

Biography



Carolynn Vivian

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Expertise

Banking & Finance , Corporate , Investment Funds , Regulatory & Tax , Anti-Money Laundering (AML) & Terrorist Financing Compliance , Economic Substance in the Cayman Islands , Financial Services Regulatory Advisory

Carolynn is the managing partner of our Cayman Islands office. She is also the group general counsel and leads the in house legal function for the entire Harneys group. She has over 20 years of experience advising on all aspects of corporate and commercial law and Cayman Islands regulatory matters.

Prior to her current appointment, she advised financial services clients on matters relating to licensing, the conduct of business, corporate governance, prudential requirements, regulatory reporting, audits, AML requirements, change of control applications and relations with CIMA. She has significant experience advising banks, trust companies, fund administrators, company managers, investment managers, advisors and broker dealers, from the establishment stage to full operations. In addition to specialising in financial services regulation, Carolyn has experience across numerous jurisdictions advising on an array of corporate law matters, mergers and acquisitions, corporate and finance transactions, restructuring and licensing.

Before joining us in 2014 she practised at another Cayman Islands firm, Borden Ladner Gervais in Canada, a leading Sydney law firm (now K&L Gates) and served as in-house counsel in the aviation industry in London.

Recommendations

Carolynn is ranked as a “notable practitioner”.

- IFLR1000, 2023

Carolynn is noted by Chambers as an “associate to watch”.

- Chambers and Partners, 2019

Carolynn is ranked as a “rising star”.

- IFLR1000, 2020 - 2022

Carolynn is recommended in the Cayman Islands Corporate and Commercial rankings. Her “advice is always robust, pragmatic and creative, and [she] gets strong commercial results.”

- Legal 500, 2019

Bar Admissions

Cayman Islands
2008

British Columbia, Canada
2005

England and Wales (not practising)
2003

New South Wales, Australia
2000

Education

University of Sydney (LLB)
1999

Macquarie University (BA)
1996

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Legal 500, 2019