



Awarded 'Lawyer of the Year' at the Benchmark Litigation 2019 Europe Awards

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Expertise

Sharon Daly is Head of Matheson's [London Office](#) and is a partner in the Commercial Litigation and Dispute Resolution Department.

Sharon is widely acknowledged as one of the leading corporate litigators in Ireland with over 25 years' experience in all aspects of commercial litigation and dispute resolution. Continuously recognised for her ability to respond creatively to complex issues, Sharon was recently awarded 'Lawyer of the Year' at the Benchmark Litigation 2019 Europe Awards.

Sharon has been involved in some of the most significant commercial litigation to come before the Irish courts in the last 10 years, including defending a major financial institution in a series of multi-billion, multi-jurisdictional disputes arising from investments in Bernard L. Madoff's business. Sharon also acted for insurers in the largest property damage dispute to come before the Irish courts in relation to the liability of hydro-electrical dams and flood damage arising therefrom.

Sharon and her team advise a wide range of clients on highly technical insurance issues including policy wordings, coverage and policy disputes, resulting in significant cost and time savings to our client and minimising reputational risk.

Sharon is Co-Chair of the Insurance Committee for the International Bar Association and has actively sought to use this committee to bring together leaders in the insurance industry to address the challenges in the industry globally.

As Head of Matheson's [Brexit](#) Advisory Group, Sharon leads a multi-disciplinary team who advise and assist clients on the implementation of their Brexit plans.

Experience Highlights

- Acted for a financial institution in a multi-billion (2.9bn) euro fraud claim achieving a dismissal of same on an interlocutory motion on public policy grounds.
- Defending a financial institution in a fund custody negligence claim seeking recovery of \$500m achieving a strike out on a preliminary issue.
- Representing a major broker in the EU investigations into the commercial motor industry in Ireland.
- Acting for insurers in a significant coverage dispute on a financial lines run-off policy.

- Acting in a high-profile multimillion euro professional negligence claim action against a major firm of solicitors in relation to the administration of a very large and complicated estate (confidential).
- Acting for AIB in a very significant coverage dispute under the civil liability section of a Bankers Blanket Bond policy following an employee fraud.
- Acting for Kenmare Resources in the appeal of a €10m libel award achieving a 97.5% reduction to €250k.
- Acting for University College Cork against the Electricity Supply Board (ESB) in a claim alleging ESB mismanaged a hydro-electric dam and caused millions of euro in damages as a result of downstream flooding in Cork city.

Accolades

Sharon Daly is recommended.

European Legal 500 2020

Sharon Daly is a "*first-class litigator, a very talented lawyer*".

European Legal 500 2020

Sharon is "*commercial, high-energy and committed*."

Commercial Litigation and Dispute Resolution: Chambers Global 2020

Ranked as one of the Top 10 Most Innovative Lawyers in Europe

Financial Times Innovative Lawyer Awards Europe 2019

Lawyer of the Year

Benchmark Litigation 2019 Europe Awards

Sharon Daly is a "*formidable opponent, her name alone carries force. She is very decisive; she is forceful when she needs to be. I think she is excellent*".

Chambers Europe 2019

Sharon Daly is an "*exceptional operator*" and regarded as "*a leading coverage practitioner in Ireland*".

Insurance: European Legal 500 2019

Sharon Daly "*uses a common-sense approach to solving any issues and is open to finding novel solutions*".

Dispute Resolution: European Legal 500 2019

Sharon Daly is named a leading individual.

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Sharon Daly is an "*excellent insurance lawyer*".

Insurance: Chambers Europe 2019

Recognised for Insurance Law and Litigation

Best Lawyers Ireland 2019 edition

Sharon Daly is recognised in the Influential Women in Re/Insurance Report

Intelligent Insurer 2018

Winner, Best in Insurance, Europe

Euromoney Europe Women in Business Law Awards 2018

Sharon Daly is an "*excellent negotiator*".

European Legal 500 2018

Sharon Daly is "a very good strategic thinker. She really cares and always want to get the best result for her client. She's formidable and superb in hard-fought commercial litigation."

Chambers Global & Europe 2018

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European Legal 500 2017

Sharon Daly is described as a "great litigator" with "a strong reputation in the insurance defence market."

Chambers Europe 2017

The market-acclaimed Sharon Daly "is a very commercial operator," according to one source, with another describing her as "decisive, confident, clear-thinking, no-nonsense and pragmatic - a fine legal mind".

Chambers Global & Europe 2017

Sharon Daly is deeply respected for her vast expertise in the Irish insurance sector, with a focus on contentious insurance work, in particular high-value policy interpretation disputes

Chambers Europe 2016

Clients say Sharon Daly "always has an end game and sees the best route to minimise our exposure".

Chambers Europe 2016

Sharon Daly is named a leading individual.

European Legal 500 2016

Sharon Daly is a strong leader and a "formidable adversary", according to market sources.

Chambers Global 2016

Sharon Daly is able to "creatively respond to complex issues".

European Legal 500 2016

Litigation and Insurance / Reinsurance expert

2015 Women in Business Law

Clients describe Sharon Daly as a "calm and experienced lawyer who is well respected in the area".

Chambers Europe 2015

Clients add "Sharon understands what we want and is great at providing a clear strategy".

Chambers Europe 2015

"She has a wealth of knowledge in the market."

Chambers Europe 2015

Sharon Daly is named a leading individual.

European Legal 500 2015

Practice head Sharon Daly is "excellent" and is among "the best for insurance litigation".

European Legal 500 2015

Matheson's Sharon Daly is "a top choice insurance litigator".

European Legal 500 2015

Sharon Daly is a "*truly formidable*" lawyer, "*with a good handle on her clients' needs*".

Chambers Global & Europe 2015

Sharon Daly is described as a "first-rate advocate" by peers and clients alike, and a "true expert" on alternative dispute resolution.

Who's Who Legal 100 2014: Insurance and Reinsurance, Commercial Litigation expert

Litigation expert

2014 Women in Business Law

Sharon Daly is a highly respected figure on the market, lauded for her considerable skill on insurance disputes.

Chambers Europe 2014

Sharon Daly has a "*great intellect*".

European Legal 500 2014

Sharon Daly is widely hailed as a hugely accomplished and impressive litigator.

Chambers Global 2014

Sharon Daly was shortlisted for Business Woman of the Year 2013 at the **Women Mean Business Awards**.

Sharon Daly leads the insurance litigation practice, winning impressive praise from clients for her skill and experience. One client notes that she "*is proactive and client-focused, and gets down to the root of the problem*".

Chambers Europe 2013

Practice head Sharon Daly is "*commercial and articulate*".

European Legal 500 2013

Sharon Daly is "*extremely professional in all aspects of her work*".

European Legal 500 2013

Sources laud Sharon as "*a tough, incredibly savvy lawyer who vigorously defends our interests. She is robust, forthright, and fights the good fight for her client*".

Chambers Global 2013

Sharon is also recognised as a leading lawyer by a number of international legal directories, including **Chambers Global, European Legal 500, Euromoney Expert Guides, Who's Who Legal, Best Lawyers** and **Guide to the World's Leading Women in Business Law**.

Education

University College Dublin (BA in Commerce)

Related Practice Areas

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