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SECTORS: Aviation, Airports, Corporate Jets, Helicopters, Transport, Airlines

SERVICES: ECA Finance, Islamic Finance, Asset Finance and Leasing

BIO

HUGUES IS A SENIOR ASSOCIATE IN THE PARIS OFFICE FINANCE TEAM.

He regularly advises on banking and finance transactions in the transportation (air, sea and land), energy, natural resources and infrastructure sectors. He advises French and foreign financial institutions, investors, export credit agencies, operating lessors, sponsors and project companies and has developed an expertise in structured financing, leasing, export credit and restructuring.

Hugues was named a 'Rising Star' in 2023 by leading aviation sector publication Airfinance Journal.

He has worked on award winning deals including Airline Economics' "Global Lease Deal of the Year 2023", Airline Economics' "European Restructuring Deal of the Year 2023" and Ishka's "Best European Deal 2022".

Hugues is graduated from the universities of Abomey-Calavi in Benin (Master's Degree in OHADA Business Law), Aix-Marseille III in France (Master's Degree in Economic Law), and the Sorbonne-Assas International Law School in Singapore (LL. M. in International Business Law).

Prior to joining Watson Farley & Williams, Hugues worked for an international law firm in Paris. He is bilingual in French and English.

He was admitted to the Paris Bar in 2015.

EDUCATION

2015 · CAPA, Ecole de Formation des Barreaux de Paris

2014 · LL. M. in International Business Law, Sorbonne-Assas
International Law School – INSEAD Singapore

2012 · Master's degree in Economic Law, Université d'Aix-
Marseille III

MEMBERSHIPS AND ASSOCIATIONS

2015 · Member of the Paris Bar

Member of the Supervisory board of the African Business
Lawyer's Club

INSIGHTS

AWARD

WFW DEAL WINS BEST SUPPORTED FINANCING DEAL OF THE YEAR AT ISHKA DEAL OF THE YEAR AWARDS

www.wfw.com/awards/wfw-deal-wins-best-supported-financing-deal-of-the-year-at-ishka-deal-of-the-year-awards/

PRESS

WFW ADVISES RIVE ON €300M INNOVATIVE LOCOMOTIVE ACQUISITION FINANCING

www.wfw.com/press/wfw-advises-rive-on-e300m-innovative-locomotive-acquisition-financing/

PRESS

WFW ADVISES ENCAVIS ON SALE OF 93 MW EUROPEAN RENEWABLES PORTFOLIO

www.wfw.com/press/wfw-advises-encavis-on-sale-of-93-mw-european-renewables-portfolio/

AWARD

WFW PARIS ASSOCIATE HUGUES HOUNKPATI NAMED AIRFINANCE JOURNAL 'RISING STAR'

www.wfw.com/awards/wfw-paris-associate-hugues-hounkpati-named-airfinance-journal-rising-star/

PRESS

WFW ADVISES GREAT HORN INVESTMENT HOLDING ON US\$155M DEVELOPMENT LOAN FOR DJIBOUTI'S DAMERJOG INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT FREE TRADE ZONE

www.wfw.com/press/wfw-advises-great-horn-investment-holding-on-us155m-development-loan-for-djiboutis-damerjog-industrial-development-free-trade-zone/