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SECTORS: Aviation, Cruise, Maritime, Corporate Jets, Transport, LNG and Offshore,

Commercial Shipping, Airlines

SERVICES: Joint Ventures and Strategic Alliances, ECA Finance, Project Finance, Asset

Finance and Leasing, Structured Finance, Finance, Private Equity, Restructuring

and Insolvency

BIO

ALEXANDROS IS A PARTNER IN THE ASSETS & STRUCTURED FINANCE GROUP.

Alexandros' practice focusses on advising major international banks on shipping finance transactions, restructuring and work-out situations and handling inter-creditor and subordination arrangements in relation to every type of vessel. He also advises shipping companies on the sale and purchase of vessels, negotiating shipbuilding contracts and refund guarantees, joint ventures and shareholders' agreements as well as debt and equity arrangements.

Alexandros represents lenders on the financing of commercial and leisure aircraft, including aircraft registrations and mortgages in Greece. His Greek law practice also covers shipping finance and litigation cases, as well as a broad range of civil, corporate/commercial, project and real estate matters, both contentious and non-contentious.

Alexandros is recognised as a leading shipping finance lawyer in the Greek market by legal directories Chambers Europe and Chambers Global. Chambers highlight that he is well placed to advise on commercial shipping matters including vessel acquisition financing, debt refinancing and the provision of corporate loans to shipping companies. In 2023, clients told Chambers that "Alexandros Damianidis has deep knowledge of shipping transactions and is calm under pressure."

He is qualified both in Greece and in England & Wales.

EXPERIENCE

Advising Piraeus Bank on its first US\$16.85m sustainability-linked loan to a subsidiary of the Seanergy Maritime Holdings Corp.

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Assisted HSBC Bank plc in relation to a US\$80,000,000 loan facility to ten Star Bulk entities to refinance indebtedness and provide working capital in respect of 10 bulk carrier vessels.

Acting for a Dutch bank in relation to a US\$100,000,000 loan facility to four entities of [a major Greek shipping company] to refinance indebtedness secured over four VLCCs.

Acting for a US fund in relation to a lease financing of a bulk carrier vessel by Greek interests to assist with the acquisition of the vessel from Japanese owners.

Assisting a Japanese bank in relation to a US\$62,000,000 loan facility to a major Greek shipping company to assist with the acquisition of a VLCC.

EDUCATION

 $1998-1999\cdot LL.M.,$ Commercial and Corporate Law | King's College London

1995 - 1998 · LL.B., Law | University of Essex

MEMBERSHIPS & ASSOCIATIONS

2003 · England & Wales

2000 · Piraeus Bar Association

INSIGHTS

PRESS WFW ADVISES PIRAEUS BANK ON LOAN PORTFOLIO ACQUISITION FROM HSBC

www.wfw.com/press/wfw-advises-piraeus-bank-on-loan-portfolio-acquisition-from-hsbc/

PRESS WFW ADVISES BCC ICCREA BANK ON FINANCING FOR NEMECA Z TUG ACQUISITION

www.wfw.com/press/wfw-advises-bcc-iccrea-bank-on-financing-for-nemeca-z-tug-acquisition/

PRESS WFW ADVISES PIRAEUS BANK ON ITS FIRST SUSTAINABILITY-LINKED LOAN

www.wfw.com/press/wfw-advises-piraeus-bank-on-its-first-sustainability-linked-loan/

PRESS WFW ADVISES COSMOTE ON €300M EIB AND EBRD FINANCING

www.wfw.com/press/wfw-advises-cosmote-on-e300m-eib-and-ebrd-financing/