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SERVICES: Project Finance, Asset Finance and Leasing, Finance, Restructuring and

Insolvency

BIO

VALERIE IS COUNSEL IN THE FINANCE GROUP.

Valerie advises banks and financial institutions in asset, offshore oil & gas, project finance and various general banking & finance transactions. She has acted for syndicates in debt restructuring, work-out and enforcement situations and has also acted for various shipowners as well as container and ship leasing companies, on sale-and-leaseback transactions and other asset financing structures.

Valerie has worked on various financings involving the leading export credit agencies in Asia, with a particular focus on transactions with CEXIM, KEXIM, SINOSURE and K-SURE in the maritime sector.

Valerie has been recognised recently by Legal 500 and Expert Guides as a rising star as well as by Chambers Asia Pacific as an up and coming lawyer in the shipping finance sector. Clients have commented that Valerie is "very much on top of her game" and "a safe pair of hands, who is very good and client friendly".

EXPERIENCE

Advising a syndicate of lenders led by Citibank N.A. and Nordea Bank Finland plc, New York Branch on a Sinosure-backed term loan facility of up to US\$964m to Gener8 Maritime.

Advising lenders regarding a US\$318m syndicated senior loan facility to finance the acquisition of five newbuildings built by Hanjin Heavy Industries and Construction Philippines, Inc, by certain subsidiaries of a top tier Chinese leasing house.

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Acting as lead counsel in advising a Chinese leasing company on the sale and lease back financing with certain subsidiaries of a leading energy and commodities company in two transactions.

Advising a Chinese financial institution on potential restructuring of the facilities of the international shipping company and other potential causes of action available to the client.

EDUCATION

2017 · Solicitor, Hong Kong

2010 · Solicitor, England and Wales

2008 · Admitted as Advocate & Solicitor, Singapore

2007 · Diploma in Singapore Law, National University of

Singapore

2006 · Called to the English Bar, Middle Temple

 $2005 \cdot LLB$ (Hons), University of Manchester, United Kingdom

MEMBERSHIPS AND ASSOCIATIONS

Law Society of Hong Kong

Law Society of England and Wales

Singapore Academy of Law

Middle Temple, United Kingdom

INSIGHTS

EVENT MARITIME SEMINAR – HONG KONG

www.wfw.com/events/maritime-seminar-hong-kong/

PRESS WFW ADVISES BW ON US\$152M JAPANESE OPERATING LEASE FINANCING FOR "BW HELIOS"

www.wfw.com/press/wfw-advises-bw-on-us152m-japanese-operating-lease-financing-for-bw-helios/

PRESS WFW ADVISES NAB ON US\$140.2M JOLCO FINANCING

www.wfw.com/press/wfw-advises-nab-on-us140-2m-jolco-financing/

PRESS WFW ADVISES BW ON US\$210M JAPANESE OPERATING LEASE FINANCING FOR "BW LESMES"

www.wfw.com/press/wfw-advises-bw-on-us 210 m-japanese-operating-lease-financing-for-bw-lesmes/

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PRESS WFW ADVISED CREDIT AGRICOLE ON US\$91M FINANCING FOR LANDBRIDGE LEASED VLCCS

www.wfw.com/press/wfw-advised-credit-agricole-on-us91m-financing-for-landbridge-leased-vlccs/