

Biography



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Expertise

Corporate

Sonia Hamshaw is a member of our Cyprus practice group. She regularly advises public and private companies on a wide range of corporate transactions in such industries as banking, agriculture, pharmaceuticals, telecommunications, and oil and gas.

In her current practice, Sonia's expertise includes mergers and acquisitions and corporate reorganisations and restructurings.

Experience

Her recent experience includes:

- 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

Recommendations

- **Legal 500, 2021:** Sonia is ranked as a rising star 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."
- **Legal 500, 2020:** Sonia is ranked as a rising star for her Commercial, Corporate and M&A expertise.
- **Chambers Europe:** 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".

Bar Admissions

- Cyprus 2012

Education

- Nottingham Law School (LPC) 2010
- University of Leicester (LLB) 2009

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