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Harriet West is a Private Credit partner and member of the Global Finance practice and the Firm's Private Capital industry group.

Harriet's practice concentrates on leveraged and acquisition finance with a primary focus on private credit. She represents a variety of clients with a particular focus, throughout her career, on acting for alternative lenders and private credit funds in the direct lending market. She also works with private equity sponsors and corporates.

Harriet advises clients on a range of financing transactions including unitranche financings, second-lien financings, mezzanine financings, first out/last out structures, holdco PIK, co-investments, note-purchases, other subordinated facilities and restructurings. Her extensive experience covers a wide range of UK, European and cross-border transactions, from the lower-middle market right through to the large-cap market.

Harriet established the Proskauer Women in Private Credit initiative, which operates as a knowledge sharing and relationship peer network for females active in the private credit market.

Harriet is recognized as an emerging leader in the private funds market, having been named to *Private Funds CFO's* New Faces of Finance 2026, which highlights professionals shaping the future of the industry. Harriet is a regular speaker at

industry conferences. She is consistently noted in Legal 500 and Chambers, with clients commenting in Chambers that: “*Harriet is excellent: she’s really hard-working, very thorough, very professional and always available*”; “*She is a problem solver who is very reliable and quick to turn things round*”; “*She is very technical, strong, and helps us navigate the market*”; "*Harriet is very talented, very knowledgeable and knows her stuff*“; and "*Harriet West is highly capable and highly diligent and a very strong lawyer*".

Practices

Private Credit, Global Finance, Hybrid Capital

Industries

Asset Management, Private Capital, Private Equity

Education

College of Law, London, LPC
Oxford University, B.A. in Law

Admissions & Qualifications

Admitted as a solicitor in England and Wales

Awards & Recognition

Private Funds CFO: New Faces of Finance, 2026
The Legal 500 UK: Finance: Acquisition Finance: Next Generation Lawyer, 2025-2027
The Legal 500 UK: Finance: Acquisition Finance, 2021-2026
Chambers UK: Up & Coming: Banking & Finance, 2024-2025
Chambers UK: Associate to Watch: Banking & Finance, 2021-2023
Private Debt Investor: Rising Stars of Private Debt, 2024
Financial News: Rising Star of Legal Service, 2023