

## **OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

Kath Roberts has met the Outstanding Achievement Award criteria with distinction with her strong Welsh heritage, rising to the absolute top of her profession in law and achieving international reach and recognition as Chair of *Eversheds Sutherland* a top global law firm with over 6,000 people and 900 partners, and 70 offices in over 30 jurisdictions. acting for the world's largest businesses in all sectors. In 2017 Eversheds combined with US law firm Sutherland and in 2023 signed a cooperation and referral agreement with KMW who are one of China's largest law firms.

Kath Robert's grew up in *Llandeilo* and attended the local comprehensive school, becoming Head Girl. She was the first generation in her family to go to University, Kings College London. Kath completed her training as a solicitor in London, returning home to Wales in 1995 to continue practicing professional negligence litigation in *Eversheds Cardiff*. (formerly *Phillips & Buck*),.

Kath has been a partner for over 20 years in **Eversheds** a Top 10 Global Law firm, employing over 6000 people globally and over 500 in Cardiff

Kath is a Trustee of the *Eversheds Sutherland Charitable Trust* and also sits on the firm's Inclusion Council. In 2022, *Kath was elected by her partners to the role of Chair of its international business, a role spanning all operations in the UK, Europe, Middle East, and Asia. She also co-chairs the Global Board, which includes the US arm of the business.* A huge achievement and one which her colleagues at ES Cardiff are very proud of.

According to her closest colleagues, Kath is living proof that good people do not in fact finish last. She has had a massively successful career and been hugely effective in all of her roles and in building her client base but at the same time, never lost her warmth and sheer decency as a human being. She is always thoughtful and kind as well as being an extraordinarily focused and effective leader *always able to consider the wider perspective considering the firm's people, culture, and the part it plays in the local community.*

Kath was CBI Wales Chair during 2021 and 2022 after serving on the CBI Wales Council for several years. Kath has also been made an Honorary Fellow of Cardiff Metropolitan University for her contribution to the legal and business sector and work on diversity.

Kath is a member of UK Finance, the Conveyancing Association and the Equity Release Council. She is a Board member of Maggie's Cancer centre and *is a founding member of Monumental Welsh Women, a movement dedicated to producing public art representing Welsh women (because there wasn't any!). The group has already delivered the Betty Campbell statue here in Cardiff, Elaine Morgan in Mountain Ash, Cranogwen in Llangrannog, with statues of Lady Rhondda and Elizabeth Andrews to follow soon. Kath was awarded the Outstanding Achievement Award at the 2023 Wales Legal Awards*

There is much, much more to this tremendous woman as many of us know and admire.