



Jemima Fearnside

Mergers and Acquisitions Lawyer of the Year

Bermuda



Firm Profile

Wakefield Quin Limited is one of the leading law firms in Bermuda offering a full range of both offshore and local legal services. Wakefield Quin Limited was established in January 2001 through the merger of two long established Bermuda law firms with an international reputation for the high calibre of the service they provided.

The firm has grown substantially from these early foundations and has earned a reputation as a modern and open firm. We are particularly well-known for the quality of our legal services and our clear, concise, and cost effective advice specifically tailored to the needs of its clients. As a full-service firm yet independent from the local "branches" of the more familiar offshore players, Wakefield Quin provides a refreshing change from the bureaucracy and fee structures of its competitors in Bermuda.

What makes Wakefield Quin different from our competitors?

1) Personal Service - We have a business philosophy dedicated to client service. Our high standard of professionalism is achieved by listening to our clients' needs and understanding clients' requirements. We recognise the vital importance of establishing close and continuing business relationships with our clients. Similarly, Bermuda's unique geographical location and position as a historic "bridge" between the United States, the United Kingdom and Europe, means we have forged excellent informal networks with firms on both sides of the Atlantic.

2) Commercial Approach - We understand clients do not want pages of academic study, legal theory or statutory references, but instead are looking for succinct answers that achieve their commercial business aims. We always strive to provide an efficient and cost effective service to meet these aims, and allocate sufficient resources to ensure client deadlines are met with ease.

3) Legal Expertise - Our lawyers are specialised enough to be able to deal with the complex issues that arise, but general enough in outlook to advise on the wider implications of particular transactions. Our highly-regarded Corporate team is comprised of lawyers qualified in over 6 jurisdictions, such expertise bringing a broader perspective to transactions than is found elsewhere in Bermuda.

Areas of Expertise

- Banking and Asset Finance;
- Capital Markets and Structured Finance;
- Mergers and Acquisitions;
- Funds and Investment Services;
- Insolvency and Restructuring;
- Intellectual Property and E-Commerce;
- Litigation;
- Private Client and Trusts;
- Probate;
- Real Estate;
- Regulatory and Compliance Advice;
- Shipping and Aircraft; and
- Insurance / Re-insurance.

Notable Recent Transactions

- \$172 million merger between ACP Re and NASDAQ-listed Tower Group International
- \$692 million acquisition by Enstar Group of Torus Insurance
- Multi-million refinancing by Deutsche Bank of one of the world's largest sea container lessors
- TSX Ventures listing of Aurania Resources Ltd
- BSX and JSE listing of Southern View Finance Ltd

About Jemima Fearnside

Jemima joined Wakefield Quin in March 2012, and soon established a niche role as the firm's leading mergers and acquisitions ("M&A") and equity capital markets lawyer. With substantial experience of both public and private company M&A, private equity and venture capital investment work, and public offerings in Bermuda, the UK, Europe and the US, Jemima undertakes a wide range of corporate, commercial and corporate finance work. Jemima has worked with a number of natural resource companies, both listed and unlisted, helping clients structure their global presence through strategic acquisitions and formal alliances. Additionally, Jemima advises several listed asset-finance and debt management companies, who have chosen Bermuda for their parent company base to take

advantage of the "safe" legal framework yet favourable tax regime offered in Bermuda. She has worked on a number of key amalgamations and mergers under Bermuda law, including several multi-billion dollar market capital insurance firms. Jemima has also been instrumental as lead counsel for various debt restructurings and refinancing, acting for global and multinational banks on a regular basis.

Jemima won the Finance Monthly award for Bermuda M&A lawyer of the year in 2013.

Before joining Wakefield Quin Limited, Jemima was a senior associate in the corporate team of leading London law firm Nabarro LLP where she spent over 6 years advising clients on a wide

range of corporate mergers and acquisitions, corporate and debt restructurings, pre-IPO investments, capital markets listings and equity fundraisings. Prior to that, Jemima spent 4 years working for national UK firm Osborne Clarke LLP in their Thames Valley (UK) office (advising venture capital and private equity houses) and Palo Alto (USA) offices (specialising in multinational transactions and European expansion advice).

Jemima was admitted as a solicitor in England and Wales in early 2004 and qualified as a notary public in England and Wales in 2006. She was admitted to the Bermuda Bar as an attorney and barrister in May 2013, and continues to practise both Bermuda and English law.

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