

## **TRANSPORT & ASSET FINANCE**

### **OVERVIEW**

Engage experienced and enthusiastic specialists with BCLP's Transport and Asset Finance team.

Our global practice handles significant and market-leading transactions across a number of asset classes, particularly in the areas of aviation, shipping and offshore, rail, manufacturing plant and machinery and vehicles.

Our dedicated lawyers have extensive experience across the full range of financing techniques including: secured lending, leasing (finance leasing, operating leasing, hire purchases and conditional sales), structured financings, project financings, export credit financings, securitisations and receivables financings.

Advising on deals in Europe, Asia, North America and Central and South America from across our network of offices, our practice is international and cross-border, servicing clients around the clock, worldwide. Those clients include financiers, finance arrangers, owners, lessors, operators, specialised insurers and manufacturers.

Consistent with our culture of forging long-lasting relationships, we are dedicated to having an in-depth understanding of our clients' businesses. This, combined with our deep industry experience and our focus on providing the right people with the right levels of experience, means that we deliver tailored solutions that meet our clients' commercial and legal needs.

### **AVIATION**

Aviation is a global industry and our aviation team reflects this. Spread across our network of international offices, we service our clients worldwide, around the clock, as a single cohesive team. We have over 50 experts spread across our offices in Asia, the United Kingdom, Europe and the United States.

Our global aviation practice has over 200+ years' of combined experience transacting aviation related business in global financial centres, and we are recognised by clients and directories as market leading lawyers in the aviation sector. We have gained significant industry knowledge from working for aircraft lessors, airlines, airports, banks, MRO's and other financial institutions, arrangers, suppliers and manufacturers across the full spectrum of aviation matters including

aircraft leasing and financing, aircraft purchase and disposal, engine leasing and financing, sanctions advice, product liability, maintenance support agreements and aviation litigation.

For more details regarding our specialist Aviation Finance Practice, Aviation Litigation Practice and other aviation specialisms follow the links under “Related Practices”.

## **RAIL**

Our rail team has deep and current industry experience. With lawyers drawn from across our practice groups and offices, we have a proven track record of acting on high-profile, innovative and complex domestic and cross-border transactions.

We act for financiers, rolling stock leasing companies, public bodies and other investors in rail assets. Our clients come to us for advice on all types of rail transactions, including in respect of:

- the procurement, leasing and maintenance of rolling stock;
- the acquisition and financing of rolling stock;
- rail regulatory matters;
- industry structuring matters;
- track and station access matters;
- major rail infrastructure projects, including PPPs and conventional procurements;
- over-station development projects;
- digital rail, smart card technology and cybersecurity matters;
- light rail projects;
- rail business acquisitions, disposals and refinancings; and
- planning and authorisation transactions.

Our experience covers both the passenger and the freight sectors, and allows us to efficiently deliver thorough, results-driven and cost-effective advice on business critical rail transactions.

## **SHIPPING**

In an ever-changing and increasingly regulated environment, our lawyers provide commercially-driven and forward-thinking advice on the opportunities and challenges which are reshaping the

shipping and offshore industry.

In addition to our experience in shipping and offshore finance, we provide a full range of services to ship owners, ship operators, banks and financial institutions on all aspects of the shipping and offshore industry.

With our market leading practice we are also able to advise on the international taxation of shipping companies.

Our Dispute Resolution team are market leaders in freight futures litigation and advise on disputes in all sectors of the shipping and offshore industries.

## **ROADS**

The provision of effective transport infrastructure is recognised as being key to economic growth and social development. It promotes mobility, nationally and internationally, particularly at a time when the free movement of persons and goods is essential for full participation in our increasingly global community.

Our lawyers provide an integrated service to governments, public authorities, contractors, sponsors and funders on all aspects of roads and other surface transport infrastructure projects. The diversity of our client base provides us with a solid understanding of the marketplace and the key issues which can arise.

When it comes to major projects, we work alongside our public sector clients from the outset to develop and test potential project structures (including concessions, partnering arrangements, joint ventures and framework agreements). Our cross-disciplinary group advises clients at all stages of infrastructure procurement throughout Europe and beyond.

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