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**SECTORS:** Maritime, Transport, LNG and Offshore, Commercial Shipping

**SERVICES:** Joint Ventures and Strategic Alliances, ECA Finance, Mergers and Acquisitions, Asset Finance and Leasing, Finance, Private Equity, Restructuring and Insolvency

## BIO

### GEORGE IS GLOBAL MARITIME SECTOR HEAD.

George advises on all aspects of ship financing, with a focus on structured/asset finance, leasing transactions, restructurings/work-outs and large-scale loan portfolio transfers, as well as on the commercial matters relating to the sale, purchase, employment and operation of all maritime asset classes (newbuilding and second-hand).

His clients span the shipping and offshore industries, including financial institutions (primarily banks, private equity investors and hedge funds) and shipping companies (owners, managers and charterers).

George has worked in the firm's London and Athens offices and is recommended as an expert asset finance and restructuring lawyer by legal directory IFLR 1000.

## EXPERIENCE

Advising two major private equity investors on the purchase of a circa US\$240m portfolio of shipping loans from Commerzbank.

Advising Okeanis Eco Tankers Corp, owned by the Alafouzou family, on the oversubscribed US\$100m initial public offering of its new eco-friendly US\$1bn crude tanker fleet Okeanis Eco Tankers, on Oslo's Merkur Market.

Advising Enesel S.A. on its maritime investments and financings, including in relation to its ECA-backed US\$380m financing relating to five 13,800 TEU container vessels.

# WATSON FARLEY & WILLIAMS

Advising The Royal Bank of Scotland with its disposal of the majority of its global US\$5bn shipping portfolio to various purchasers.

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Advising Marubeni Corporation and SK Shipping on all legal aspects relating to their two LNG carriers, including construction, chartering and financing, for utilisation in the Ichthys LNG project in Australia.

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## EDUCATION

2007 · University College London, University of London, LLM  
in Maritime Law

2006 · BPP Law School, London, LPC

2005 · Queen Mary College, University of London, LLB  
Honours

## MEMBERSHIPS & ASSOCIATIONS

Law Society of England and Wales

## INSIGHTS

**AWARD** **WFW ADVISED ON TEN MARINE MONEY “DEAL OF THE YEAR” WINNING DEALS**  
[www.wfw.com/awards/wfw-advised-on-ten-marine-money-deal-of-the-year-winning-deals/](http://www.wfw.com/awards/wfw-advised-on-ten-marine-money-deal-of-the-year-winning-deals/)

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**AWARD** **WFW ADVISED ON FIVE MARINE MONEY ‘DEAL OF THE YEAR’ AWARD DEALS**  
[www.wfw.com/awards/wfw-advised-on-five-marine-money-deal-of-the-year-award-deals/](http://www.wfw.com/awards/wfw-advised-on-five-marine-money-deal-of-the-year-award-deals/)

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**REPORT** **THE SUSTAINABILITY IMPERATIVE – PART 2**  
[www.wfw.com/reports/the-sustainability-imperative-part-2/](http://www.wfw.com/reports/the-sustainability-imperative-part-2/)

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**AWARD** **WFW GARNERS FIVE MARINE MONEY ‘DEAL OF THE YEAR’ 2022 AWARDS**  
[www.wfw.com/awards/wfw-garners-five-marine-money-deal-of-the-year-2022-awards/](http://www.wfw.com/awards/wfw-garners-five-marine-money-deal-of-the-year-2022-awards/)

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**PRESS** **STATEMENT REGARDING THE UNFOLDING CONFLICT IN UKRAINE FROM WFW GLOBAL MARITIME SECTOR CO-HEADS**  
[www.wfw.com/press/statement-regarding-the-unfolding-conflict-in-ukraine-from-wfw-global-maritime-sector-co-heads/](http://www.wfw.com/press/statement-regarding-the-unfolding-conflict-in-ukraine-from-wfw-global-maritime-sector-co-heads/)

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