



Michelle Moran

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OVERVIEW

Michelle Moran is a partner and a practice group coordinator of the global Asset Management and Investment Funds practice group.

Michelle advises European and US clients on the establishment, authorization, and management of retail and institutional investment funds in the UK, Ireland, Luxembourg, and Jersey. These include UCITS, hedge funds, private funds, investment trusts, real estate funds, segregated institutional portfolios, and exchange traded funds. She has worked on a wide variety of transactions involving investment managers, brokers, custodians, fund service providers, and operating platforms.

Michelle's extensive regulatory experience includes having participated on the EU Commission working groups responsible for formulating proposals to change UCITS legislation as well as representing numerous financial institutions on sensitive issues involving EU regulators in both contentious and non-contentious matters.

She also served as a member of both the Expert Liaison Group and the Investment Bank Advisory Panel formed by HM Treasury to advise on desired policy and legislative change prompted by the financial crisis. These groups focused principally on the drafting of the Banking Act 2009, related secondary legislation, and client asset law and regulation. She was appointed an officer of the International Bar Association's Investment Funds Committee in January 2015.

Michelle has been consistently recognized since 2005, initially as a Hot 100 lawyer and subsequently in *Chambers* and *The Legal 500*. More recently clients have commented,

"Michelle Moran has an encyclopedic knowledge of funds law, and, as a former GC of a major funds house, a shrewd understanding of the challenges internal counsel face."

"The practice is led by a very commercial lawyer, who has spent the larger part of her career as EU GC of a global asset manager. This helps the whole team to focus better on what an in-house counsel is looking for in terms of practical advice and, therefore, trusted advisers."

"Michelle Moran is very pragmatic. She looks for solutions, rather than just stating the law."

"Michelle Moran is an exceptional lawyer and has the benefit of several years as an in-house lawyer, which distinguishes her from many of her peers as she is able to fully understand her clients' goals as well as the internal pressures they face."

The Legal 500 2019 - Financial services (non-contentious/regulatory)/ Investment Funds - Retail Funds.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Prior to joining the firm, Michelle was a partner at another global law firm.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Named to *Chambers Global* as a Spotlight lawyer for Investment Funds (Expertise Based Abroad - UK) in Ireland, 2024
- Recognised by *The Legal 500 United Kingdom* edition as a Leading Individual in two categories, Retail funds and Financial services: non-contentious/regulatory in London, 2024
- Recognised by *The Legal 500 United Kingdom* edition as a Recommended Lawyer for Private funds in London, 2024

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Panellist, "MiFID," Institutional Investor Legal Forum Spring Roundtable Brussels (May 10, 2017)
- Chair, "Challenges and opportunities for UCIT market participants," Euromoney The 6th UCITS Conferences 2016 (May 26, 2016)
- Chair, 5th UCITS Conference 2015, Euromoney Legal Forum (May 20-21, 2015)
- Panellist, "Counting the cost of the Alternative Investment Fund Managers Directive," FT Live – Regulation in Asset Management (March 24, 2015)
- Chair, 7th Alternative Investment Fund Regulation conference, Euromoney Legal Forum (February 24-25, 2015)
- Moderator, "Remuneration," The 4th Annual Malta Fund Conference AIFMD One Year After (September 18-19, 2014)

EDUCATION

- Legal Practice Course, College of Law, London, 1995
- LL.B., University of London, 1993

ADMISSIONS

- Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales
- Solicitor, Ireland

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP POWERED BY HUB

- April 2024 , Global Survey of ESG Regulations for Asset Managers
- April 2024, ESG and the Sustainable Economy Handbook
- 6 April 2021, Navigating the European ESG Disclosure Regime in a Post-Brexit World
- 30 November 2020, Credit Opportunities Funds Recent Developments in Stressed Distressed Strategies
- September 2020, Understanding the SEC's Proposed Modernized Fund Shareholder Reports and Disclosures
- 22 January 2020, Brexit: Implications for Your Business and its Relationship With the EU
- 2 September 2019, Brexit Update
- 7 June 2019, Shareholder Rights Directive II and its Implications for Asset Managers
- 26 February 2019, Brexit Q&A Conference Call (12)
- 23 January 2019, First step in European Commission Review of Alternative Investment Funds Rules
- 21 November 2018, Brexit Q&A Conference Call (11)
- 3 May 2018, Brexit Q&A Conference Call (10)
- May 2018, Raising Fund Assets in a Global Regulatory Environment
- 13 December 2017, Materials from the 2017 London Investment Management Conference
- 30 November 2017, Brexit Q&A Conference Call (9)

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- "Getting the Deal Through: Fund Management 2018 – United Kingdom," *Law Business Research Ltd.*, August 2018

NEWS & EVENTS

- 15 February 2024, *Chambers Global* 2024 Guide Ranks K&L Gates Lawyers, Practices
- 13 November 2023, Asset Management and Investment Funds Fall Conferences - London

- 4 October 2023, K&L Gates Practices, Lawyers Recognized in *The Legal 500 UK* 2024 Edition
- 16 February 2023, K&L Gates Recognized in 2023 *Chambers Global* Guide
- 3 November 2022, 2022 K&L Gates Asset Management and Investment Funds Conference - Boston
- 2 November 2022, 2022 K&L Gates Asset Management and Investment Funds Conference - Washington, D.C.
- 3 October 2022, 2022 K&L Gates Asset Management and Investment Funds Conference - London
- 30 September 2022, K&L Gates Ranked in 30 Categories in *The Legal 500 UK* 2023 Edition
- 17 February 2022, K&L Gates Recognized in 2022 *Chambers Global* Guide
- 6 October 2021, K&L Gates Ranked in Nearly 30 Categories in the 2022 *Legal 500 UK* Guide
- 6 October 2021, 2021 Investment Management Conference
- 13 September 2021, K&L Gates Releases ESG and the Sustainable Economy Handbook
- 1 July 2021, Investment Association Annual Conference, hosted by The Investment Association
- 24 February 2021, K&L Gates Recognized in 2021 *Chambers Global* Guide
- 10 November 2020, Credit Opportunities Funds - Recent Developments in Stressed-Distressed Strategies
- 13 July 2020, K&L Gates Asset Management and Investment Funds Practice Ranked in Three Categories, with 17 Lawyers Recommended, in *The Legal 500 United States* 2020 Guide
- 25 October 2017, K&L Gates Welcomes London Investment Management Partner

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Asset Management and Investment Funds
- ESG - Sustainable Investing
- Exchange-Traded Products
- Global Distribution
- Global Financial Services Regulation
- Hedge Funds
- Institutional Investors
- Investment Advisers
- Investment Funds
- Portfolio Management, Trading, and Compliance

- Private Equity Funds
- Real Estate Funds
- UCITS

INDUSTRIES

- Financial Services
- Private Equity

EMERGING ISSUES

- Environmental Social Governance (ESG)