

Global Transportation Finance

Overview

Noteworthy Recognition:

“They are a very strong team with good-quality lawyers doing good-quality work.” (*Chambers Global*, 2021)

“Vedder Price has significant depth in its practice. They are global leaders in aircraft finance and have broad knowledge and experience.” (*The Legal 500 United States*, 2020)

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“The lawyers at Vedder do not treat each individual interaction as a transaction, rather they partner with us and advise us as to the risks of each situation.” (*The Legal 500 UK*, 2021)

Band 1 in Aviation Finance (*Chambers USA*, 2009–2020)

Band 2 in Asset Finance (*Chambers Global*, 2021)

Band 1 in Private Aircraft (Global-wide) (*Chambers High Net Worth*, 2016–2020)

Band 2 in Transportation: Shipping/Maritime: Finance (*Chambers USA*, 2017–2020)

With over 70 professionals in Chicago, New York, Washington, DC, London, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Singapore and Dallas, the Global Transportation Finance team of Vedder Price is one of the largest, most experienced and best recognized transportation finance practices in the world.

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Our clients come from a broad spectrum of industries, and we are involved in the financing of an extensive range of transactions for lessees and lessors, borrowers and lenders, private and public companies, manufacturers, underwriters and governmental agencies. Our Global Transportation Finance team’s reputation begins with its worldwide prominence in aviation finance. However, our practice extends well beyond commercial aviation, and we are considered industry leaders in many other types of transportation financing, including business aviation, railcar, maritime and other transportation assets, healthcare, energy, computer software/hardware, and manufacturing/construction equipment. Furthermore, the scope of our transportation finance practice often includes related practice areas such as asset securitization and capital markets, mergers and acquisitions, aviation regulation and structured and project finance.

Vedder Price’s Global Transportation Finance practice has a depth and breadth of experience that surpasses other law firms. The diversity of our client base, transaction structures and asset types affords us unique insight into market standards and practices. This insight creates our unequaled ability to take a practical, market-based approach to transactions and to provide efficient, insightful legal advice, while maintaining a results-oriented focus.

Our Services Include:

AIRCRAFT

Aviation and Aerospace Regulatory
Bankruptcy
Business Aircraft Finance
Business Aviation Services
Commercial Finance

Government-Supported Financings
Operating Leases
Portfolio and Company Acquisitions
Securitizations and Capital Markets
Tax

Band 2 in Asset Finance: Aviation (UK-wide) (*Chambers UK*, 2017-2021)

Tier 1 in Transport: Aviation and Air Travel – Finance and Rail and Road – Finance; Tier 2 in Transport: Shipping – Finance (*The Legal 500 United States*, 2020)

Band 4 in Aviation Finance (*Chambers Asia Pacific*, 2021)

“Overall Deal of the Year” Aviation 100 Awards (*Airline Economics*, 2018)

“Aviation 100 Lease Deal of the Year” Aviation 100 Awards (*Airline Economics*, 2020)

“Editor’s Deal of the Year,” Aviation 100 Awards (*Airline Economics*, 2020)

Tier 1 in National Equipment Finance Law and National Admiralty & Maritime Law; Recognized in Securitization and Structured Finance Law (*U.S. News—Best Lawyers “Best Law Firms,”* 2013–2021)

“Law Firm of the Year” for Equipment Finance Law (*U.S. News—Best Lawyers “Best Law Firms,”* 2013-2015, 2017, 2019-2020)

GENERAL EQUIPMENT FINANCE

Single-investor Financing
Leveraged Financing
Structured Financings
True/Tax-Motivated Leases
Synthetic Leases

MARITIME

Asset Finance
Bulkers
Cabotage & Protected Trades
Capital Markets
Charter Financing
Commercial Shipping
Containers & Boxes
Corporate Finance
Cyberspace
Enforcement Remedies
Insolvency & Chapter 11
LNG

RAILCAR

Bankruptcy-remote Syndicated Railcar
Warehouse Loan Facilities
Company Trust Agreements
Debt Financings for locomotives and railcars
Export Credit Agencies
Insurance Wraps
Leveraged Leases
Liquidity Facilities
Marks

STRUCTURED AND PROJECT FINANCE

Bridge Financings
Canadian Income Trusts
Conventional Bank Construction
Issuance Debt and Equity in the Capital Markets (including 144A Financing)

TRAC Leases
Bundled Financings
Other Vendor-Originated Financings
Domestic and Cross-Border Financings

Offshore Assets
Passenger Vessels
Ports & Terminals
Private Equity
Regulatory
Restructuring
Sale and Purchase
Ship Registration
Shipbuilding
Specialty Vessels
Tax
Tankers

On- and off-Balance-Sheet Structures
Operating Leases (both full-service and net leases)
Private Placement Syndicates
Railroad Owned Rolling Stock
Servicing Agreements
Single-Investor Railcar Warehouse Loan Facilities
Synthetic Leases
Securitized and Capital Markets

Leveraged Lease Financings
Term Loan Project Financings
Taxable Revenue Bond Financings
TIF Financing
Synthetic Lease Financings