

Karen Hughes

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Biography

With a passion for problem solving, Karen combines both knowledge and energy in tackling complex tax issues for her clients. Seen by her clients as the 'go to' person for corporate tax advice in M&A, business restructurings and international tax planning, she enjoys a challenge and rises to it. In an area renowned for its complexity and constant change, she cuts through all that. She understands how precious time is in the modern world. Nobody wants to wade through dense tax advice - it is about getting to the solution! The result is tax clients who value her clear and incisive approach and business clients who applaud her 'non-techie' talk.

She has most definitely earned her reputation as 'the acceptable face of tax'. It is then no surprise that her talents have been recognized, leading the teams which won the International Tax Review prestigious awards of 'European M&A Tax Deal of the Year 2014' and 'European Joint Venture Tax Deal of the Year 2015'.

Chambers describes her as 'switched-on' and 'a star in her own right' who 'works tirelessly to deliver what is needed'. Legal 500 says that she combines 'excellent technical capabilities' with a 'broad knowledge of business' to give 'insightful advice'.

Karen is a member of Hogan Lovells' Board and plays a key role in supporting our global Transfer Pricing practice.



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Languages

English

Practices

Tax

Industries

Consumer
Energy and Natural Resources
Financial Institutions
Technology and Telecoms
Private Capital

Areas of focus

Business Restructuring and Tax

Representative experience

SABMiller on the A\$11.5bn acquisition of Fosters and its US\$1.9bn strategic alliance with Anadolu Efes.

Straumur-Burdaras Investment Bank on the €2.3bn restructuring of creditor claims pursuant to an Icelandic court-approved composition agreement.

CH2M Hill on its £123m recommended acquisition of Halcrow Holdings Ltd.

Rift Acquisitions Ltd on the £1.2bn acquisition of three UK water businesses from Veolia Environment.

Christian Salvesen on its £254m recommended takeover by Groupe Nobert Dentressangle.

Kodak Pension Plan on the US\$650m acquisition of the Rockford and Walden businesses from the Kodak Group.

Liberty Global on the disposal of its international content division, Chellomedia, to AMC Networks Inc. for \$1bn.

Advised HC2 Holdings, Inc. on the US\$250m sale of Global Marine Group, an offshore engineering services provider of which HC2 indirectly owned approx. 73%, to J.F. Lehman & Co.

Awards and rankings

- Hall of Fame, Corporate Tax, *Legal 500*, 2020
- Tax, *Chambers UK*, 2020

Latest thinking and events

- Press releases
 - Hogan Lovells advises Chevron on strategic disposal in the Republic of Congo
- Press releases
 - Hogan Lovells advises Cardano on its sale to Mercer
- Press releases
 - Hogan Lovells represents Michele Kang in acquisition of the London City Lionesses Football

International Tax Planning

M&A and Tax

Stamp Tax

Value Chain Optimization

Education and admissions

Education

LL.B., University of Manchester

M.Phil., University of Manchester

Accolades

'Clients characterise her as "knowledgeable and practical" and praise her "solution-oriented" approach.'

Chambers UK, 2020

Club

- Press releases
 - Hogan Lovells advises Internet Mobile Communications Limited on \$450 million de-SPAC business combination with Crystal Peak Acquisition
- Awards & rankings
 - Hogan Lovells lawyers named in Euromoney's Women in Business Law Expert Guide 2022
- Press releases
 - Hogan Lovells advises Navis Capital Partners on the sale of B Medical Systems S.à r.l. to Azenta, Inc.