

Sharon Lewis

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Biography

Committed to achieving excellence in all that she and the firm does, Sharon leads teams on some of the largest and most complex transactions in international debt capital markets, Sharon advises on the full range of capital market transactions, including several industry firsts.

Sharon is the Global Head of our Financial Institutions Sector, having been the head of the firm's Global Finance Practice for four years, the first woman in this role. 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 recognized for her ability to advise on both English and French law, with Chambers commenting that she is 'able to offer immediate solutions'. Sharon is based in our Paris office and divides her time between France and the UK. Sharon regularly speaks at industry



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Languages

English

French

Practices

Financial Services

Capital Markets

Banking Transactional

Insurance

Business Integrity

Industries

events and is a keen supporter of initiatives for women – not only within our firm, but in the wider business-world.

Her interests include jewellery 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, organised by the French association against 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

- "Leading Individual" in Derivatives and Structured Finance, *Legal 500 EMEA*, 2018
- Band 2 in Capital Markets (Structured Finance), *Chambers Europe*, 2018
- 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

Financial Institutions

Automotive and Mobility

Energy and Natural Resources

Insurance

Diversified Industrials

Areas of focus

Derivatives and Structured Products

Raising Debt Capital

Securitization and Structured Finance

Direct Lending

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

England and Wales

Paris

we demand.", *Chambers Europe*, 2018

- Among the 300 female lawyers considered as best transactional specialists, *IFLR 1000*, 2018
- Listed on the Women in FinTech 2017 Powerlist, *Innovate Finance*, 2017
- Capital Markets: Debt & Equity (UK), Expertise Based Abroad in France, *Chambers Global*, 2018-2019
- Capital Markets (France), Foreign expert for UK, *Chambers Global*, 2018-2019
- Capital Markets: Debt (France), *Chambers Global*, 2018-2019
- Capital Markets: Structured Finance, Securitisation & Derivatives (UK), Expertise Based Abroad in France, *Chambers Global*, 2018-2019
- Capital Markets: Structured Finance (France), *Chambers Global*, 2018-2019

Latest thinking and events

- Events
 - Insurer restructuring, run – off and resolution: the view from both sides of the Pond
- Press Releases
 - No more laborious LIBOR Hogan Lovells launches Artificial Intelligence-based LIBOR solution
- Press Releases
 - Hogan Lovells advises Volkswagen Leasing GmbH in the first public STS securitization transaction
- ■ Paris Brexit Seminar
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - Debt Capital Markets - Global Insights - Spring 2019
- Press Releases
 - Hogan Lovells advises EDF on its ESG-Indexed Credit Facility

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.
