

WeirFoulds commercial litigator Nadia Chiesa recognized as a 2020 Lexpert Rising Star

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WeirFoulds is pleased to announce that [Nadia Chiesa](#), Partner and Co-Chair of the Caribbean Practice Group, has been named a Lexpert Rising Star 2020, Leading Lawyer Under 40. The winners were announced on November 16 in the [Lexpert Special Edition: Energy & Rising Stars](#).

Nadia, who joined WeirFoulds as an associate in 2011 and became partner in 2020, is one of the few lawyers in Canada who litigates complex commercial cases and multi-jurisdictional disputes in both the Caribbean and Canada. She frequently appears before the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court and Court of Appeal, and appears before all levels of court in Ontario.

Nadia acts in precedent-setting cases across the Caribbean, advancing critical commercial cases as well as important constitutional and human rights cases in the region. She advises clients on a wide variety of matters, including multi-jurisdictional corporate disputes involving shareholder rights and director's duties, the registration and enforcement of foreign judgments, commercial disputes, and offshore trusts and estates matters. She also advises clients in the areas of anti-corruption, anti-money laundering and regulatory compliance, including on extra-territorial freeze orders pursuant to anti-money laundering legislation, MLAT enforcement, treaty rights and obligations in these areas, and general due diligence relating to offshore banking and trusts requirements.

In 2013, Nadia launched WeirFoulds' *pro bono* human rights litigation initiative in the Caribbean. She is currently involved in Constitutional challenges in the Caribbean to laws that criminalize private consensual relationships between persons of the same sex. She is the only Canadian member of CARIBONO, a group of lawyers from across the Caribbean who work to advance social justice initiatives and provide *pro bono* legal services in the region. Closer to home, Nadia provides *pro bono* representation to a Canadian-Caribbean arts and culture group.

"Nadia is building a multi-jurisdictional commercial litigation practice that is unique in the Canadian Bar. Her contributions to making the Caribbean Practice Group a highly recognized and sought-after practice at the firm cannot be overstated," says [Wayne Egan](#), Managing Partner at WeirFoulds. "Nadia has gained the confidence and admiration of her colleagues and clients through her leadership and her commitment to her clients' needs."

"I am proud to be recognized for this award alongside such impressive lawyers from across the country," says Nadia. "I appreciate my clients as well as colleagues and friends at WeirFoulds who have supported me in building my Caribbean-Canadian practice, and who took the time to recognize my work in this nomination."

The firm congratulates Nadia on this well-earned honour.

To learn more about Nadia Chiesa and her practice, [visit her profile](#).

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