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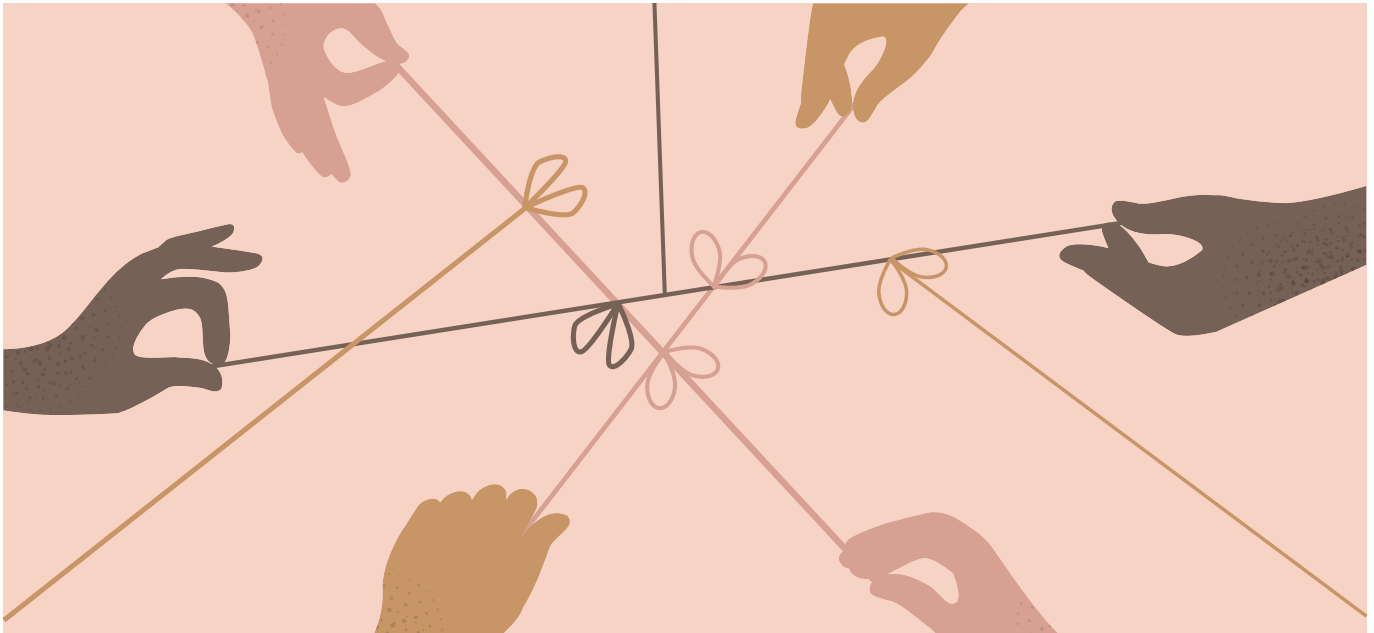
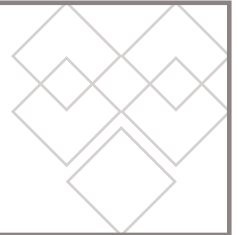
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#### PERSONAL BIOGRAPHY

**Natasha Harrison** is a managing partner of Boies Schiller Flexner. She is an experienced barrister and solicitor specialising in high-value and complex disputes and was the founding partner of the London office. Acting on behalf of funds, investment banks, corporations and governments, her practice focuses on high-stakes international litigation and arbitration. She has extensive experience in all types of finance and business disputes, including distressed debt investments, investments in special situations and emerging markets, sovereign debt investments, restructuring disputes, securitisations and complex finance arrangements.



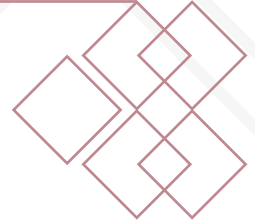


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### Q&A WITH NATASHA HARRISON



#### **What do you consider to be your major career achievements?**

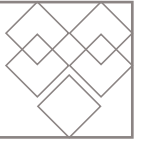
◆ Each recent win becomes the most important achievement to me, so in the past year I was especially pleased with our success on behalf of McLaren. The most interesting case I have been involved with was probably acting for the noteholders of Canary Wharf in a hard-fought battle against the issuer, which was seeking to collapse the structure and redeem the notes without paying ‘spens’, a form of make whole. The issue was one of interpretation of complex securitisation documents. Taking the Law Debenture Trust to the then House of Lords and winning our case on the question of a noteholder’s obligation to indemnify a trustee is another highlight. Beyond cases, it has been an honour to lead Boies Schiller and help the firm transition to the second generation of leadership.

#### **Are you active in any programmes or initiatives within your organisation? To what extent have you found this work rewarding and fulfilling?**

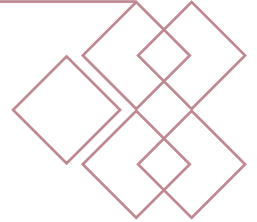
◆ As the managing partner responsible for diversity, equity & inclusion (DEI), I am currently driving and overseeing BSF’s diversity programme. I strongly believe that diverse teams get better results and feel it is critical to create an environment in which everyone can thrive, ensuring there is bespoke support, by way of mentorship and having role models at all levels to aspire to. Within the last year we have formed a diversity council, created specific diversity targets, introduced a diversity budget and appointed external consultants to implement DEI in the most impactful and sustainable way possible. We also launched an online series, ‘Women in Law’, through which BSF senior women attorneys shared their views on the issues affecting women in the legal industry. The second series, ‘LGBT+ in Law’, was launched in June 2021. There has never been a more important time to be advancing diversity in the workplace.

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**What strengths and characteristics do you, your team and your firm strive to demonstrate to clients?**

◆ As a firm we are utterly rigorous in everything we do and leave no stone unturned. We regularly take cases to trial and have established a record of winning complex, groundbreaking and cross-border matters in some of the most challenging circumstances. We thrive under pressure and pride ourselves on prevailing even when the odds appear most against us. The depth of our rota of clients and exciting pipeline of work is reflective of the firm's unique culture and quality of work. We are regularly retained by our clients with whom we build deep relationships. We work thoroughly on their cases, spend time listening to their needs and act fearlessly on their behalf. We strive every day, in every matter, to build upon our reputation as "one of America's most successful and sought-after law firms for cases that matter". ■



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### REPRESENTATIVE ENGAGEMENTS

- ◆ Acting for senior noteholders of McLaren in their dispute over the company's use of the J. Crew 'trapdoor' mechanism, whereby we successfully defeated attempts to trapdoor out assets to raise new finance, in breach of indenture and intercreditor provisions.
- ◆ Representing a leading US-based global institutional investment management firm with \$30bn-plus in assets under management. Our team is advising on its interests in a large non-performing shipping loan portfolio acquired from Pireaus Bank, a major Greek lender.
- ◆ Representing a group of institutional investors as lead counsel in respect of a £1bn-plus claim being brought on behalf of a core group of institutional investors against a major natural resources company, under Section 90 of the Financial Services & Markets Act 2000 (FSMA).
- ◆ Representing a multinational bank and a leading US-based investment firm as holders of enhanced capital advantage preferred securities issued by various Lehman Brothers entities.

