

## Sharon Lewis

Partner

Paris

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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 on the power of transformative technology and leads the firm's response to emerging challenges and opportunities. Sharon was the co-architect of Hogan Lovells LIBOR Solution which won "Innovation in Collaboration" in the Financial



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### Languages

English

French

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### Practices

Capital Markets

Banking Transactional

Insurance

Business Integrity

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### Industries

Financial Institutions

Times Innovative Lawyers - North America 2019 awards.

Sharon advises 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 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](http://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

- Derivatives and Structured Finance, Leading Individual, *Legal 500 EMEA*, 2018-2019
- Capital Markets: Debt Capital Markets, *Legal 500 EMEA*, 2018-2019
- Industry Focus: Energy, *Legal 500 EMEA*, 2019

Automotive and Mobility

Energy and Natural Resources

Insurance

Diversified Industrials

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## Areas of focus

Derivatives and Structured Products

Raising Debt Capital

Securitization and Structured Finance

Direct Lending

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## Education and admissions

### Education

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

LL.B., University of Kent

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## Memberships

Franco-British Chamber of Commerce

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## Bar admissions and qualifications

Solicitor, England and Wales

Paris

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## Accolades

- Capital Markets: Structured Finance (France), *Chambers Global*, 2018-2019
- 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 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

## Latest thinking and events

- Awards and Rankings
  - Hogan Lovells Wins Financial Times "Innovation in Collaboration" award for LIBOR Solution
- Hogan Lovells Engage
  - UK FCA gives guidance on conduct risk during LIBOR transition
- Events
  - Hogan Lovells Blockchain Summit
- AFME's Annual European Compliance and Legal Conference

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*

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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.

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- Press Releases

- Hogan Lovells advises Opel Vauxhall Finance and BNP Paribas on Opel Bank's first public STS and SRT securitisation

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- Former Global Head of Cybersecurity Law at JPMorgan joins Hogan Lovells