

Holland & Knight hires asset finance partner

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Holland & Knight has named asset finance attorney Richard Sharman as a new partner, joining the firm's London office.

He was previously a partner at Bird & Bird in London where he was head of the firm's asset finance practice.

Sharman has experience in complex, highly structured asset finance and corporate transactions on behalf of financial institutions, leasing companies, operators, arrangers and investors.

"We are incredibly pleased to welcome Richard to our team," said Phillip Durham, head of Holland & Knight's asset finance practice.

"Given the rapid expansion of alternative financiers in the aviation sector, Richard brings a cutting-edge practice that complements and adds an extra dimension to our traditional aviation lending practice," Durham added.

Sharman focuses his practice on highly structured transactions, including establishing equity/debt funds and co-investment platforms, joint ventures, conventional debt and Islamic financings, structured operating leases, bespoke securitisations, re-packs and debt trades.

He is also well versed in cross-border leasing and asset portfolio transactions and has worked on multiple award-winning, first-of-kind deals over the years.

"In addition to the strong team in London, Holland & Knight has impressive international capabilities, including an extensive network of transportation finance, policy, regulation and litigation attorneys in the U.S. and Latin America," said Sharman.

"The firm has assembled a formidable global team with individuals who are leading the way, especially in the aviation finance space. I've often noted their work for high-profile clients and I'm proud to be joining their ranks," he added.

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