

# Biography

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## Sonia Hamshaw

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### Expertise

Corporate , Restructuring

Sonia Hamshaw is a partner in our Cyprus office, highly regarded for her expertise in corporate law, spanning over 14 years. Sonia additionally has cross-sectional experience in capital markets and banking and finance transactions.

With a comprehensive background in corporate, finance, and restructuring law, Sonia advises across a spectrum of corporate and commercial matters. Her expertise includes equity fundraisings, listings, joint ventures, reorganisations (including court sanctioned schemes of arrangement), corporate governance, and mergers and acquisitions.

Regarded as a trusted advisor, Sonia serves as counsel to multinational billion dollar corporations and high net-worth individuals. Their confidence in her extends to seeking guidance on diverse corporate issues, relying on her expertise for both high-profile transactions and their day-to-day operations.

Although she works with clients in a wide range of industry sectors, Sonia has particular expertise in advising pharmaceutical, technology, gaming, and software entities with a presence in Cyprus, offering tailored solutions in M&A, equity fundraising, corporate governance, and joint ventures. In close collaboration with our employment, data protection, and regulatory teams, as well as Harneys Fiduciary, Sonia ensures a holistic approach to client service, delivering comprehensive advice and tailored solutions across a broad spectrum of legal needs.

Sonia is consistently ranked in legal directories.

## Recommendations

Sonia is ranked a next generation partner for her Commercial, Corporate and M&A expertise. Clients describe her as an "excellent associate with immediate response to all actions that need to be done and a very smooth character that can even out tensions in the team." Prior to her next generation partner recognition in 2024, Sonia was ranked a rising star.

- Legal 500, 2020 - 2024

Chambers Europe describes Sonia as a "very responsive, to-the-point and commercial" finance lawyer. She is recommended for expertise in finance mandates for major international banks and investors, including transactions involving Russian clients. Sonia regularly acts for both corporate clients and financial institutions across a range of industry sectors such as TMT, oil and gas and pharmaceuticals. She is described by clients as "helpful and polite, rendering a very high level of legal service".

- Chambers Europe

Sonia is ranked a "rising star partner".

- IFLR1000, 2024

## Experience

Acting on behalf of AE Industrial Partners, a prominent private investment firm with US\$6.2 billion in assets under management, in the acquisition of three aircraft from Boeing Capital previously on lease to a leading European operator, and the re-leasing of these aircraft to the same airline. Providing legal support under Cyprus law for the new leasing and subleasing arrangements, with the transaction facilitating a seamless transition and ensuring the continued operation of these aircraft

Acting as lead counsel for the sellers in the multimillion Euro sale of Kean Soft Drinks Ltd to Dofeido Limited, a joint venture entity of BBF Group and Cyber Assets CY Limited. Kean is one of Cyprus' oldest family run group of companies, having been operation for 75 years in the food and beverages industry.

Providing Cyprus law advice to EBRD in respect of their Cyprus joint venture entity Cante Holdings Ltd, through which investments are made in many green-certified projects in Greece, including the Piraeus Tower project, together with PRODEA Investments, situated on the Athenian Rivera, Piraeus Port Plaza 2 and 3 Office buildings, the Importex office building and the Omonoia Moxy hotel

Advising LetterOne on all aspects of corporate law including most recently its acquisition of the entire issued share capital of the holding company of the Remedica and Sun Wave pharmaceutical groups, the former being one of the largest Cyprus pharmaceutical companies on the island

Providing corporate and commercial law advice to multibillion dollar international chemical manufacturer Olin Corporation

Advising Atomico's investment into Cyprus company Sunberry Limited, the holding company of Harbor Lab, which is digitising the Greek shipping industry

Providing Cyprus legal advice to a premium online entertainment company with over 45 million users, in relation to its acquisition of a Cyprus media company and valuable IP assets held

Advising a prominent multi-billion dollar media telecommunications group on their potential sale and acquisition of various companies

Advising bet365, one of the world's leading online gambling operators with over 23 million customers in over 150 countries, on its application for a Class B online betting licence in Cyprus

Advising leading supplier of logistics and energy equipment supplier China International Maritime Containers Group in its acquisition of international offshore drilling contractor Frigstad Deepwater Ltd from the Frigstad Offshore Group

Acting for Agri Europe Cyprus in its restructuring through a scheme of arrangement

## Bar Admissions

Cyprus  
2012

## Education

Nottingham Law School (LPC)  
2010

University of Leicester (LLB)  
2009

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**Chambers Europe**