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**SECTORS:** Energy, Oil and Gas, Maritime, Containers and Logistics, Transport, LNG and Offshore, Helicopters, Commercial Shipping, Airlines

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## BIO

### CHRISTOPHER IS A PARTNER IN THE FINANCE GROUP.

Focused primarily on the maritime and aviation sectors, Chris frequently advises on asset-based loan facilities for ships and helicopters and lease financings. He also has extensive corporate experience, including advising in relation to joint ventures, strategic alliances and on the acquisition, disposal and restructuring of companies in addition to company filings and commercial contracts.

Having spent many years as a litigator, Chris is experienced in commercial litigation matters involving loan transactions, securities, swaps and derivatives and representation of creditors in insolvencies and workouts. He also advises financial institutions, borrowers and traders on commodities trading and environmental issues.

Notably, Chris has extensive experience advising on various aspects of the Jones Act for US and international clients including owners, shipbuilders, potential investors, lenders (including DIP lenders) and operators in the Jones Act space.

Chris is ranked in Band 3 for Transportation: Shipping/Maritime: Finance – USA – Nationwide in Chambers USA, noting that “He is intelligent, thoughtful and asks good questions.”

He is also recommended as a key lawyer for Transport: Shipping – Finance in The Legal 500 US.

## EXPERIENCE

# WATSON FARLEY & WILLIAMS

Advising two international commodity trading companies with respect to a merger of their South American, United States and UK businesses.

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Advising secured lenders and DIP lenders with respect to the restructuring of distressed vessel loan facilities and warehousing facilities for vessels.

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Advising vessel owners and operators with respect to responses to private and government-based RFPs.

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Advising vessel owner with respect to a US\$300m project financing of U.S. Jones Act tankers.

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Advising borrower with respect to Spanish ECA-backed vessel construction and financing.

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## EDUCATION

1989 · St. John's University School of Law, J.D.

1986 · State University of New York at Stony Brook, B.A.

## MEMBERSHIPS & ASSOCIATIONS

Members of the Maritime Law Association

## INSIGHTS

### ARTICLE

#### THE DELAWARE COURT OF CHANCERY INVALIDATES TERMS OF A STOCKHOLDER AGREEMENT AND SHEDS LIGHT ON HOW JOINT VENTURES AND GOVERNANCE SHOULD BE STRUCTURED

[www.wfw.com/articles/the-delaware-court-of-chancery-invalidates-terms-of-a-stockholder-agreement-and-sheds-light-on-how-joint-ventures-and-governance-should-be-structured/](http://www.wfw.com/articles/the-delaware-court-of-chancery-invalidates-terms-of-a-stockholder-agreement-and-sheds-light-on-how-joint-ventures-and-governance-should-be-structured/)

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### PRESS

#### WFW ADVISES SEACOR ON JONES ACT JOINT VENTURE WITH CROWLEY

[www.wfw.com/press/wfw-advises-seacor-on-jones-act-joint-venture-with-crowley/](http://www.wfw.com/press/wfw-advises-seacor-on-jones-act-joint-venture-with-crowley/)

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#### WFW ADVISES PANGAEA ON PORT TERMINAL OPERATIONS ACQUISITION FROM HOST

[www.wfw.com/press/wfw-advises-pangaea-on-port-terminal-operations-acquisition-from-host/](http://www.wfw.com/press/wfw-advises-pangaea-on-port-terminal-operations-acquisition-from-host/)

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## ARTICLE

### RECENT AMENDMENTS TO LIBERIAN MARITIME LAW AND LIBERIAN MARITIME REGULATIONS

[www.wfw.com/articles/recent-amendments-to-liberian-maritime-law-and-liberian-maritime-regulations/](http://www.wfw.com/articles/recent-amendments-to-liberian-maritime-law-and-liberian-maritime-regulations/)

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### WFW ADVISES BNPP ON US\$1,170M SINOSURE-BACKED JOLCOS FOR 15 SEASPAN CONTAINER VESSELS

[www.wfw.com/press/wfw-advises-bnpp-on-us1170m-sinosure-backed-jolcos-for-15-seaspan-container-vessels/](http://www.wfw.com/press/wfw-advises-bnpp-on-us1170m-sinosure-backed-jolcos-for-15-seaspan-container-vessels/)

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