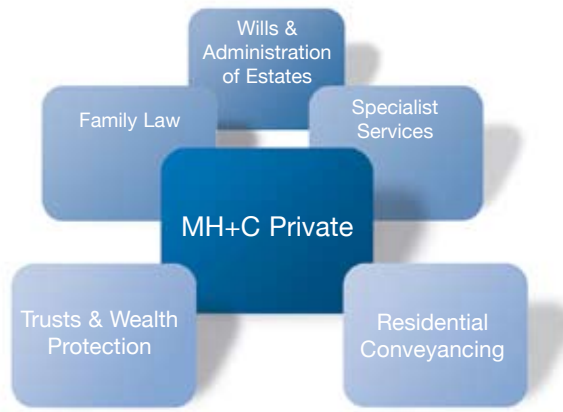
In light of this, Mason Hayes+Curran has established a new and innovative service called, MH+C Private. MH+C Private has been developed to provide a complete range of legal services to cater for the individual requirements of Ireland's successful business owners, senior executives and leading professionals.

This sophisticated private law service is an inter-disciplinary approach to advice and problem-solving for clients and includes advising on traditional private client issues such as wealth protection, wills & probate, trusts & administration of estates, residential conveyancing and family law. The MH+C Private service extends this concept further and can call upon relevant specialist advice and expertise from within the wider firm, providing advice on senior employment matters, director/shareholder issues, family business disputes, art & antiquities, pension and tax planning.

The MH+C Private team has extensive experience in dealing with all aspects of private client service and understand the needs and requirements that successful individuals expect. The team recognise that successful individuals have, through their day-to-day business dealings, come to expect a high level of individual and personal service that matches their expectations for doing business in general.

Whether you are considering wider succession issues, or would like to discuss a sensitive family matter, the team are well versed in providing a discreet and professional service.





Wills and Administration of Estates

MH+C Private has a wealth of experience in the drafting and administration of wills and advising on and drafting powers of attorney. The team can provide comprehensive and practical advice on all succession matters and the passing on of assets, at home and abroad, while also providing specialist advice to executors and trustees administering estates. Relying upon extensive experience, MH+C Private can provide sensible solutions to the practical problems which can arise in the administration of estates, by advising on solutions such as disclaimers or deeds of family arrangement. The team also has a strong background in dealing with conflicts in estate administration, such as disputes between beneficiaries or disputes over the statutory entitlements of third parties and, where necessary, can act in contentious, as well as non-contentious, probate matters.

Trusts & Wealth Protection

Wealth protection involves advising on and implementing legal structures which enable individuals to control the management of their assets for the benefit of their family or other persons, or to transfer assets such as a family business to the next generation. This is a relatively novel and complex legal area in Ireland and MH+C Private offers its clients the possibility to control, in a tax efficient manner, the transfer of family assets whilst protecting vulnerable family members through the use of legal structures such as fixed, bare or discretionary trusts and family partnerships. The MH+C Private team also advise private and corporate trustees on the day to day administration of trusts and associated taxation consequences and can advise clients, living here or abroad, on the international tax consequences of acquiring or maintaining property overseas.

In conjunction with the firm's specialist family law practice, MH+C Private can advise on the taxation, succession and trust consequences arising out of marital breakdown and have considerable experience in assisting cohabiting couples in relation to the transfer of property, succession and taxation issues.

Family Law

The specialist family law practice offer a comprehensive range of services in contentious and non-contentious family law matters, with a particular focus on judicial separation and divorce. The unit routinely advise clients on non-contentious matters such as separation and pre-nuptial agreements and consensual access arrangements. On the contentious side, the unit has considerable experience in representing parties in strongly contested cases involving judicial separation, divorce, child custody and child abduction. The approach of the family law unit is attuned to the sensitive nature of the work undertaken and to the particular needs and requirements of each individual client.

Residential Conveyancing

MH+C Private has extensive experience in all aspects of residential conveyancing including buying and selling residential property, re-mortgaging and re-financing of property. The team can also provide advice on tax efficient conveyancing including inter-spousal transfers, the transfer of sites to children and the purchase of property for the benefit of children, either during an individual's life or under their will. The department can also assist in the financing of property transactions and other related services which may be required.

Specialist Services

It should be noted that whilst the MH+C Private service caters for traditional private client services, such as trusts & estates, family law and residential conveyancing, this innovative practice has been designed to leverage the additional skills that already exist within Mason Hayes+Curran. In this regard, should you require advice on a senior employment matter, director or shareholder issues, family business disputes, defamation, art & antiquities or overall pension and tax planning, the MH+C Private team can assist you and provide advice in all of these areas.

Conclusion

The growth of the Irish economy and the success of key individuals in generating wealth, has brought with it new requirements for legal services in Ireland. In this regard, Mason Hayes+Curran has specifically developed MH+C Private to cater for the sophisticated needs of these successful clients. The team's vision is to provide private clients with the highest quality of legal service that is available in the Irish market.

To find out more about how the MH+C Private team may assist you and your individual requirements, please do not hesitate to contact one of the team members below.



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