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Stephen leads our national R&I team. He has over 30 years' experience in advising banks, ABLs, corporates and Insolvency Practitioners on all aspects of distressed debt recovery, corporate restructuring, turnarounds and formal insolvency.

Stephen has been recognised in Legal 500 and Chambers as a leading practitioner for many years, and has been described by clients as "*responsive, commercial and pragmatic*" as well as "*technically excellent and extremely knowledgeable*."

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## Expertise

Asset based lending

Banking and finance

Business ownership disputes

Business recovery for retail

Commercial law

Corporate

Directors and officers

Fraud and asset recovery

Restructuring and insolvency

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## Featured experience

## **Advisory – Asset Based Lending**

Advising ABLs on funding, asset protection, and recovery strategies both within and outside of formal insolvency processes across a broad range of sectors.

## **Advisory – Financial Services Sector**

Advising administrators on the sales of SIPP investments and related assets to a new provider, involving working closely with Regulatory bodies within the framework of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000, to ensure protection of pension holder's investments and structuring sales and service agreements to protect against multi-million-pound litigation claims arising from poor investment advice.

## **Administration Trading – Automotive Sector**

Advising on corporate governance issues for a Tier One Automotive Supplier, with competing overseas investor interests, involving the negotiation of Funding and Trading Agreements for a trading administration with leading OEMs and structuring a sale to achieve the first rescue of a pension scheme from a PPF warning period.

## **Administration Advisory and Sale – Leisure Sector**

Advising on the funding and operation of a nationally renowned amusement park, hotel and zoo, during and post the Covid shut-down and the subsequent sale of the business out of administration to a French sovereign-wealth fund backed buyer.