

# Donal Keane

## Senior Associate



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## Overview

Donal is a senior associate in Dentons' Dublin office. He is a member of the Finance practice with experience in a broad range of aviation-related matters, including finance and operating leasing, portfolio sales and purchases, securitizations, and secured and unsecured debt and equity financing for fixed-wing, helicopter and engine assets. In addition to his private practice experience, he has completed secondments with a major lessor and separately with an asset arranger and manager.

Due to this experience, Donal has been recognized as a Rising Star in Aviation by *Airfinance Journal*. He has also advised both sponsors and lenders in shipping and offshore infrastructure transactions. Donal trained with a leading Irish law firm and joined Dentons from Allen & Overy in London, where he worked for six years.

## Experience

- **Confidential client:** Acting for an airline in its solvent private recapitalization pursuant to Part 26A of the UK Corporate Insolvency and Governance Act, 2020.
- **Confidential client:** Acting for European ECAs in relation to the rescheduling and deferral of repayments of ECA-supported loans by a number of airlines throughout 2020 and 2021.
- **Confidential client:** Advising an operating lessor based in the UAE in relation to its inaugural transaction, a sale and leaseback deal with Flydubai.
- **Confidential client:** Acting for an operating lessor in relation to the purchase and leasing of two Boeing 737-Max8 aircraft to Eastar Jet in Korea.
- **Confidential client:** Acting for a UK-based lessor on its US\$1 billion purchase (and related financing) of a 50 regional aircraft portfolio on lease to nine different airlines.
- **Confidential client:** Advising the lessor in relation to its purchase, financing and leasing of two Airbus C295 transport aircraft being operated on UN aid and relief programs in East Africa.
- **Confidential client:** Advising a European investment bank in relation to the US\$1 billion bridge financing of a

cruise ship operator.

- **Confidential client:** Advising a private debt fund as a mezzanine lender to a European shipping group.

## Areas of focus

### Practices

- Aviation Finance
- Equipment Leasing and Finance
- Ship and Marine Finance
- Asset Finance and Lending

### Industry sectors

- Aviation and Aerospace
- Transportation Finance
- Financial Institutions

## Education

- National University of Ireland, 2007, Bachelor of Civil Law, Int'l

## Admissions and qualifications

- Solicitor, Law Society of Ireland, 2012
- Solicitor, Senior Courts of England and Wales, 2015