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# Biography



#### Joshua Mangeot

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### **Expertise**

Corporate, Banking & Finance, Economic substance in the BVI

Joshua Mangeot is a member of our BVI transactional practice group. Josh is regarded as a leading specialist on the BVI economic substance requirements and has advised several of the world's largest multinational enterprises (MNEs) and other stakeholders on the implementation of the regime. He regularly advises leading global law firms, MNEs, financial institutions and high-net-worth individuals on British Virgin Islands law.

Prior to moving to the BVI in 2014, Josh was an associate in Slaughter and May's tax department. He also completed a secondment for the Financial Markets Law Committee established by the Bank of England. Josh is also a Kennedy Memorial Scholar (2006-7). He has broad experience in company and partnership law, reorganisations, banking and finance, private equity funds and collective investment vehicles.

Josh's clients "appreciate his intellect, approachable manner and pragmatic approach" and recommend him as a "hardworking, thorough and extremely competent lawyer". Josh is a member of the International Business Structuring Association (IBSA) and the International Bar Association (IBA).

#### **Experience**

Josh's selected experience includes:

- Advising clients and other stakeholders on the implementation of the BVI economic substance requirements, including
  the design of the Harneys online classification solution and various working groups for BVI Finance
- Acting as lead BVI counsel to Midis Group, a leading EMEA technology consultancy, services and distributor on a wide range of BVI company law, corporate governance and regulatory matters
- Advising one of the world's largest state-owned oil and gas companies on economic substance as sole BVI counsel
- Advising on BVI aspects of a complex debt-for-equity swap restructuring and subsequent disposal as part of a Chapter
   11 bankruptcy plan
- Acting as sole BVI counsel and coordinating overseas counsel in four jurisdictions on a complex cross-border US\$66 million restructuring and settlement of various secured facilities
- Acting as BVI counsel for an NYSE listed natural asset conglomerate in relation to its US\$1.6 billion secured facilities
- Representing the existing owner of a hotel chain on the disposal of majority ownership (through the issue of notes
  convertible into 51 per cent of its shares) to create a BVI joint venture with a potential value of more than US\$1.2 billion
- Advising Aura Minerals Inc., which is listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange (TSX: ORA), on its merger with Rio Novo

Gold Inc. (TSX:RN), with Aura as the surviving company

- Advising Manchester Airport Group on its £1.2 billion financing to acquire Stansted Airport
- Advising Bank of Asia on the establishment and licensing of its BVI banking business
- Advising BMR Energy Ltd. in relation to its US\$88 million credit facility with joint lenders CIBC FirstCaribbean International Bank, and National Commercial Bank Jamaica Limited.

#### Recommendations

Legal 500, 2020 – 2024: Josh is recognised as a next generation partner in the British Virgin Islands Regulatory & Compliance rankings (2023 – 2024). Previously, he was recognised as a rising star in the BVI Regulatory & Compliance rankings (2021 – 2022), and was recommended as a key lawyer in the BVI (2020 guide).

#### **Bar Admissions**

- British Virgin Islands 2014
- England and Wales (not practising) 2012

#### **Education**

- University of Law (LLB) 2009
- Harvard University (non-degree) 2007
- University of Cambridge, Gonville & Caius (BA) 2006

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