

## **Stephanie Saunders**

Senior Associate

London

### **Biography**

Stephanie has extensive experience across shipping and aviation assets, both commercial and private.

With a strong background in ship financing for all types of floating assets, from cruise ships to FPSOs and superyachts, Stephanie has experience in managing a wide range of transactions, from complex leveraged finance secured deals to substantial transactions involving 50 or more vessels across multiple jurisdictions.

Stephanie has in-depth experience in superyacht financing, sale and purchase, and acts for many of the leading financial institutions lending in the area, as well as high net worth individuals – which is complemented by wide experience in the corporate jet and helicopter markets.

Stephanie has guided airlines, lessors and financial institutions on leasing and financing arrangements of all shapes and sizes, from warehouse facilities to sale and leaseback structures as well as restructurings and part-out arrangements.

Stephanie also acts for capital providers and key insurance market participants in connection with Funds at Lloyds and other insurance and reinsurance financings, advising on various capital structures to support Syndicates within Solvency II and other regulatory requirements.

### **Representative experience**



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### **Education and admissions**

#### **Education**

City Legal Practice Course,  
College of Law, Moorgate,  
Distinction, 2011

Bachelor of Law (Honours),  
University of Exeter, 2010

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### **Bar admissions and qualifications**

Solicitor, England and Wales

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Advising SMBC Aviation Capital in its acquisition of Goshawk's aircraft leasing business, involving over 170 aircraft.\*

Advising the investors in a US private placement for Global Ship Lease in respect of 20 container vessels.\*

Acting for a syndicate of lenders in the restructuring of Nordic Aviation Capital under US Chapter 11 proceedings.\*

Advising an Australian bank in relation to the corporate financing of a cruise operator secured against 7 cruise ships

Acting for a leading Latin American energy company in the \$1bn sale and leaseback of a semi-submersible oil and gas platform.

Advising a private equity firm in the setup and initial asset acquisitions for their aviation asset leasing platform and subsequent leasing of aircraft assets to lessees.

Advising several financial institutions in relation to a number of corporate jet financings for high net worth individuals as well as restructuring and enforcement matters.

Advising a syndicate of banks in a US\$330m re-financing for the Topaz Energy group secured against 15 collateral vessels. \*

Advising the creditors in respect of a £100m helicopter warehouse financing facility.

\*Matter handled prior to joining Hogan Lovells.

## Latest thinking and events

- Sponsorships and Speaking Engagements
  - Airline Economics Growth Frontiers Dublin