

Roddy Bourke

Roddy Bourke (BBS, LLM, Diploma Competition Law, Kings College London) is a litigation partner. He has 25 years experience in product liability in Ireland and has defended blood products and tobacco claims and numerous cases where medical devices and drug manufacturers have been sued. Roddy was the principal draftsman and has led the implementation of a bespoke ADR programme which has been approved by the presiding judge in medical devices litigation where over 1,000 claimants have sued. Roddy collaborates with his IP colleagues in handling pharmaceutical patent disputes in the Irish courts. Roddy also acts in commercial disputes, often with EU law or disputed jurisdiction elements. Recent cases have included D&O, partnership, aviation and distributor disputes.

At an early stage of his career, Roddy worked on insurance and reinsurance disputes in London with Barlow Lyde & Gilbert (now Clyde & Co). Since then, he has continued to advise on the interpretation and enforcement of insurance contracts, acting mainly for insured businesses and directors. Roddy has served as chairman of the Irish Law Society's Litigation Committee and Arbitration Committee and is an active member of the International Association of Defense Counsel.