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Areas of Practice

Corporate Law | Financing and Commercial Transactions | Global Transport Practice

Mark Leventhal is a Foreign Legal Consultant in the Corporate Law Practice of Smith, Gambrell & Russell, LLP.

Mr. Leventhal is based in the New York office of SGR, is English law qualified (with New York Legal Consultant status), and works in the finance and leasing sector, specializing primarily on structured and asset finance and leasing in the aviation sector. His experience includes acting for banks, export credit agencies and operating lessors on a range of cross-border finance and leasing transactions, including export credit supported financings, cross-border leasing, predelivery financings, tax-based structures, and joint venture leasing transactions. Prior to working at SGR, Mr. Leventhal worked for six years in the aircraft finance and leasing practice of a major international law firm in their Paris and London offices.

A tri-national (USA, Germany, UK), Mr. Leventhal undertook his professional education and work experience in the USA, UK and France. In addition to being a native English speaker, Mr. Leventhal has advanced Spanish and French language skills, and has basic conversational German.

Mr. Leventhal holds a Bachelor of Arts degree and a Master's degree from the University of Cambridge, England, and completed the Graduate Diploma in Law and the Legal Practice Course at BPP University Law School, England.

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Representative Experience

- U.S. based lender pre-delivery financing for a Gulfstream corporate jet
- Operating Lessor assignment and assumption of fleet aircraft with various airlines
- Joint venture investor negotiating and drafting servicing and remarketing agreements for joint venture financing transaction of various aircraft with different airlines
- Export credit agency on the financing of multiple Boeing aircraft for KLM Royal Dutch Airlines
- Export credit agency and American based lender on the ECA supported financing of two Airbus
 A350 aircraft for Ethiopian Airlines
- Various lenders on the restructuring of the financing of three ATR 72-600 aircraft to Braathens Aviation
- Export credit agency on the financing for Chorus Aviation of multiple Q400 aircraft and Airbus A220 aircraft leased to JamboJet, Ethiopian Airlines and airBaltic
- Export credit agency on the financing of 13 Airbus A220 aircraft for EgyptAir Airlines
- Export credit agency on the financing of 12 Airbus A220 aircraft for Delta Air Lines, including the first ever A220 with final assembly and delivery in the United States
- Export credit agency on the financing of 18 Airbus A220 aircraft for Air Canada
- International European Bank on the AFIC supported French lease structured financing of four Boeing 737 aircraft and one Boeing 777F aircraft for Turkish Airlines
- European based lender on the JOLCO financing of three Airbus A350 aircraft for Ethiopian Airlines,
 including the first ever JOLCO to an African airline
- Export credit agency on the financing for Cooke Aquaculture of a fish feed mill in Scotland

Admissions

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Memberships

Law Society of England and Wales American Bar Association