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SECTORS: Aviation, Corporate Jets, Transport, Airlines

SERVICES: ECA Finance, Asset Finance and Leasing, Finance

BIO

MICHAEL IS A SENIOR ASSOCIATE IN THE ASSETS AND STRUCTURED FINANCE GROUP BASED IN LONDON.

Michael specialises in asset finance and leasing with a focus on the aviation sector.

Michael's has advised financial institutions, borrowers, leasing companies, funds and operators on a range of asset finance, leasing and sale and purchase transactions.

His experience includes commercial debt financings, operating and finance leasing, secondary aircraft trading (including both individual and portfolio sale and purchases), secondary debt trading, defaults and restructurings.

Michael joined Watson Farley & Williams in 2021 from a magic circle firm in London and has previously completed a secondment with Avolon in their Dublin office.

EXPERIENCE

Advising Apollo Global Management on the US\$700m debtor-in-possession financing for Scandinavian Airlines as part of the airline's Chapter 11 restructuring.

Advising a major Australian bank on its secondary debt trading of a c. US\$1.1bn portfolio of aviation loans to a financial investor.

WATSON FARLEY & WILLIAMS

Advising various parties on the Chapter 11 restructuring of Nordic Aviation Capital group on its appointment to multiple administrative roles.

Advising a French bank in relation to the refinancing of two Boeing 777 freighter aircraft managed by a Munich-based asset manager.

Advised Buss Global Management Pte. Ltd on a US\$275m container box portfolio ABS involving equity sale.

EDUCATION

2016 – 2017 · BPP Law School, Legal Practice Course
(Distinction)

2013 – 2016 · Law (LLB), Newcastle University

MEMBERSHIPS AND ASSOCIATIONS

The Law Society of England and Wales

INSIGHTS

ARTICLE

EU ETS, UK ETS AND CH ETS: UNDUE FEARS FOR LESSORS OVER LIENS AND AIRCRAFT DETENTION RIGHTS

www.wfw.com/articles/eu-ets-uk-ets-and-ch-ets-undue-fears-for-lessors-over-liens-and-aircraft-detention-rights/

PRESS

WFW ADVISES CLIENTS ON NAC CHAPTER 11 RESTRUCTURING

www.wfw.com/press/wfw-advises-clients-on-nac-chapter-11-restructuring/

ARTICLE

AIRLINE ECONOMICS GROWTH FRONTIERS DUBLIN 2022: ASSOCIATE ROUND-UP

www.wfw.com/articles/airline-economics-growth-frontiers-dublin-2022-associate-round-up/

PRESS

WFW ADVISES GLOBAL CONTAINER ASSETS ON US\$230M CONTAINER BOX PORTFOLIO ABS

www.wfw.com/press/wfw-advises-global-container-assets-on-us230m-container-box-portfolio-abs/
