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She joined the firm from JAG Shaw Baker when they merged with Withers to create a new legal offering, Withers tech, in 2018.

Kym is an experienced banking and finance lawyer, with an extensive background acting for corporate borrowers and commercial lenders, private equity investors and venture funds across a range of secured and unsecured debt finance and corporate transactions.

She has an interest in venture debt, acquisition finance and private equity funding transactions, both within the UK and cross-border.

Prior to joining JAG Shaw Baker, Kym was a senior associate in DLA's leveraged finance team in London and before that in the leveraged finance team of Allen & Overy in London. She trained with Squire Patton Boggs. She has a strong track record of leading and managing venture debt transactions, advising on the borrower side and offering practical commercial advice to venture-backed companies considering venture debt to either complement their existing equity financing or as a real alternative to further equity dilution.

Track record

Venture debt financings

Represented numerous technology companies in connection with venture debt financings funded by Silicon Valley Bank, Columbia Lake Partners, Kreos Capital, Harbert and Triplepoint Capital.

Early stage tech companies

Advised number of early stage technology focused borrowers on security packages which frequently involved consideration of complicated issues over lender control of revenue streams, management of receivables, online payment collection and cash sweep mechanics.

Advised SoundCloud on \$40m syndicated

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Leading venture fund

Advised leading venture fund on exist strategy and sale of Lotus F1 Team Ltd to Renault SAS drafting over 50 bespoke technical lending agreements for investors, shareholders and 3rd parties and termination and release contracts to consolidate and ratify existing debt position and enable clean exit arrangements.

Lending and security package

Advised investor/entrepreneur on a proposed lending and security package in conjunction with a series of convertible loan note investments.

\$450m cross border Project Finance and Property Finance transaction

Advised Goldman Sachs and Goldman Sachs Alternative Energy Group in connection with \$450m cross border Project Finance and Property Finance transaction for development of gas and electricity power station.

CIBS World Markets, ING Bank N.V. and RBS

Advised CIBS World Markets, ING Bank N.V. and RBS as joint arrangers in connection with the provision of £515m credit facilities for the acquisition of Trader Media Group.

Gilde Investment Management B.V.

Advised Gilde Investment Management B.V. in connection with £110 cross-border management buyout of a Swedish Target and subsidiaries in seven jurisdictions with significant local law financial assistance and structural subordination issues.

Large equipment leasing company

Advised a large equipment leasing company in connection with £85m international securitisation of receivables funded by Deutsche Bank AG drafting multiple intercompany service and payment stream agreements and sub-purchase agreements for the underlying receivables in order to facilitate the securitisation mechanics within the group structure.

Babcock & Brown

Advised Babcock & Brown in connection with £280m (£205m debt) acquisition of IEG.

Talks

- *"An Introduction to Venture Debt with JAG Shaw Baker"* workshop and presentation by Kym Jesse and Tina Baker at Rocketspace Events on 7th August 2018

Admissions

England and Wales, 2001

Education

University of Manchester, BA (Hons) History

LPC, London College of Law

Languages

English

Key dates

Year joined: 2012

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