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Practices

FOCUS: Corporate
Capital Markets
Financial Markets and Funds
Mergers and Acquisitions
Private Credit
Real Estate
United Kingdom

Industries

Aviation
Energy
Finance and Financial Markets
Technology

Education

The College of Law in Guildford
LLB, University of Bristol

Christopher Harrison has over 25 years' experience advising financial institutions, funds and corporate and government entities on complex capital markets and leveraged finance transactions. He is a thorough and skilled practitioner in a variety of industries including media, telecommunications, transportation, energy and financial services.

A client-centric approach to capital markets and finance matters

Christopher has vast experience working with investment funds and advising on effective implementation of capital and activist strategies. He has advised several funds and bondholder groups on issues such as the Companies Act, hold outs, consent solicitations, the use of UK/EU insolvency, exchange offers and US Bankruptcy Code procedures.

Clients appreciate Christopher's extensive experience in a wide variety of matters coupled with his in-depth approach. Recognized as one of the best financial services attorneys in the UK, Christopher maintains a great awareness of his clients' businesses and their needs. Clients look to Christopher for assistance with their most elaborate equity and debt matters, including spin-offs, acquisitions and disposals.

Chris also has many years of experience representing lenders, leasing companies, equity investors, and airlines in leasing, portfolio trading, secured lending, and capital markets transactions involving commercial aircraft and in airport financing, and heads Katten's London aircraft finance practice.

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Recognitions

Recognized or listed in the following:

- *Best Lawyers in the United Kingdom*
 - Capital Markets Law, 2023
 - Financial Services, 2009-2020, 2023
- *The Legal 500 United Kingdom*
 - Emerging Markets, 2013-2015, 2020

News

- Katten UK Named Transatlantic Firm of the Year 2022 (November 30, 2022)
- Katten's Analysis of the Hong Kong Airlines Proposed Restructuring Plan is the Subject of Articles in *Airfinance Journal* and *AVIATOR* (October 17, 2022)
- Katten and Rock Trade Law's Analysis on Aircraft in Violation of US Export Controls is Published by Several News Sources (August 5, 2022)
- Katten Attorneys Named to the *Best Lawyers™ in the United Kingdom* (June 9, 2022)
- Media Outlets Make Note of Katten's Aviation Finance Practice Expansion to London (February 10, 2022)
- Katten London Strengthens Capital Markets Offering (December 13, 2021)

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Publications

- US Moves to Seize Aircraft for Apparent Violation of Export Controls (October 12, 2022)
- Features of the Hong Kong Airlines Restructuring Plan (October 4, 2022)
- Protecting the Financer of the Conversion of a Passenger Aircraft to a Freighter (September 13, 2022)
- BIS Identifies First Foreign-Produced Commercial Aircraft Exported to Russia in Apparent Violation of US Export Controls (August 3, 2022)
- Aircraft Lessors Should Prepare for UK Restructuring Processes (June 13, 2022)
- BIS Takes Enforcement Action Against Russian Airlines — but not Lessors or Financers — For Flights to or Within Russia (April 8, 2022)
- BIS Grants Authorization of Aircraft to Leave Russia and Updates List of Aircraft Operating in or to Russia in Violation of Export Controls (March 31, 2022)
- Commerce Department Identification of Aircraft Exported to Russia in Violation of Export Controls Offers Guidance on Whether the Continued Leasing or Finance of Aircraft in Russia Violates US Law (March 21, 2022)