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### OVERVIEW

Duc Nguyen is a partner in the firm's global Finance practice. Duc's practice focuses on corporate and international finance matters, in the areas of structured finance, asset-based lending, real estate finance, acquisition finance and securitization. He regularly assists financiers and financial investors in all aspects of asset financing and leasing including portfolio financing, portfolio trading, sale and leasebacks, tax leases, finance leases and JOLCOs. He also has extensive experience in restructurings, asset repossession, distressed transactions and dispute resolution.

As a native Vietnamese speaker, he also advises Vietnamese companies in relation to cross-border finance and M&A transactions and related commercial issues, regionally and globally.

Duc has been regularly recognized by *Chambers* and *Partners* and other legal directories. According to *Chambers Asia-Pacific*, he has been described by his peers as "committed to his clients", "experienced, capable and professional."

### PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Duc graduated from the University of Law of England and Wales. He is qualified as a Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales and as a Lawyer of the Vietnam Bar Federation. He has been with a Magic Circle firm for ten years, during which time he worked in London, Bangkok and Singapore. Prior to joining the firm, Duc was an Of Counsel of a Silver Circle firm. Duc has also worked for the industry leader GE Capital Aviation Services Limited.

### ACHIEVEMENTS

- Recognised by *Chambers Global* for Aviation: Finance in the Asia-Pacific Region, 2025-2026
- Recognised by *Chambers Asia-Pacific*
  - Aviation: Finance in Singapore, 2023-2026

- Aviation: Finance in Asia-Pacific Region, 2025-2026
- Recognised by *The Legal 500 Asia Pacific* as a Recommended Lawyer in Singapore
  - Asset Finance, 2025-2026
  - Banking and Finance: Local Firms, 2025

## PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales
- Qualified lawyer, Vietnam Bar Federation

## SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Moderator, Airline Economics Singapore 2025 - "Engine Leasing and Investment," November 2025
- Speaker, ASIFMA and Vietnam Bond Market Association, Vietnam IBOR Transition, November 2020
- Speaker, Airline Economics Dublin 2022 - "LIBOR transition," May 2022
- Speaker, Airline Economics Growth Frontiers Singapore 2022 - "An overview on negotiating events of default in aircraft lease agreements," November 2022

## EDUCATION

- Bachelor of Business/Bachelor of Laws, University of Law, 2011

## ADMISSIONS

- Registered Foreign Lawyer with the Law Society of Singapore
- Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales
- Vietnamese Law Qualified Lawyer

## LANGUAGES

- English
- Vietnamese

## NEWS & EVENTS

- 19 March 2026, K&L Gates Advises Vietnam Airlines on Landmark US\$8 Billion Boeing Aircraft Purchase

- 12 February 2026, *Chambers Global 2026* Guide Ranks K&L Gates Lawyers, Practices
- 11 December 2025, *Chambers Asia-Pacific 2026* Guide Recognises K&L Gates
- 9 October 2025, K&L Gates Advises MUFG Bank on US\$100 Million Green Loan Facility to VinFast
- 18 February 2025, K&L Gates Advises Financier Crédit Agricole CIB in Providing Southeast Asia's First Ever Sustainability-Linked Loan for a Low-Cost Carrier
- 13 February 2025, *Chambers Global 2025* Guide Ranks K&L Gates Lawyers, Practices
- 8 January 2024, K&L Gates Straits Law Adds Two Finance Partners in Singapore

## OTHER MEDIA MENTIONS

- Quoted, "Legal Survey 2025: Regions," *AirFinance Journal*, 15 May 2025

## AREAS OF FOCUS

- Aviation Finance
- Corporate and Acquisition Finance
- Securitization and Structured Finance

## INDUSTRIES

- Automotive
- Financial Services
- Fintech
- Manufacturing
- Transportation and Logistics
- Transportation Finance

## REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Advised MUFG Bank Ltd. on the JOLCO financing of one A321-271NX aircraft to Cebu.
- Advised Falko (Ireland) Limited on the sale of a portfolio of five (5) aircraft.
- Advised AerCap Ireland Limited on the lease restructuring of a portfolio of ten (10) aircraft pursuant to which aircraft leases with certain airlines will be terminated and the aircraft will be put into new airlines.

- Advised Credit Agricole Corporate and Investment Bank SA on the ESG-linked JOLCO financing of one aircraft to Cebu, a Philippines-based low-cost carrier.
- Advised AerCap Ireland Limited on the lease restructuring pursuant to which the aircraft will be removed from Lion and put to Thai Lion.
- Advised a leading international bank on the refinancing of a portfolio of five (5) aircraft.
- Advised Falko (Ireland) Limited on the lease of two (2) DHC 8-400 aircraft from Falko and Ethiopian Airlines.
- Acted for a syndicate of lenders in an SG\$1.2 billion financing of eight (8) aircraft for Singapore Airlines.
- Acted for GECAS in a portfolio sale of fifty-one (51) aircraft to another leasing company.
- Acted for GECAS in a sale and leaseback of twelve (12) aircraft for Lion Air.
- Acted for various lenders on the financing (including IBOR transitions) of over forty (40) Airbus A350 and Boeing 737 aircraft for Singapore Airlines.
- Acted for a syndicate of lenders in a financing of nine (9) aircraft portfolio for Avolon.
- Acted for Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group on JOLCO financings of three (3) A321NX aircraft for Cebu.
- Acted for AerDragon in a financing of ten (10) aircraft portfolio.
- Acted for AirAsia in the pre-delivery financing of twenty (20) A321NEO aircraft.
- Acted for GECAS in the lease restructuring of twelve (12) aircraft for AirAsia.
- Acted for fourteen operating lessors on the fleet restructuring of Lion Air.
- Acted for DAE (formerly AWAS) in the leases to airlines in the Asia-Pacific region.
- Acted for Scoot in sale and leaseback of nine (9) E190-E2 aircraft.
- Acted for airlines in Asia-Pacific region in relation to their passenger service systems.
- Acted for a number of operating lessors with respect to the restructuring of various aircraft leases for Garuda as part of its PKPU processes.
- Acted for GECAS in aircraft repossessions from India and Indonesia.
- Acted for GECAS in its court disputes against airlines in the Asia-Pacific region.