

## Paul Mullen

Partner

London

### Biography

As well as leading the firm's Global Banking practice, Paul Mullen acts for both lenders and borrowers at the top end of mid-market sponsor-backed financings, Paul has been particularly involved with the development of the direct lending market in Europe, advising lenders on unitranche and other types of direct lending products (including first loss/second loss, second lien, and PIK) as well as banks providing working capital and other facilities alongside the funds.

Paul's extensive experience and deep understanding of the market means that clients often call on him when they need advice on developing new and innovative products. As the head of our market leading direct lending practice, he has built strong relationships with a range of major global debt funds including Ares, Barings, Permira Debt Managers, CVC Credit, EQT, Five Arrows and Hayfin as well as banks and sponsors.

### Representative experience

Barings and Bank of Ireland on the financing of Montagu Private Equity's acquisition of intelligence business Jane's.

Five Arrows and HSBC on the financing of Bowmark's offer to acquire Tax Systems plc and subsequent take private.

SMBC and Park Square on the provision of term and revolving facilities to refinance OAG Group, a Vitruvian portfolio company.



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### Languages

English

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### Practices

Banking and Loan Finance

Leveraged and Acquisition Finance

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### Industries

Financial Institutions

Private Capital

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### Areas of focus

Direct Lending

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### Education and admissions

Crescent Capital and Bank of Ireland on the financing of the acquisition by Montagu Private Equity of Kodak's Flexographic Packaging Division.

Ares Management on the financing of the acquisition of Wireless Logic Group by Montagu Private Equity.

EQT Credit and Lloyds Bank on the unitranche/stretched super senior financing of the acquisition of Hydro International by Agilitas.

Bank of Ireland, Guggenheim Partners, HSBC, Lloyds and SMBC on the senior financing of the acquisition of SLR Consulting by Charterhouse Capital Partners.

Goldman Sachs in relation to the unitranche refinancing of FNZ Group.

Tinopolis Group in relation to the debt facilities provided by BlackRock, HSBC, Pemberton and SMBC in connection with management's acquisition of Vitruvian's interests.

## Awards and rankings

- Banking & Finance (UK), Leading Individual, *Chambers Global*, 2019-2021
- Acquisition Finance, Leading Individual, *Legal 500 UK*, 2022

## Latest thinking and events

- News
  - UK Take-Privates funded by Private Credit
- Sponsorships and Speaking Engagements
  - Debtwire Direct Lending Forum
- Hogan Lovells Events
  - LSTA and LMA joint New York Conference
- Insights and Analysis
  - Gearing up a rate: LIBOR transition progress in the European leveraged loans market *Lev Fin Spin*
- Press Releases
  - Eight private capital trends to watch
- News

## Education

The College of Law, Guildford, 1994

LL.B. (Hons First Class), University of Glasgow, 1992

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