

Sharon Lewis

Partner

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Biography

Sharon is a partner, based in Paris and London, and the Sector Group Leader of the Finance, Insurance, and Investment at Hogan Lovells. Sharon is also the Global Head of Financial Institutions and Insurance Sector, the first woman in the firm to be appointed in the role of Head of Finance.

Sharon advises on the full range of capital markets transactions, including several award-winning and industry firsts in debt capital markets, derivatives, securitization, repackaging, and other structured products, corporate bonds, and equity-linked offerings. She has extensive banking experience, particularly in the fields of structured finance, secured lending, loan restructuring, and debt trading. Sharon also has a strong practice in automotive-related financing, insurance-linked securities, energy-related lending, and debt restructuring.

Sharon is proudly the co-architect of Hogan Lovells LIBOR Solution, which won 'Innovation in Collaboration' in the Financial Times Innovative Lawyers in North America 2019 awards. Have been recognized by the 'IFLR1000 Women Leaders' for four consecutive years for Capital Markets and France; named one of the 2021 Best Lawyer Award for France; has been listed in Innovate Finance's Women in



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Languages

English

French

Practices

Financial Services

Capital Markets

Banking and Loan Finance

Insurance

Business Integrity

Industries

FinTech 2020 Powerlist under 'Professional and Finance Services' and was listed in 'Senior Leaders' category in 2019; Listed as '2021's Leading Legal Advisor' by CORPTODAY; and also was named a leading individual by Chambers for her expertise in English and French law for banking and finance and structured finance.

Her interests include jewelry design, and as part of a social enterprise project, she set up www.thepearlladies.com. Sharon is also a keen supporter of the French AFM-Téléthon, organized by the French association against the neuromuscular disease which raises funds for research projects into rare genetic diseases.

Representative experience

The first of its kind in the market – advising EDF on the first ever green bond issued by a corporate of €1.4bn

The first ever 100-year century bond issue in sterling – advising EDF on its £1.35bn bond issue in sterling.

Advising Crédit Agricole S.A on its securitisation of residential mortgage loans granted by the group's 39 regional banks for an amount of €1,136,400,000.

Advising AXA Bank Europe SCF, a French covered bond structure (société de crédit foncier) on its €9bn entry program.

Awards and rankings

- Named IFLR's 1000 Women Leaders 2021 for France, *IFLR 1000*, 2021
- Capital Markets: Structured Finance (France), *Chambers Global*, 2018-2021
- Capital Markets: Debt (France), *Chambers Global*, 2018-2021
- Capital Markets (France), Foreign expert for UK, *Chambers Global*, 2018-2021

Financial Institutions

Automotive

Energy and Natural Resources

Insurance

Diversified Industrials

Areas of focus

Derivatives and Structured Products

Raising Debt Capital

Securitization and Structured Finance

Direct Lending

Sustainable Finance & Investment

Education and admissions

Education

First Class Honours in English and French Law, University of Paris XI (Paris Sud)

LL.B., University of Kent

Memberships

Franco-British Chamber of Commerce

Bar admissions and qualifications

Solicitor, England and Wales

Paris

- Derivatives and Structured Finance, France, Recommended, *Legal 500 EMEA*, 2019-2020
- Derivatives and Structured Finance, France, Leading Individuals, *Legal 500 EMEA*, 2019-2020
- Capital Markets: Debt Capital Markets, France, Recommended, *Legal 500 EMEA*, 2019-2020
- Derivatives and Structured Finance, Leading Individual, *Legal 500 EMEA*, 2018-2020
- Capital Markets: Debt Capital Markets, *Legal 500 EMEA*, 2018-2020
- Capital Markets: Debt & Equity (UK), Expertise Based Abroad in France, *Chambers Global*, 2018-2020
- Capital Markets: Structured Finance, Securitisation & Derivatives (UK), Expertise Based Abroad in France, *Chambers Global*, 2018-2020
- Listed in the 2020 edition of IFLR1000 Women Leaders, *IFLR 1000*, 2020
- Recommended as a National Leader in Capital Markets, *Who's Who Legal*, 2020
- Industry Focus: Energy, *Legal 500 EMEA*, 2019
- Recognised Practitioner in Capital Markets (Debt), *Chambers Europe*, 2018
- Sharon Lewis combines strong skills in both structured finance and debt. She offers expert advice on cross-border transactions thanks to her dual qualification in French and English law. Clients describe her as excellent on structured finance and report: She understands the company needs and she is always available to deliver the quality service we demand., *Chambers Europe*, 2018
- Among the 300 female lawyers considered as best transactional specialists, *IFLR 1000*, 2018
- Listed on the Women in FinTech 2020 Powerlist under the 'Professional and Finance Services' category, *Innovate Finance*, 2020
- Listed on the Women in FinTech 2019 Powerlist under the 'Senior Leaders' category, *Innovate*

Accolades

Sharon is listed in the expert guide to the world's leading women in business for Structured Finance and Securitisation and she is consistently listed in *Les Echos* (leading French finance daily newspaper) as one of the "Best Lawyers" in France for structured finance as voted by other lawyers in the market.

Les Echos

Sharon is listed in the Women in FinTech 2017 Powerlist, a ranking published by Innovate Finance, the membership organisation that represents the UK's Global FinTech community, and was also named one of IFLR1000's Women Leaders in 2018. Sharon is also listed as a leading individual by Chambers and IFLR 1000.

Finance, 2019

- Listed on the Women in FinTech 2017 Powerlist, *Innovate Finance, 2017*

Latest thinking and events

- News
 - New Release: Insurance Horizons Brochure 2021
- Press Releases
 - Hogan Lovells advises Société Générale, Banco Santander and ING on CREDIPAR's first public STS securitisation
- Press Releases
 - Hogan Lovells advises Société Générale and Intesa Sanpaolo in the first public CQS securitisation of Sigla Credit
- Webinar
 - The law on sustainable finance and investment - is it fit for purpose?
- Press Releases
 - Hogan Lovells advises UniCredit in EBS Finance, the first securitisation programme of €500 million tax claims deriving from the "Eco-Sisma-Super-Bonus" Italian sustainable law scheme
- Press Releases
 - Hogan Lovells advised EDF in its inaugural €1.25 billion hybrid social bond issue