

Sharon Lewis

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Biography

Sharon is an English and French dual-qualified capital markets 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 the Financial Institutions and Insurance Sector and she co-heads the Digital Assets and Blockchain practice.

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, and corporate bonds. She has extensive banking experience, particularly in the fields of structured finance, secured lending, loan restructuring, and loan trading. Sharon also advises clients across several industry sectors, automotive-related financing, insurance-linked securities and energy-related financing.

Sharon created Hogan Lovells Digital Assets and Blockchain practice, alongside partner, John Salmon, in 2022. This practice is global, spanning many practices, including capital markets, banking, payments, data, and litigation, but also many sectors beyond finance, including life sciences, energy and consumer.

Sharon is proudly the co-architect award-winning Hogan Lovells LIBOR Solution tool. Sharon has been recognized by 'IFLR1000 Women Leaders' for four



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Languages

English

French

Practices

Financial Services

Capital Markets

Banking and Loan Finance

Digital Assets and Blockchain

Industries

Financial Institutions

Automotive and Mobility

Energy and Natural Resources

consecutive years for Capital Markets and France; recognized in the 'Best Lawyers in France' list two years running; been listed in Innovate Finance's Women in FinTech 2020 Powerlist under 'Professional and Finance Services' and listed in 'Senior Leaders' category since 2019; Listed as '2021's Leading Legal Advisor' by CORPTODAY; and was named a leading individual by Chambers for her expertise in English and French law for banking and finance and structured finance. In 2022, Sharon was listed in 'IFLR1000 Women Leaders', won the 'Lifetime Achievement' award at the IFLR Europe Awards and was listed in Forbes 40 of 40 Lawyers in France.

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

- Lifetime Achievement award, *IFLR Europe Awards*, 2022
- Top 40 of 40 Lawyers in France, *Forbes*, 2022
- Named IFLR's 1000 Women Leaders 2021 for France, *IFLR 1000*, 2021
- Listed on the Women in FinTech 2019 Powerlist under the 'Senior Leaders' category, *Innovate Finance*, 2019-2022
- Capital Markets: Structured Finance (France), *Chambers Global*, 2018-2021
- Capital Markets: Debt (France), *Chambers Global*, 2018-2021

Insurance

Manufacturing and 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

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

- Capital Markets (France), Foreign expert for UK, *Chambers Global*, 2018-2021
- 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 2017 Powerlist, *Innovate Finance*, 2017

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.

Latest thinking and events

- Press releases
 - Hogan Lovells advises Buy Way on its public consumer loan receivables securitisation
- News
 - EU: Eurogroup finance ministers set the Capital Markets Union priorities for 2024-2029
- News
 - Financial Institutions Horizons 2024
- Insights and Analysis
 - The Digital Asset Summit 2023
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