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Overview

Jacqueline is a partner in our global Banking & Finance practice, with a specialist focus on trade commodity finance and transport finance in the aviation, shipping and offshore industries. Jacqueline advises on the full spectrum of English law financing transactions, acting for both financiers and borrowers on secured and unsecured bilateral, syndicated and club deals and has worked in the London, Singapore and Amsterdam markets. Jacqueline has also acted for institutional investors on private placement financings to international corporates.

In the transport sector, Jacqueline represents banks, leasing companies and operators on sale and leasebacks, operating leases, finance leases, tax-drive structures and portfolio transfers.

In the commodities sector, Jacqueline is experienced in borrowing base structures, receivables discounting, prepayment facilities and supply contracts and has acted for traders in energy, oil & gas, dry bulk, agricultural products, metals and minerals.

Jacqueline has extensive in-house experience spent at ABN AMRO Bank N.V. where she implemented the bank's credit risk insurance programme, at the Dutch development bank FMO, and as general counsel to an investment fund. Jacqueline serves clients in English, Dutch and French.

Experience

- **Leading aircraft lessor:** Acting for a leading aircraft lessor on the first commercial aircraft leasing transaction in Myanmar.
- **ING Bank N.V.:** Lead counsel to ING Bank N.V. as documentation agent on a secured multicurrency borrowing base facility for a metals trader. The security package included warehousing custody arrangements under local laws and secondary security over price brokerage arrangements.
- **Bank:** Advising a syndicate of banks on the restructuring of security over a fleet of FPSO vessels located in Norway, Brazil and East Timor.
- **Bank:** Acting as lead counsel to the mezzanine financiers (both banks and institutional investors) on a new corporate facility for a large car manufacturer. This transaction required structuring of innovative intercreditor

arrangements.

- **ING Bank N.V.:** Advising on the ongoing security management of Smit Lamnalco's fleet of vessels.

Insights

- "A Marriage of Convenience: Bank and Private Placement Debt in the Ship Finance Sector", *Marine Money International*, May 2013
- Co-author, "Shipping in Australia: A Level Playing Field?", *Marine Money Asia Special Edition*, November 2011
- "Ship Finance in Australia: A Home Game?", *Marine Money International*, August 2011

Activities and Affiliations

- Member, Law Society of England & Wales

Prior and Present Employment

- Partner, Dentons Boekel, 2019-present
- Director and founder, The English Law Consultancy, 2015-present
- Senior Associate, Allen & Overy LLP, 2012-2015
- Associate, Norton Rose Fulbright LLP, 2008-2012
- Trainee Solicitor, Norton Rose Fulbright LLP, 2006-2008

Areas of focus

Practices

- Banking and Finance
- Aviation Finance
- Trade and Commodity Finance
- Ship and Marine Finance

Industry sectors

- Financial Institutions
- Energy

Education

- Nottingham Law School, 2005, Legal Practice Course
- Nottingham Law School, 2004, Graduate Diploma in Law
- University of Edinburgh, 2003, LLB

- Université Aix-Marseille III (Aix-en-Provence) , 2002, Master

Admissions and qualifications

- Solicitor, Law Society of England and Wales, 2008

Languages

- Dutch
- English
- French