



Press Release

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AIB Private Banking Announced as Headline Sponsor of Irish Law Awards 2015

AIB Private Banking has partnered with the Irish Law Awards as headline sponsor of the 2015 event. **The AIB Private Banking Irish Law Awards 2015** commend excellence in Irish law and recognise the outstanding achievements and exemplary practices of leading law firms, legal practitioners and in-house legal teams across the country.

Now in its fourth year, the awards ceremony has grown considerably over the years and in 2015 will move from a daytime event to a black-tie gala evening ceremony. Finalists will be announced on Thursday, 26th March and the event, which is hosted by Miriam O'Callaghan, will take place in the DoubleTree by Hilton, Burlington Road at the end of April.

The AIB Private Banking Irish Law Awards 2015 aim to identify and honour outstanding achievements of leading law firms, legal practitioners and in-house legal teams across Ireland. This year sees the addition of four new categories: 'Dublin Law Firm of the Year', 'Service Provider to the Legal Profession Award', 'Young Lawyer of the Year (Under 35)', and 'Irish Language Practitioner of the Year'.

Other categories include 'Lifetime Achievement Award' (sponsored by Friends First), 'Law Firm of the Year', (sponsored by AIB Private Banking), 'Banking, Finance/Restructuring & Insolvency Team/Lawyer of the Year', 'Family Law Team/Lawyer of the Year', 'Public Sector Team/Lawyer of the Year', 'Employment Law team/Lawyer of the Year', 'Legal Executive of the Year' and 'Bar Council's Human Rights Award', (sponsored by the Bar Council of Ireland).

Patrick Farrell, Head of AIB Private Banking, said, "We are hugely honoured to be title sponsors of the Irish Law Awards this year and look forward to recognising the various nominees and winners for their outstanding achievements. Many of our valued customers are legal professionals, and we are delighted to be associated with an

event that recognises excellence in this field. Our goal at AIB Private Banking is simply to support our time-poor customers in the management of their complex financial affairs. That way they can devote more of their time and energy to what they excel at in their professional and personal lives."

Tracey Carney, Event Director Irish Law Awards said, 'AIB Private Banking is the perfect fit for our awards and we're delighted to be partnering with them on this year's event. The AIB Private Banking Irish Law Awards 2015 are designed to recognise excellence in the legal profession in Ireland, commending the achievements of lawyers, while also recognising those who have dedicated their lives to serving in the legal profession. Similar events have been hosted across Europe for many years, and this prestigious ceremony allows Irish legal professionals to be recognised alongside their international peers'.

The judging panel for the **AIB Private Banking Irish Law Awards** is chaired by Dr. Eamonn G.Hall and the awards judging panel review each submission in the context of the criteria for each category. The charity partners for the awards are the Solicitors' Benevolent Association, The Barristers' Benevolent Society and the Peter McVerry Trust. For more information on the AIB Private Banking Irish Law Awards 2015, please contact Michelle Morrisroe on (01) 432 2226, or email michelle.morrisroe@ashvillemediagroup.com

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Notes to Editor:

Full List of Categories and Sponsors for the AIB Private Banking Irish Law Awards 2015

Lifetime Achievement Award - **Sponsored by Friends First**

Law Firm of the Year - **Sponsored by AIB Private Banking**

Dublin Law Firm of the Year *NEW* - **Sponsored by Lincoln Recruitment**

Leinster Provincial Law Firm of the Year over 5 Solicitors -**Sponsored by Advanced Legal**

Leinster Provincial Law Firm of the Year under 5 Solicitors

Munster Provincial Law Firm of the Year with over five Solicitors

Munster Provincial Law Firm of the Year with under five Solicitors

Connacht Provincial Law Firm of the Year

Ulster Provincial Law Firm of the Year

Sole Practitioner/Principal Law Firm of the Year - **Sponsored by AMTrust & AON**

Law Firm Innovation Award - **Sponsored by KeyHouse**

In-House Legal Team/Lawyer of the Year - **Sponsored by Thomson Reuters**

Banking, Finance/Restructuring & Insolvency Team/Lawyer of the Year – **Sponsored by
Rochford Brady**

Litigation Case of the Year

Family Law Team/Lawyer of the Year

Public Sector Team/Lawyer of the Year

Employment Law team/Lawyer of the Year

Criminal Lawyer/Team/Firm of the Year

Legal Executive of the Year

Alternative Dispute Resolution Law Team/Lawyer of the Year

Irish International Law Firm of the Year Award - **Sponsored by Robert Walters**

Pro Bono & Public Interest Team/ Lawyer of the Year

Property, Planning, Probate Team/ Lawyer of the Year - **Sponsored by ENKI**

Service Provider to the Legal Profession Award *NEW*

Special Merit Award

Young Lawyer of the Year (under 35) *NEW*

Legal Website of the Year - **Sponsored by Documatic**

Irish Language Practitioner of the Year *NEW*

Bar Council's Human Rights Award - **Sponsored by the Bar Council**