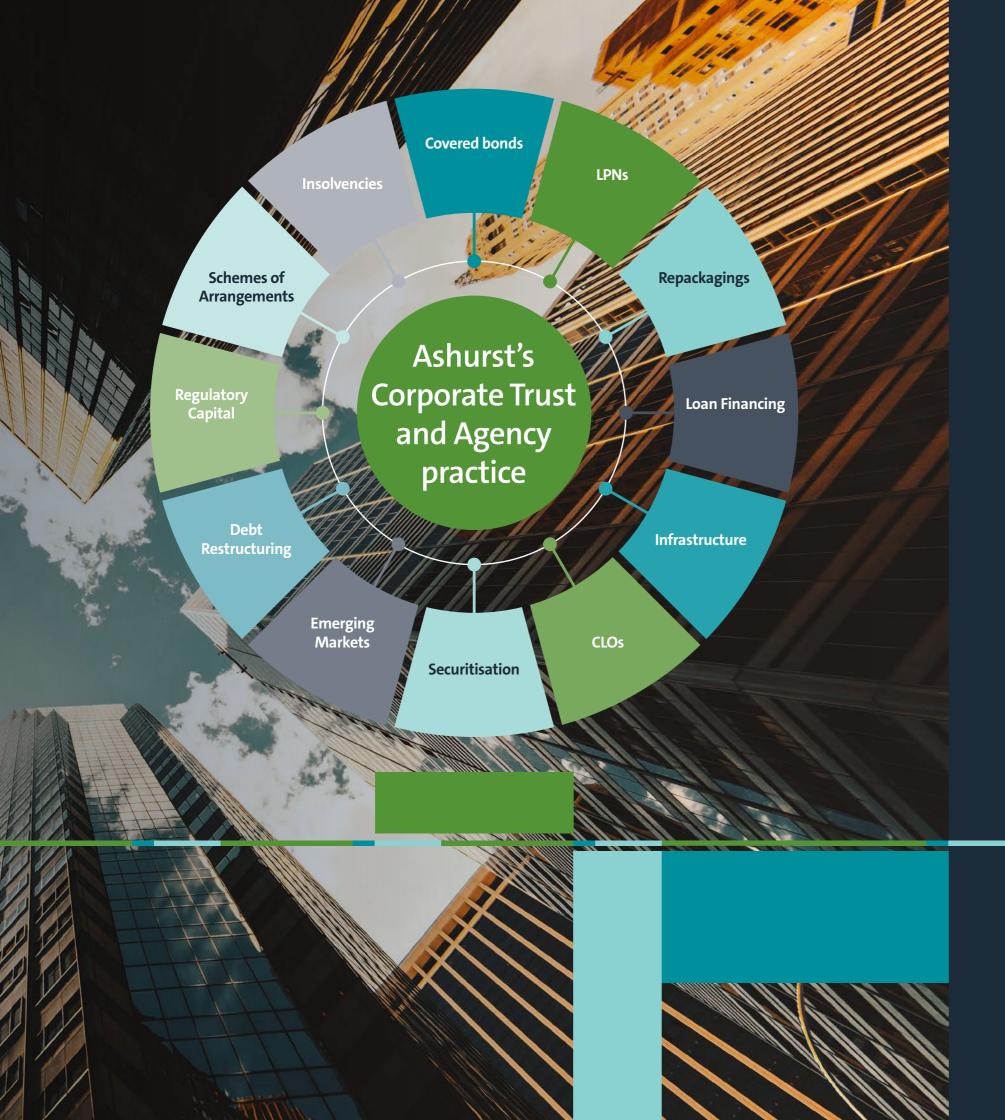


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Corporate Trust and Agency Practice

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Ashurst's Corporate Trust and Agency practice is led by Malcolm Charles and Ciaran Vinaccia, who have 35 years of combined experience advising note trustees, security trustees, collateral administrators, account banks, paying agents, custodians, facility agents and security agents on the full range of capital market and banking transactions.

Ashurst's global Corporate Trust and Agency offering provides:

Independent focus

Our team members focus solely on trust and agency clients, developing a deep knowledge of our clients' requirements, goals and business drivers.

Wider Global Market opportunities

We are part of the wider Global Markets group, leveraging their experience and deal opportunities on the full spectrum of capital market, derivatives, securitisation and structured finance transactions in London, Europe, the US and Asia.

Project and Infra finance

We work closely with our market-leading Global Loans and Project Finance teams providing seamless advice on leveraged and project/infra financings.

Distressed Debt experience

We have extensive experience involving our restructuring and special situations team and our Dispute Resolution group on defaults, work-outs and enforcement processes.



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Full Service Capability

We understand that transactions are becoming more complex, defaults and restructurings more commonplace and that the regulatory landscape is growing. Our Corporate Trust and Agency practice is strongly supported by our highly regarded Financial Regulation, Dispute Resolution, Restructuring and Tax teams, each of which has experience working with major trustee and agent clients.

FINANCIAL REGULATION

Ashurst offers a full advisory service to a wide variety of clients in the regulated sectors including banks, investment banks, insurers, trading platforms, clearing houses, market participants, market infrastructure operators, asset and fund managers, private equity firms, hedge funds, and corporate and retail finance clients. We are at the forefront of UK financial services regulation. We have an in depth knowledge of the regulators and their concerns, and we know what is on the regulatory horizon for our clients.

We have particular expertise in a variety of specialist sectors such as trading, corporate finance, OTC derivatives, clearing, structured finance, FX, spread betting, consumer credit and products, commodities and futures.



"The team has considerable expertise in this field and advise many of the leading banks in this space."

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DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Ashurst offers full advisory services to a wide variety of clients in the disputes resolutions and contentious regulatory sectors, including banks, insurers, trading platforms, trustees and agents, clearing houses, market participants, market infrastructure operators, asset and fund managers, private equity firms, hedge funds, and corporate and retail finance clients.

The approach we take to dispute resolution is commercial and strategic. We align ourselves with our client's objectives and work closely with client teams in executing an agreed strategy to deliver the best results. We focus on the issues that matter, not just on the process. Avoiding a dispute or preventing one escalating is often the objective and, to this end, our teams are effective in the use of alternative dispute resolution procedures.

Our global disputes team offers the full range of dispute resolution and contentious regulatory services to financial institutions, including advising trustees and agents.



"Utter professionalism and commitment – an absolute pleasure to work with a firm that is dedicated and delivers to all agreed deadlines."

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DISTRESSED DEBT/RESTRUCTURING

Our award winning debt restructuring lawyers are experts when it comes to providing solutions to difficult credit problems and applying creative techniques including "loan to own" strategies, debt/equity swaps, schemes of arrangement and pre-pack receiverships and administrations to restructure the balance sheets of distressed companies and to maximise value. We act for each of the different key stakeholders in workouts: industry debtors, financiers, alternative capital providers and work closely with the Ashurst Corporate Trust and Agency team when they advise trustees, facility agents and security agents.

On the debtor side we advise companies and boards on balance sheet restructuring, insolvency trading liability and standstills. We can guide a company through a situation of financial distress and find solutions to its woes. We also act for financiers in relation to special situations. We undertake security reviews, refinancings and informal and formal workouts.



"They're a strong team with great depth of knowledge. They also deliver outstanding customer service."

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TAX

Globally, our team of experts advise businesses on the most complex and demanding tax issues of today. We provide a comprehensive range of direct and indirect tax services covering advice on corporate and financing transactions and contentious taxes. We work with clients across industries including energy, transport, and infrastructure, banking and finance, funds, and real estate.

Many of our tax professionals have dedicated market leading practices in finance, private equity, transfer pricing and cross-border planning, investment funds, real estate taxation and dispute resolution. Some are also qualified accountants. Through our multi-disciplinary expertise, we provide advice that is current, clear and practical.



"Ashurst is deft at breaking down the complex and sophisticated in a user-friendly fashion, taking into account a client's risk appetite and internal stakeholders."

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Recent Experience

AUTO-ABS

advising HSBC as trustee on the latest Bavarian Sky UK securitisation of auto loan receivables (BMW finance)

RMBS

advising Citibank as trustee on a number of RMBS securitisations originated by Shawbrook and Aldermore Banks

CLOS

advising BNYM, US Bank, Deutsche Bank, HSBC, Citibank and Virtus on a wide range of European warehouses and CLO issuances, refinancings and resets

REPACKAGINGS

advising leading financial institutions on the establishment of multiple repackaging programmes covering loan, bond and multiasset repack trades

LOAN FINANCING

advising a leading facility agent and security agent on a senior funding to a state-owned oil and gas exploration and extraction company

INFRASTRUCTURE

advising leading financial institutions as trustee on the financing of separate student accommodation projects at Gloucestershire, Hull, Durham, York and Birmingham Universities

CORPORATE DEBT

advising Deutsche Bank as trustee on the establishment of GlaxoSmithKline plc's GBP£10,000,000,000 Euro Medium Term Note Programme

RESTRUCTURING, INSOLVENCY

advising a leading delegate under a sukuk on administration proceedings commenced against the obligor and guarantors in the UK and in the Abu Dhabi Global Market

DISPUTES

advising a leading financial institution as trustee on guarantee claims made through the DIFC courts and on a number of defaulted supply chain transactions

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for successfully managing large and complex multi-jurisdictional transactions, disputes and projects and delivering

The firm's in-depth understanding of its clients and commitment to providing exceptional standards of service has seen it become a trusted adviser to local and global corporates, financial institutions and governments on all areas of commercial

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