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James Cameron is a partner in the London office of Milbank LLP and a member of the Firm's Asset Finance Group. James specialises in structured and asset finance.

Primary Focus & Experience

James has extensive experience in acting for investment banks, lessors, financiers, equity investors, private equity, hedge funds, manufacturers, operators and arrangers on a variety of corporate, asset- and receivables-backed financing and leasing transactions involving aircraft, ships, oil rigs, rolling-stock, power turbines, military assets and other moveable equipment.

James has advised clients on the full range of structured asset and corporate financing structures including capital markets transactions, EETC operating leasing, structured tax-based financings, export-credit transactions, restructurings, securitisation, portfolio transactions such as leasing company acquisitions, M&A asset portfolio sales and purchases, joint ventures, Islamic financing projects, Japanese leasing and default and restructuring.

Recognition and Accomplishments

James has lectured extensively on the subject of structured asset and corporate finance and has had articles published in various industry journals. He is top ranked in *Chambers UK*, listed as a leading individual in *Legal 500* and a notable practitioner in *IFLR 1000* and also ranked in *Chambers Global*, *Who's Who Legal* and *Legal Experts*.

"Jim Cameron is an excellent negotiator and deal maker and a great individual to have in your corner when a transaction needs to get done. He brings a wealth of experience and practical nous to any deal he works on." – *Legal 500 UK 2024*

"Jim is exceptionally client-focused. He's also a strong negotiator with a huge amount of commercial awareness." – *Chambers UK 2024*

"Jim is a true heavyweight of the aviation finance legal market. He's a deal maker and brings real commercial intelligence, as well as legal excellence to any transaction. He's a good person to have in your corner in difficult negotiations." – *Chambers 2023*

"He is hugely experienced and articulate, as well as a commanding and calming presence. He's a strategic thinker and was always thinking about business and shareholder value when advising." – *Chambers UK 2023*

"His market knowledge and pragmatism are assets in their own right." – *Chambers 2023*

"James Cameron has a calm negotiation approach. He has deep experience and is proactive." – *Chambers UK 2022*

"He is our go-to guy on complex transactions. He is on top of the market, does cutting-edge work and is at the top of the game" – *Chambers 2022*

"Quick and excellent grasp of commercial issues" – *Legal 500 2021*

"He is a very experienced lawyer who comes up with practical solutions to complex problems." – *Chambers 2020*

"His strengths are his negotiation skills, tact for dealing with third-party lenders and his responsiveness" – *Chambers 2020*

"He is pre-eminent in the field of aviation." – *Chambers 2020*

"He is extremely constructive, knowledgeable and experienced. He will always find a solution and is also very commercially astute." – *Chambers UK 2019*

A selection of his recent transactions includes advising:

Aircraft Finance

- Acting for volofin in connection with a senior secured limited recourse loan facility with ACS, financing aircraft engines. The portfolio consisted of an initial nine engines with scope for further engines to be financed. The finance documents contain a committed and uncommitted facility totaling \$50,000,000.00.
- Advising Citibank, Société Générale, Royal Bank of Canada and NordLB as Lenders and arrangers in connection with a secured credit facility for up to \$640,000,000 for TrueNoord for the financing of the acquisition of an initial portfolio of 10 identified aircraft, (including 4 ATR42-600 and 6 E2-195 aircraft), and further aircraft to be identified in the future.
- Advising MUFG on a US\$82,000,000 JOL secured limited recourse financing of 2 x A321-200NX Aircraft on lease to Wizz Air Hungary.
- ORIX on competition law matters with respect to its acquisition from Merx of their 50pc share in SORA Airlease DAC.
- Represented Credit Suisse as lender on a US\$50m bilateral facility for International Consolidated Airlines Group S.A.
- Advising ORIX on the sale and leaseback with United for 15 new Boeing 737 MAX 8 aircraft.
- Advising Muzinich & Co in respect of finance leases for two (2) Boeing 737 aircraft with the TUI Airlines.
- Advise SMBC AC in connection with the negotiation of leases for, and the deliveries of, two A321 LR aircraft to Air Transat.