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OVERVIEW

Simon Chan is a partner in the firm's Finance practice. He has been based in Doha since 2010. Before moving to Doha, he spent 10 years practicing law in London. Simon has extensive experience advising financial institutions, corporate sponsors, and borrowers on general financing, including project finance, leveraged finance, asset finance and Islamic finance and also on restructurings. He has experience in advising project companies, sponsors, and lenders on the development and financing of large infrastructure projects.

Ranked as a leading lawyer by *Chambers Global* 2024 for Corporate/Commercial: Banking & Finance in Qatar. Simon is well versed in a wide range of finance matters, acting for both borrowers and lenders. He is also noted for his skills in fintech and banking regulatory matters. Sources agree that he is "an experienced guy," with one client adding: "I find him to be really reliable." Simon is rated by *The Legal 500 EMEA* in Qatar, with one peer noting “Simon is a good guy, dedicated to the work and an expert in his field.”

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Recognised by *Chambers Global* for Banking & Finance in Qatar, 2022-2026
- Recognised by *The Legal 500 EMEA* as a Next Generation Partner in Banking, Finance and Capital Markets in Qatar, 2024-2026
- Awarded Banking and Finance Next Generation Partner of the Year at the Legal 500 Middle East and North Africa Awards, 2026
- Recognised as a Notable Practitioner in the *IFLR1000* guide, 2025-2026
- Recognised by the *IFLR Middle East Awards* as Qatar Lawyer of the Year, 2025 and shortlisted for the same accolade in 2026
- Member of the team recognised with the Education Deal of the Year award at the *Infra Global Awards* for the Qatar Schools Wave 2 project, 2025
- Recognised by the Global Banking and Markets with the Infrastructure Finance Deal of the Year Award, Middle East, 2025

- A member of the team recognized by the global *IFN Law Awards* in the Fintech Law Firm of the Year category, 2023
- Recognised by *The Legal 500* EMEA as a Recommended Lawyer, 2022

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Speaker, “Navigating Cross-Border Financing and Distressed Assets in Indonesia,” joint seminar with ADCO Law in Jakarta, 7 May 2026
- Panelist, “Introduction to Islamic Finance,” client's internal panel, 6 May 2026
- Panelist, “Accelerating Islamic Finance in Qatar: Banking, Capital Markets, Technology & ESG,” IFN Qatar Dialogues, 10 September 2025
- Speaker, "2024 Annual Conference of In-House Lawyers", Law Society of Hong Kong, 9 September 2024
- Panelist, “Achieving National Objectives through Islamic Banking — Innovation, Transformation and Digitalization,” IFN Qatar Dialogues, 31 May 2023
- Moderator, “Fulfilling Potential: Islamic Financial Services in Qatar,” IFN Qatar OnAir Roadshow 2022, 8 August 2022
- Presenter and panelist, “Transitioning from LIBOR: Managing Compliance Risks,” Qatar Business Law Forum, 24 November 2021

EDUCATION

- Diploma of Legal Practice, Nottingham Law School
- LL.B., Nottingham Law School, *(Hons)*

ADMISSIONS

- Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales

LANGUAGES

- Chinese (Cantonese)
- English

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP *POWERED BY HUB*

- 29 April 2024, April 2024 Accolades - Part 2
- 30 June 2021, Transitioning from LIBOR to Risk-Free Rates

- 2 April 2020, COVID-19: Force Majeure in the State of Qatar
- 6 January 2020, Qatar's New Anti-Money Laundering And Terrorism Financing Law

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- Co-Author, "Lending and Taking Security in Qatar: Overview," *Thomson Reuters*, Practical Law Country Q&A, 1 May 2026

NEWS & EVENTS

- 21 August 2026, K&L Gates Advises J&V Energy on Acquisition of 187 MW Taiwan Solar Portfolio
- 2 June 2026, K&L Gates Advises HMK Capital LLC on Launch of Qatar's First REIT
- 25 March 2026, K&L Gates Recognised in 2026 Edition of *The Legal 500 EMEA*
- 12 February 2026, *Chambers Global* 2026 Guide Ranks K&L Gates Lawyers, Practices
- 17 December 2025, K&L Gates Advises on US$4 Billion Damascus International Airport Redevelopment
- 26 March 2025, K&L Gates Recognised in 2025 Edition of *The Legal 500 EMEA*
- 13 February 2025, *Chambers Global* 2025 Guide Ranks K&L Gates Lawyers, Practices
- 27 March 2024, K&L Gates Recognised in 2024 Edition of *The Legal 500 EMEA*
- 15 February 2024, *Chambers Global* 2024 Guide Ranks K&L Gates Lawyers, Practices
- 29 January 2024, K&L Gates Earns *Islamic Finance News'* Qatar Deal of the Year Award For Third Consecutive Year
- 16 February 2023, K&L Gates Recognized in 2023 *Chambers Global* Guide
- 19 December 2022, K&L Gates Adds 40 Lawyers to Firm's Partnership
- 14 October 2022, K&L Gates Recognized as Banking & Finance, Corporate Teams of the Year at Qatar Business Law Forum Awards
- 17 February 2022, K&L Gates Recognized in 2022 Chambers Global Guide
- 24 January 2022, K&L Gates Honored By *Islamic Finance News* With Two Deal of the Year Awards
- 26 November 2021, K&L Gates Honored With Qatar Business Law Forum Award
- 24 February 2021, K&L Gates Recognized in 2021 Chambers Global Guide
- 13 January 2021, K&L Gates Advises Masraf Al Rayan on US$2.2 Billion Merger With Al Khaliji Commercial Bank

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Aviation Finance
- Corporate and Acquisition Finance
- Fintech Lending
- Islamic Finance
- Real Estate Finance
- Restructuring and Insolvency