

Biography



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

Experience

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 (**CIMC**) in its acquisition of international offshore drilling contractor Frigstad Deepwater Ltd from the Frigstad Offshore Group

Regular advice to LUKOIL, one of Russia's largest oil companies, in relation to various corporate matters

Acting for Agri Europe Cyprus (**AEC**) in its recent restructuring through a scheme of arrangement

Advising Transmashholding on Cypriot corporate matters

Bar Admissions

Cyprus
2012

Education

Nottingham Law School (LPC)
2010

University of Leicester (LLB)
2009

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