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BIOGRAPHY

Sharon is the Lead Knowledge Counsel for Litigation & Investigations.

- Sharon's focus is on identifying, analysing, tracking and sharing knowledge relating to key sector and legal developments and issues for the benefit of our lawyers and our clients. Her role is to ensure our lawyers and our clients are always ahead of the curve.
- Her skill is to have her finger on the pulse of market-relevant legal developments and issues pertinent to our clients and to keep abreast of, and to disseminate her insights on, such developments and issues as they arise. Having been seconded by a client as in-house General Counsel, she has first-hand experience of how valuable such insights are to our clients.

- She is also responsible for the department's training programme.
- As a previously practising lawyer for 29 years and a solicitor-advocate, she specialised in multi-jurisdictional complex corporate and commercial litigation as part of our UK Business & Commercial Disputes team, with particular experience in civil fraud and worldwide asset tracing.

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We explore the trends for Business and Commercial Disputes in the UK, US and France/EU in 2025. Here's what you should know. UK In the spotlight: corporates asserting privilege against shareholders Continued focus on litigation funding Increase in open justice Easier enforcement Court-compelled Negotiated Dispute Resolution – watch this space France Rise of mass claims in France and rise of class actions in France and the EU The new EU product liability directive adopted on October 11, 2024 Rise of ESG related claims US More M&A deals means more post-closing disputes? Head off rising number of workplace issues with internal investigations Disclosure of litigation funding in the United States

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Enforcement of judgments between France and England

Being able to enforce a judgment is of crucial importance for businesses: securing a judgment is a pyrrhic victory unless it can be enforced. Here we explore whether concerns about the recognition and enforcement procedure between France and England can now be laid to rest. Our answer is that for commercial and finance parties, the answer is to a large degree, yes.

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Cold Comfort: Court of Appeal takes a Chill Approach to Freezing Injunctions

The Court of Appeal has clarified the requirements to be satisfied before obtaining a freezing injunction, affirming an attainable merits threshold is to be preferred over a more stringent alternative. Any perceived tilt in favour of prospective applicants, however, is tempered by a heightened emphasis on the requirement for any potential order to be “just and convenient”. In this insight, Rachel Ziegler and Sanjay Lohano examine the Court of Appeal decision in *Dos Santos v Unitel S.A.*, providing practical insights for prospective applicants looking to utilise one of the law’s so-called “nuclear weapons”.

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High Court dismisses green strategy derivative claim against Shell’s directors

In February 2023 ClientEarth issued a derivative action against Shell’s 11 directors. ClientEarth alleged that the directors had breached their duties under the Companies Act 2006 (CA 2006) by failing to adopt and implement an energy strategy that aligned with the Paris Agreement on Climate Change 2015 to limit global warming to 1.5°C. Given that it was bringing a derivative claim on behalf of the company, ClientEarth needed to obtain the permission of the court before the action could proceed. The application was considered on the basis of the papers before the court without the court hearing oral submissions. On 12 May 2023, the judge refused permission for the claim to proceed. The judge made several key points in his judgment which will be pertinent to future activist shareholder derivative actions.

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Catch me if you can: How the English Courts are adapting to remain an effective jurisdiction to combat crypto fraud

The English courts have sought to lead the way in adjudicating crypto-related disputes and other technological matters in an international context. Recent decisions have demonstrated the English courts’ willingness to assist victims of crypto theft, and the ability of the English legal system to adapt in order to remain an effective jurisdiction for cases involving crypto fraud. In particular, recent decisions have established that: Software developers may owe a fiduciary duty to owners of crypto; New jurisdictional gateways are effective to expand the English courts’ jurisdiction to allow claimants to secure information orders against non-parties based overseas; and Service out of the jurisdiction may be permitted where there is a theft of crypto assets originally located in England but subsequently transferred abroad.

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Kingstar and others v Hassans (a law firm) and others: has the test for limitation been clouded by the Supreme Court?

The Supreme Court of Gibraltar this week found in favour of our clients and dismissed an application by the defendants to strike out our clients' claim against them on all three grounds relied upon by the defendants. Our clients' claims - which, after this week's success, will now continue against Hassans law firm and two of Hassans' partners - are premised on allegations of dishonest assistance. At trial, the court will ultimately decide whether Hassans and the named partners dishonestly (and with full knowledge of the circumstances) assisted one of our clients' former directors, Joseph Ackerman, unilaterally and fraudulently - without the knowledge and consent of his co-director, Naomi Ackerman - to effect loans on uncommercial terms from their subsidiaries to other entities in which Mr Ackerman had a personal interest in breach of his fiduciary duties to our clients. In reaching its decision to dismiss the defen...

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When appealing a contempt order will be an abuse of process

Our insight into a recent judgment of the Court of Appeal: the judgment provides valuable analysis from the Court of Appeal as to the legal principles and the policy considerations around what constitutes an abuse of process as well as a warning as to the limits to a party's entitlement to appeal as of right in contempt matters.