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RELATED PRACTICES Derivatives, Finance, Fund Finance, Investment Management

Christopher Acton is a partner in the Finance and Fund Finance Practice Groups in Haynes Boone's London office. Christopher advises private capital clients including hedge funds, credit funds and proprietary trading firms on structured finance, derivatives and trading relationships, as well as related UK and EU regulation.

Christopher advises his clients on their financing needs involving prime brokerage, custody, margin lending, repo, securities lending, exchange-traded and over-the-counter derivatives, central clearing, bespoke collateral structures, risk transfers, debt and claims trading, and structured transactions. His clients pursue a broad range of investment strategies including equities, equity long/short, special opportunities, distressed debt, global macro, commodity trading, emerging markets and fixed income.

PUBLICATIONS AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- "Credit fund currency sleeves," co-author, Macfarlanes Article, 26, September 2024.
 - "Fund leverage: current trends and techniques," co-presenter, Macfarlanes On-demand webinar, 11 November 2025.
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QUALIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

- LPC, Nottingham Trent University Law, 2003
- Post Graduate Diploma in Law (PGDL), Nottingham Trent University Law, 2002
- M.A., History, University of Edinburgh, 2001

ADMISSIONS

- England and Wales
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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

What types of clients do you advise?

I advise hedge funds, credit funds and proprietary trading firms. My work focuses on financing matters, in particular derivatives and trading relationships, as well as related UK and EU regulation.

What kinds of financing matters do you handle?

I advise clients on financing, trading and risk transferring relationships involving prime brokerage, custody, margin lending, repo, securities lending, exchange-traded and over-the-counter derivatives, central clearing, bespoke collateral structures, debt and claims trading, and structured finance transactions.

Which investment strategies do your clients pursue?

My clients pursue a broad range of strategies including credit, equities, special opportunities and distressed debt, global macro, commodity trading, emerging markets and fixed income. I advise them on the financing and trading relationships that support those strategies.