

Biography



Michelle Frett-Mathavious

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Expertise

Banking & Finance

Michelle Frett-Mathavious is a partner in our BVI Transactional practice group, specialising in Banking & Finance. Michelle's client base is wide-ranging, including onshore law firms, banks and other financial institutions, high-net-worth individuals and family offices, funds and other corporates on British Virgin Islands and Anguilla law.

Michelle is highly regarded within her areas of practice. Having joined Harneys more than 20 years ago, she has broad-ranging experience in syndicated finance, structured debt, asset finance (including aircraft and ship finance), bond and note issuances, project finance, property finance, insolvency, receivership and Islamic finance. She has worked on a number of complex and high-profile finance transactions and has extensive expertise in property and project finance transactions across Asia, Europe, the Middle East and Latin America.

Michelle is also a notary public of the BVI.

Recommendations

Michelle is recognised for her BVI Corporate, Finance & Investment Funds expertise. Clients describe her as being a "very capable banking lawyer." (2023 guide). Michelle is recognised for her Anguilla expertise with clients describing her as someone who "responds very quickly and is clear with responses", adding that she's "very approachable" (2021 – 2022, 2024).

– Chambers and Partners, 2021 – 2024

Michelle is recognised as a next generation partner in the British Virgin Islands Banking, Finance and Capital Markets rankings. She is "very responsive", and is known for "providing exemplary service".

– Legal 500, 2020 – 2024

Michelle is recognised as a highly regarded lawyer (2023 guide). Previously, she was recognised as a rising star (2020 – 2022 guides).

- IFLR1000, 2020 - 2023

Bar Admissions

Anguilla
2015

England and Wales (not practising)
2002

British Virgin Islands
2002

Education

Inns of Court School of Law
2002

University of Wolverhampton (LLB)
2000

"Michelle is to the point. She is very experienced, reliable and always available."

Chambers and Partners, 2024