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**SECTORS:** Digital and E-Infrastructure, Energy, Cruise, Airports, Road, Bridges and Tunnels, Maritime, Infrastructure, Containers and Logistics, Social Infrastructure, Power, Transport, LNG and Offshore, Commercial Shipping, Ports and Terminals

**SERVICES:** ECA Finance, Real Estate Finance, Project Finance, Asset Finance and Leasing, Structured Finance, Finance, Restructuring and Insolvency

## BIO

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

Laurence has over 20 years' experience advising domestic and international clients on asset and project finance, acquisition finance, export credit, leasing, debt restructuring and mezzanine debt (project/green bonds) transactions. She is especially well regarded for her shipping finance, and energy and infrastructure project finance, expertise.

Her clients include banks, investment funds, ECAs, DFIs, project developers, lessors and shipowners.

With regards to shipping finance, Laurence focusses on complex cross-border shipping transactions, helping on the structuring of financings through leasing, ECA or DFI-backed transactions, also involving JVs and in debt or equity investment funds.

In the energy and infrastructure sectors, she specialises in renewable energy, energy infrastructure and innovative projects (energy efficiency, electricity mobility, corporate PPAs), advising on their financing or refinancing, acquisition or sale in the context of leveraged transactions.

Laurence is recognised as an expert finance lawyer by directories Chambers Europe, Legal 500 EMEA and IFRL 1000.

Laurence was named a Knight of the National Order of Merit (Chevalier de l'ordre national du Mérite) for her career as a finance lawyer in the shipping and energy sectors by the French Ministry of Ecology, Sustainable Development and Energy in July 2017.

## EXPERIENCE

# WATSON FARLEY & WILLIAMS

Advising AMP Capital on the subscription of green bonds for a total amount of €245m in order to finance a global 1.6 GW renewable energy portfolio developed by French renewable energy provider Neoen.

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Advising the European Investment Bank on the €30m financing of the innovative CHO Tiper project, an 11MWe renewable power generation plant in Thouars in the Nouvelle Aquitaine region of France.

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Advising a syndicate of French banks on the €56m refinancing, arranged by BRED Banque Populaire and Bpifrance, of 30% of a solar portfolio operated by SUN'R.

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Advising Brittany Ferries on the €178m financing of its first LNG ferry "Honfleur" agreed with a consortium of banks comprising Société Générale Corporate & Investment Banking as main arranger.

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Advising a pool of French banks on the shipping aspects the highly complex restructuring of the debt of French shipowner Bourbon.

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## EDUCATION

2001 – Admitted to the Paris Bar

2000 – PhD (Doctorat) in Private Law with honors; University of Paris I – Sorbonne

1993 – Master (DESS) in International Commercial Law; University of Paris I – Sorbonne

1992 – LLM (Maîtrise) in Business and Private Law; University of Paris I – Sorbonne

## MEMBERSHIPS & ASSOCIATIONS

Paris Bar

Law Society of England & Wales (as a foreign lawyer)

French Maritime Law Association (*AFDM – Association Française de Droit Maritime*)

Armateurs de France

## INSIGHTS

### PRESS

#### WFW ADVISES VALOREM ON TWO CPPAS WITH MOUSQUETAIRES GROUP

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### 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/](http://www.wfw.com/press/wfw-advises-encavis-on-sale-of-93-mw-european-renewables-portfolio/)

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**PRESS**      **WFW ADVISES SOCIETE GENERALE ON FINANCING AND DELIVERY OF VESSEL "LECH KACZYŃSKI"**  
[www.wfw.com/press/wfw-advises-societe-generale-on-financing-and-delivery-of-vessel-lech-kaczynski/](http://www.wfw.com/press/wfw-advises-societe-generale-on-financing-and-delivery-of-vessel-lech-kaczynski/)

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**AWARD**      **WFW DEALS WIN BIG AT IJGLOBAL DEAL OF THE YEAR AWARDS 2022**  
[www.wfw.com/awards/wfw-deals-win-big-at-ijglobal-deal-of-the-year-awards-2022/](http://www.wfw.com/awards/wfw-deals-win-big-at-ijglobal-deal-of-the-year-awards-2022/)

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**PRESS**      **WFW ADVISES RGREEN INVEST ON €250M INVESTMENT IN ECONERGY**  
[www.wfw.com/press/wfw-advises-rgreen-invest-on-e250m-investment-in-econergy/](http://www.wfw.com/press/wfw-advises-rgreen-invest-on-e250m-investment-in-econergy/)

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