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Short biography: Laura Devine, Laura Devine Immigration Law, London, UK

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Laura advises on UK and US immigration with a client base spanning all sectors from finance to fashion and corporates to individuals.

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Laura is the UK representative of the International Bar Association Immigration Committee, a council member of the Law Society and sits on the Law Society Immigration Committee. She is the immigration correspondent for the Law Society Gazette and editor to Thomson Reuters' first book on global immigration entitled 'Immigration Law: Jurisdictional Comparisons'. Laura is involved in law firm management and women in business.

As Managing Partner Laura, oversees all client matters for both the UK and US teams. She advises on UK and US immigration with a client base spanning all sectors from finance to fashion and corporates to individuals.

History

2003 - present - Laura Devine Solicitors / 2007 – present – Laura Devine Attorneys LLC

1996-2003 - Eversheds / Laura Devine joint venture

1990-1994 - Coopers & Lybrand (now PWC)

1987-1990 - Cameron Markby Hewitt (now CMS Cameron McKenna)

Education

2004-2006 - Dip. Lit. Open University

2003-2004 - Admitted to the New York Bar

1993-1996 - LLM London School of Economics / School of Oriental and African Studies

1986-1988 - LPC College of Law, London

1983-1986 - LLB University College, London

Memberships

The Law Society

Immigration Law Practitioners' Association

American Immigration Lawyers Association

International Bar Association

American Bar Association

Union Internationale des Avocats

Freeman of the City

Awards

2017 - Citywealth Powerwomen Awards: 'Entrepreneurial Woman of the Year' - Bronze

2016 - Citywealth Powerwomen Awards: 'Boutique Organisation of the Year: Female Leadership'

2015 - Law Society Excellence Award's Woman of the Year

2015 - Citywealth's Magic Circle Awards: Immigration Law Firm of the Year

2015 - Citywealth's Powerwomen Awards 2015 Entrepreneurial Woman of the Year

2014 - Legal 500 Human Resources Specialist Firm of the Year for Immigration

2014 - High-Value Immigration Award for UK Immigration Advisory Firm

