

FINANCE

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The Finance team at Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner (BCLP) advises all segments of the financial services industry, providing business-sensitive solutions to complex problems. We are trusted by many of the world's leading financial institutions, assisting with a broad spectrum of their needs.

The lawyers on our Finance team provide a fully-integrated service, offering transactional and regulatory advice to a broad spectrum of clients including banks, non-bank lenders, borrowers, fintech companies, and government agencies. We understand that finance problems can be complex, and that clients want commercially-based solutions with a firm understanding of the sector.

Clients come to us for assistance with all aspects of finance, including:

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- Islamic Finance
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- Venture Capital

As well as our core legal teams in the UK and US, we have a truly global network of lawyers with experience of jurisdictions as different as Singapore, Germany and Hong Kong SAR. BCLP's global reach means we can ensure transactions are completed efficiently and professionally.

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Is there now an established test of fairness for the sanction of a Part 26A Restructuring Plan? In *Re Virgin Active* [2021] EWHC 1246 (Ch) at [219]-[221], the Court was quick to dismiss the idea despite remarks to the contrary included within the Explanatory Notes to the Corporate Insolvency and Governance Act 2020 ("CIGA 2020"). However, subsequent Part 26A cases have demonstrated that the Court will weigh in on the fairness of a Plan prior to sanction and is prepared to test Plan proponents in the interests of those being compromised. The general approach and level of scrutiny applied to the question of fairness by the Court tends to differ from case to

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