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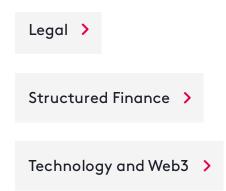
## Areas of expertise

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### **Background and experience**

Chris has worked on a variety of centralised Web3 projects, including providing regulatory advice to centralised exchanges and custodians and assists in the obtaining of virtual asset service provider registrations. He further specialises in structuring DeFi projects related to decentralised exchanges and other decentralised financial (DeFi) platforms. Chris has a large amount of experience in advising both labs teams and foundation companies in their day-to-day operations, including providing advice on grant programs, incentive schemes, private token sales, fundraising campaigns (including SAFTs and SAFEs) and IP protection.

Chris also has a broad range of experience in traditional finance advising on capital markets based transactions with a particular focus on structured finance. He has worked on a variety of structures, including CLOs (together with synthetic CLOs), RMBS, CMBS, ABS, warehouse lending, repo-lending, repackagings, risk retentions and asset-based lending. Chris also has experience in a range derivative transactions, as well as stock exchange listings and fund financings.

Chris started his career in London at Allen & Overy before moving to Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy LLP. During his time in London, he worked on numerous structured finance transactions and was seconded to several leading banks, including Credit Suisse and RBS.

Chris moved to another leading Cayman law firm in 2015, where he continued to develop his structured finance experience. In 2018, Chris co-founded a tech startup in the UK before returning to law in 2021 as counsel at Ogier.

He has a keen interest in technology and in particular blockchain, digital assets and decentralised finance (DeFI) and is a founding member of Digital Cayman, a non-profit industry body cultivating economic development and providing a voice for the Cayman Islands' digital sector. He currently sits as a member of its board.

#### Admitted in:

2010 - England and Wales

2015 - Cayman Islands

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