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Biography:

Andrew is a Partner in the Finance Group and Head of the firm's Dubai office.

Andrew specialises in cross-border asset and project finance, with particular emphasis on the marine transportation and offshore sectors. He has acted on loan and leasing transactions as well as structured financings and products.

He also represents shipping companies in relation to non-contentious commercial shipping matters, including sale and purchase, newbuilding contracts and resales, joint ventures and strategic alliances, pooling arrangements, COAs, charters and other contracts of employment for ships, shipping related assets and offshore assets.

Another key practice area is Islamic finance, where Andrew has acted on a wide range of transactions for banks and owners of assets of all classes, from shipping and offshore through to real estate. His experience encompasses not only Islamic banking products but also funds and capital markets products.

Andrew is recognised as a leading shipping finance lawyer by legal directories Legal 500 EMEA, Chambers UK and Chambers Global. In 2019, Chambers Global recognised him as a “great lawyer with lots of regional experience”, with one client styling him “absolutely superb”.

Further details:

EDUCATION

1. 1986 · LLB Hons (Law Degree), University of Birmingham
2. 1987 · Law Society Finals

MEMBERSHIPS AND ASSOCIATIONS

1. Law Society of England and Wales