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## Areas of expertise

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Corporate

Economic Substance

Equity Capital Markets

Legal

Leveraged Finance

Mergers and Acquisitions

Private Equity

Regulatory

Technology and Web3

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## **Background and experience**

David is a member of the transactional team in the British Virgin Islands, advising on a wide variety of corporate and finance matters. As a part of the firm's fintech team, David also advises BVI token issuers and platform operators on their initial coin offerings and subsequent operations.

David is also part of Ogier's multi-disciplinary Private Equity team. He specialises in acquisitions and disposals (including the structuring of vehicles for these purposes), investment and shareholder agreements, and management incentive plans, with experience in acquisition financing transactions. David's achievements include working on Texas Pacific Group's 2019 exit from their investment in the London Main Board listed Russian retailer Lenta, as part of one of the largest all cash offers for a listed BVI company ever, and advising Bain Capital-backed Toys R Us on the sale of their Asian business.

Before joining Ogier, David worked for another leading BVI law firm where he specialised in mergers and acquisitions and finance. Prior to this, he worked in the London office of Kirkland & Ellis International LLP, where he focused primarily on multi-jurisdictional private equity transactions, including mergers and acquisitions, leveraged finance, and debt capital markets.

David holds an MA from the University of Oxford, and studied the GDL and LPC at the College of Law in London, receiving a distinction for both courses.

#### Admitted in:

2015 - British Virgin Islands

2012 - England & Wales (non-practising)

## Languages

English

Spanish

## Examples of work

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Bradley Kruger

Team: Christian Burns-Di Lauro, Michael Killourhy, David Mathews, Paul Heath, Marcus Hallan

Cayman Islands, British Virgin Islands, Jersey

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3 November 2022

## Ogier advises Bull Horn Holdings SPAC on US\$175 million... merger with Coeptis Therapeutics

Michael Killourhy

Team: David Mathews

British Virgin Islands

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30 August 2022

## Ogier advises Founder SPAC on US\$1.7 billion merger with... Rubicon Technologies

Michael Killourhy

Team: David Mathews, Bradley Kruger

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Michael Killourhy

Team: David Mathews

British Virgin Islands

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1 September 2021

## Ogier advises WOO Network on creation of native WOO tokens

Michael Killourhy

Team: David Mathews

British Virgin Islands

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11 August 2020

## Ogier advises Kismet Acquisition One Corp on its US\$ 250 Millio... IPO

Michael Killourhy

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## News and insights

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### Orphan Structures and Decentralisation in the British Virgin... Islands

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### Q&A: Safe harbours for VASPs - part 2

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### BVI Virtual Asset Service Providers Act - be ready for the... deadline

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Team: Simon Schilder, David Mathews

British Virgin Islands

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### Cryptocurrency and token offerings in the British Virgin Islands

Michael Killourhy

Team: David Mathews, Simon Schilder

British Virgin Islands

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### The British Virgin Islands Virtual Assets Service Providers Act

Michael Killourhy

Team: David Mathews, Simon Schilder

British Virgin Islands

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Insight

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### Ogier in BVI praised as "the go-to firm" in Legal 500 2023

Brian Lacy

Team: Michael Killourhy, Nicholas Burkill, Nicholas Brookes, David Welford, Ewelina Clyde-Smith, Alexander Muksinov, and 3 more

British Virgin Islands

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News

## Recognition

"Ogier distinguishes itself in the legal market with a strong focus on delivering high-quality, client-focused services through its exceptional team, including Michael Killourhy and David Mathews. Both are very good in regulatory and

compliance and are the firm's go-to experts in DeFi and crypto, bringing specialized expertise and innovative solutions to these emerging areas. Their comprehensive, strategic approach ensures clients receive tailored, efficient, and cutting-edge legal support"

Legal 500 Caribbean, 2025

"Mike Killourhy and David Mathews are go-to people in the BVI"

Legal 500 Caribbean, 2025

"Ogier has a strong cross-jurisdiction practice with deep experience. In particular, David Matthews has over seven years experience handling blockchain related projects. We like using Ogier to obtain opinions on the thorny technical issues that other firms often can't provide"

Legal 500 Caribbean, 2025

"David Matthews is one of the most experienced (if not the most experienced) practitioner of web3 BVI law. He focuses solely on providing BVI legal advice which provides strength in depth"

Legal 500 Caribbean, 2025

"An incredible lawyer to work with; his understanding of the FinTech space, particularly in crypto/DeFi, is second to none."

Chambers FinTech Guide 2024

"Amazingly responsive and genuinely enjoys working in the FinTech space - he will continue to flourish as he evolves with his growing client base."

Chambers FinTech Guide 2024

"David Mathews from Ogier BVI is a standout adviser. He is highly capable and always delivers. "

Legal 500 Caribbean, 2024

"Working with David Mathews is an absolute pleasure. His unparalleled grasp of the fintech sector sets him apart from others. As clients, we have benefited immensely from his out-of-the-box thinking, which has proven invaluable on numerous occasions. Notably, his meticulous attention to detail shines through in the documents he drafts, even when handling highly intricate matters, ensuring clarity and comprehension"

Legal 500 Caribbean, 2024

"We work with David Mathews. He is quick and accurate in responses, he has have strong industry knowledge across multiple jurisdictions and give great insights"

Legal 500 Caribbean, 2024

"Responsive and a great member of the team to collaborate with. Works seamlessly with our team and has great knowledge of the law and industry. Very client-focused."

Legal 500 Caribbean, 2023

"Rising star"

Legal 500 Caribbean, 2023

"David Mathews has been a pleasure to work with. Always prompt with very timely, thoughtful advice on pressing matters"

Legal 500 Caribbean, 2023

"Responsive, timely, knowledgeable and proactive."

Client feedback, 2020

"Very thorough and very diligent."

Client feedback, 2020