

Biography



Philip Graham

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Expertise

Investment Funds , Blockchain & Digital Assets , Private Equity , Regulatory & Tax , Economic Substance in the British Virgin Islands , Environmental, Social & Governance , Distressed Funds

Philip Graham is global head of our Investment Funds and Regulatory groups and head of our transactional team in the British Virgin Islands. He advises on the laws of the British Virgin Islands and the Cayman Islands and is a leading advisor on all aspects of offshore investment funds, including pre-formation strategy, regulatory compliance and restructuring.

Phil has over 15 years' of experience advising in connection with all types of fund vehicles, including private equity and hedge funds, limited partnerships, and start-ups operating in the fintech space. He has extensive economic substance knowledge and has co-hosted a series of informative podcasts on the subject.

Phil serves as chairman of the BVI Investment Funds Association and consults regularly with government and the regulator on legislative development and the impact of regulatory change. He is senior editor of the Offshore Funds Blog, speaking and publishing regularly on topics including offshore funds, Cayman and BVI fund products, blockchain, cryptocurrency and regulatory matters such as information exchange and AML.

Recommendations

Philip is recognised for his expertise in British Virgin Islands Corporate, Finance, and Investment Funds.

Recent testimonials include:

- "Phil is an exemplary lawyer and BVI expert." (2024 guide)
- "He is excellent at what he does." (2023 guide)
- He is "one of the leading fund lawyers on the island," with further interviewees reporting: "Our experience working with him has been excellent." (2021 guide)

- Chambers and Partners, 2018 - 2024

Philip is recognised as a leading individual for his British Virgin Islands Corporate & Commercial, Investment Funds, and Regulatory & Compliance expertise.

Recent testimonial: He is "the leading light for crypto and digital asset work". (2024 guide)

- Legal 500, 2018 - 2024

Philip is recognised as a market leader for his British Virgin Islands Investment Funds expertise.

- IFLR1000, 2019 - 2023

Philip is recommended for his British Virgin Islands expertise in the following categories:

- Private Funds – Formation (2022 – 2024)
- Private Funds – Regulatory (2022 – 2024)
- Fintech & Blockchain - Blockchain (2023)

- Who's Who Legal, 2022 - 2024

Bar Admissions

British Virgin Islands
2008

England and Wales (not practising)
2002

Education

University of West England (LPC)
2000

University of Bristol (LLB)
1999

*"Phil is simply the best. He is trusted,
reasonable and a pleasure to work with"*

Chambers and Partners, 2024