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OVERVIEW

Andrew Harper is a partner in the firm's Finance practice, with a particular focus on fixed-wing and rotary aircraft finance and leasing transactions. Andrew's experience includes secured debt financings; export credit agency-support financings; operating, finance, and tax-based lease structures; and sales and purchases.

Andrew advises major international banks, export credit agencies, lessors, airlines, arrangers, funds, private equity investors, and manufacturers across the full spectrum of aviation deals. Andrew brings a broad perspective and skill set, having spent time on secondment in-house at a leading aircraft manufacturer. Outside of aviation, Andrew has also advised on rail, shipping, and equipment financings.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Prior to joining the firm, Andrew served as a partner with another international law firm, where he acted for lessors, investors, and borrowers across the transportation industry. Andrew's broad perspective and skill set includes the experience he gained through an in-house secondment at a leading aircraft manufacturer.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Recognised as an Up-and-Coming Individual by *Chambers UK* for Asset Finance: Aviation Finance, UK-wide, 2027
- Recognised by *The Legal 500 United Kingdom* as a Next Generation Partner for Transport Finance and Leasing in London, 2027

EDUCATION

- Legal Practice Course, BPP Law School, 2007
- Graduate Diploma in Law, BPP Law School, 2006
- B.A., Wadham College, Oxford, 2005

ADMISSIONS

- Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales

NEWS & EVENTS

- 15 October 2026, K&L Gates Practices, Lawyers Recognised in *Chambers UK 2027* Guide
- 30 September 2026, K&L Gates Practices, Lawyers Recognised in *The Legal 500 United Kingdom 2027* Edition
- 29 June 2026, K&L Gates Adds Cross-Border Aviation Finance Partner in London

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Aviation Finance

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Acted for a German multinational investment bank in connection with its acquisition of the approx. US\$500 million aviation loan portfolio of a large German bank.
- Acted for the lender in connection with a US\$250 million bridge facility for an Asian operating lessor relating to six new A320 family aircraft on lease to the United States, Mexico, China, and Egypt.
- Acted for World Star Aviation in connection with the refinancing of two Airbus A319 aircraft operated by Brussels Airlines.
- Acted for the lessor in connection with the financing of three Boeing 737 aircraft on lease to a South African airline.
- Acted for the lessor in connection with the finance leases of four A320neo aircraft to a European airline.
- Acted for the lender in connection with a €50 million facility for the acquisition of various helicopters.
- Acted for helicopter lessor in connection with the Islamic financing of two Sikorsky S-92A helicopters.
- Acted for a helicopter lessor in connection with the US\$75 million refinancing of three Leonardo AW139 helicopters and two Sikorsky S-92A helicopters.
- Acted for a US operating lessor in connection with various acquisitions of aircraft on lease in Panama, Taiwan, the United States, Mexico, Malaysia, Austria, and Switzerland.
- Acted for an export credit agency in connection with the financing of a flight simulator exported to Central Asia.
- Acted for a container lessor as the borrower in connection with a US\$300 million term loan refinancing.

- Acted for a container lessor as the borrower in connection with a US\$150 million warehouse financing, subsequently upsized to US\$300 million.
- Acted for AMCK Aviation in connection with the full recourse US\$950 million portfolio financing of 41 aircraft. Named “Aircraft Lessor Debt Deal of the Year – Asia 2018” by Global Transport Finance.
- Acted for the lenders in connection with a JOLCO financing of 12 aircraft by NAC.