

THE RÉMY MARTIN CORK BUSINESS AWARDS 2021– LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD.

OUR FINAL AWARD THIS EVENING IS THE BUSINESS CORK LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WHICH IS BESTOWED ANNUALLY ON A PERSON THAT HAS EXCELLED IN LIFE AND IN THEIR CAREER



Our recipient this year is unique among Irish solicitors, a fact recognised by the September 2020 decision of the Irish Government to award him a Patent of Precedence as a result of which he became one of the first group of solicitors in Ireland to become a Senior Counsel Solicitor. Prior to this he had also been appointed in 2000 by the Chief Justice of Ireland as a Notary Public for Cork &

Dublin. He is also an Irish and EU Trade Mark Practitioner and Intellectual Property Attorney. As a senior and experienced legal practitioner in professional practice for 40 years, and as the author of no less than nine legal text books in the areas of professional practice, commercial Law, Bankruptcy, Personal Insolvency and Insurance/Professional Negligence, our recipient had no difficulty in satisfying all criteria to be appointed a Senior Counsel.

Over his career he has been awarded multiple awards including the Irish Franchise Association Award for Franchise Person of the Year (2007), (the only service professional ever so honoured by the franchise industry in Ireland), the Irish Law Awards award for Alternative Dispute Resolution Practitioner of the year (2013) as well as his firm having been awarded the Irish Law Awards award for Best Law Firm of the year (2017) as well as a host of other legal services industry awards. In October 2021 he was awarded the Award for Irish Lawyer of the year by the Irish Law Awards. He has also served as Chairman of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, a Director and Council member of the Mediators Institute of Ireland and a Founder member and Council member of the Irish Society of Insolvency Practitioners.

He served on the Executive committee of the Irish Maritime Law Association of 36 years, including serving as Honorary Sec and is also a Titular Member of the Comité Maritime International.

He currently serves as a Council Member of the Law Society of Ireland, is Chair of the Law Society of Professional Indemnity Insurance Committee, is a Member of the Law Society Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee, a Member of the Charity Appeals Tribunal and a Member of the Complaints Adjudication Panel for Personal Insolvency Practitioners. Both being ministerial appointments for two terms. He is also the trustee of several charities and voluntary bodies and a lifelong member of the Scouting Movement.

Ladies & Gentlemen, The Business Cork Lifetime Achievement Award goes to Bill Holohan, Solicitor, Senior Counsel and Senior Partner of Holohan Lane LLP Solicitors, Cork and Dublin