

## Michel Quéré

Senior Counsel

Paris

### Biography

Recognized as a leader in his field, Michel is best known for advising banks and non-bank lenders on corporate and acquisition finance transactions, as well as advising borrowers and sponsors particularly in real estate transactions.

While he enjoys working on complex cross-border deals, which require working in a team with lawyers in other jurisdictions and practice groups, Michel is also skilled in debt restructuring and finance transactions.

Thanks to his long-standing experience in an ever-changing financing market, Michel is often solicited by clients to assist in building solutions to resolve complex issues. For Michel, a "good contract" is a contract that both parties will be happy to perform together. He believes in the importance of being open, frank and fair during the negotiations and precise when drafting the agreement.

With a dual French / English legal education, Michel is able to understand and explain the differences that sometimes can be obstacles to a smooth cross-border transaction and to solve the problems before they arise.

Michel is regularly ranked by the major legal publications as one of the top banking and structured finance lawyers in France. He was very pleased to have been named "Lawyer of the year" in banking in France, by "*Best Lawyers*" in 2012. Esteemed by clients for being good in negotiations and available, Michel is also applauded for his pragmatic approach.



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### Languages

English  
French

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### Practices

Banking and Loan Finance  
Business Restructuring and  
Insolvency  
Financial Services  
Leveraged and Acquisition Finance  
Real Estate Finance  
Digital Assets and Blockchain

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### Industries

Financial Institutions  
Insurance

## Representative experience

Advising arranger and bonds subscribers in connection with €50m senior bonds financing relating to acquisition of Ciprés VIE by TA Associates (Ares).

Advising lenders in connection with \$3.8bn Bridge Loan Facility Agreement in favor of Capgemini regarding financing acquisition of IGate by Capgemini (Morgan Stanley).

Advising Constellation Hotels Grand France SA as borrower for €166m Term Loan Facility Agreement in relation to financing acquisition of Intercontinental hotel in Paris.

Advising ICG as bond subscriber regarding €41.5m bond issue (plus possible €12.5m issue); agreement for Ionisos Bidco SAS regarding financing acquisition of Financière Ionisos SAS.

Advising the lenders in connection with a €40m Euro PP Credit Facility in favour of La Maison Bleue.

Advising the lenders in connection with a total of €85m term and revolving credit facilities for the benefit of LPCR Group.

Advising Ares as bond subscriber in connection with the financing of the acquisition of IP Santé by a consortium led by HLD.

Advising the lenders in connection with a Multicurrency Revolving Facility Agreement in favour of Air France KLM and Société Air France.

Advising the lenders in connection with a Multicurrency Revolving Facility and a Schuldschein facility in favour of Virbac.

## Awards and rankings

- Banking & Finance (France), *Chambers Global*, 2018-2021
- Banking & Finance: Transactions, *Legal 500 EMEA*, 2018-2019
- Michel Quéré: Band 2 in Banking and Finance, *Chambers Europe*, 2018

Real Estate

Private Capital

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## Areas of focus

Hotels and Leisure

Loan Portfolio and Distressed Debt Transactions

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## Education and admissions

### Education

B.A., University of Kent, 1982

Maîtrise en Droit, Université Paris, 1979

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### Memberships

ANJB (Association Nationale des Juristes de Banque)

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- Quere\_M - Key partner Michel Quere receives warm client, *Chambers Global 2014 (Band 2)*, 2014
- Quere\_M - Key transactional highlights include Michel, *IFLR 1000 2016 (Band 3)*, 2016
- Quere\_M - Michel Quere is ranked as a leading Partner, *INFLR 1000 2014 (Leading Lawyer)*, 2014
- Banking and Finance: Transactional Work, France, Recommended, *Legal 500 EMEA*, 2019-2020

## Latest thinking and events

- Press Releases
  - Hogan Lovells advises ID Logistics on its acquisition of Kane Logistics in the US
- News
  - Got a French Obligor on a cross-border deal? You need to know about this change
- Press Releases
  - Hogan Lovells launches digital Covid-19 solution and interactive map for financial institutions
- Press Releases
  - Hogan Lovells advises the banks on the financing of the acquisition of GrandVision by EssilorLuxottica
- ■ Paris Brexit Seminar
- Publications
  - Alternative lenders in France: current issues and opportunities *Lev Fin Spin*