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Areas of expertise

Banking and Finance

Corporate

Debt Capital Markets

Derivatives

Legal

Structured Finance

Technology and Web3

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

News and insights

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<div>18 December 2024 5 min read</div> <div>Corporate annual review: reflections on 2024 and outlook fo... 2025</div> <div>Insight</div>	<div>8 August 2024 3 min read</div> <div>Supporting DAOs in the Cayman Islands</div> <div>Bradley Kruger</div> <div>Team: Chris Wall</div> <div>Cayman Islands</div> <div>Insight</div>	<div>7 May 2024 4 min read</div> <div>NFTs as security: Cristiano Ronaldo sued for \$1 billion... over NFT promotion in class action lawsuit</div> <div>Chris Wall</div> <div>Team: Gemma Bellfield (nee Lardner), Jordan Constable</div> <div>Cayman Islands</div> <div>Insight</div>
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<p>1 May 2024 9 min read</p> <p>Close-out netting and set-off provisions for BVI, Cayman,... Guernsey, Jersey and Lux counterparties</p> <p>Christian Burns-Di Lauro</p> <p>Team: Mark Santangeli, Chris Wall, Christopher Jones, Paul Chanter, Anthony Oakes, Bruce MacNeil, and 1 more</p> <p>Guernsey, Hong Kong, Jersey, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Luxembourg - Legal Services</p> <p>Insight</p>	<p>16 April 2024 1 min read</p> <p>Martin Byers and Chris Wall promoted to partner in Cayma... Islands</p> <p>News</p>	<p>28 March 2024 6 min read</p> <p>Q&A: Safe harbours for VASPs - part 1</p> <p>Alexander Curry</p> <p>Team: David Mathews, Chris Wall</p> <p>Jersey, Cayman Islands, British Virgin Islands</p> <p>Insight</p>
<p>28 March 2024 7 min read</p> <p>Q&A: Safe harbours for VASPs - part 2</p> <p>Alexander Curry</p> <p>Team: David Mathews, Chris Wall</p> <p>Jersey, Cayman Islands, British Virgin Islands</p> <p>Insight</p>	<p>19 January 2024 1 min read</p> <p>Cayman Islands removed from EU AML List</p> <p>James Bergstrom</p> <p>Team: Tim Cone, Angus Davison, James Heinicke, Joanne Huckle, Bradley Kruger, Nick Rogers, and 12 more</p> <p>Cayman Islands</p> <p>News</p>	<p>26 June 2023 5 min read</p> <p>Taylor Swift shakes off FTX sponsorship deal: when can a... virtual asset be a security under Cayman legislation?</p> <p>Jordan Constable</p> <p>Team: Gemma Bellfield (nee Lardner), Chris Wall, Ghita Moyle</p> <p>Cayman Islands</p> <p>Insight</p>

Recognition

"Chris is extraordinarily thorough and a very well-read, knowledgeable individual. He has a very thorough understanding of the laws and regulations that apply to a Cayman blockchain-related business."

Chambers Fin Tech 2025

"Key Lawyer"

Legal 500 Caribbean, 2023