

Edward J. Nalbantian

Ed Nalbantian has more than 30 years of experience representing counterparties in a broad range of cross-border structured finance transactions with a particular focus on over-the-counter (OTC) derivatives and related debt capital markets financings.

From 1998-2021, Ed practised law as a partner at Jones Day based in London and Paris. Ed also served as co-leader of Jones Day's Banking & Finance Practice from 2009-2015. He is presently Of Counsel to the Firm.

Following the financial crisis, Ed's experience extended to the analysis and dispute resolution of credit-linked structured finance primarily arising from Jones Day's role as Special Derivatives Counsel to the Estate of Lehman Brothers Holding Inc. for which he headed the Firm's London team. Ed was also lead partner on Jones Day's multijurisdictional team representing a major U.S. bank in evaluating its risk and documentation exposure in the derivatives, stock lending and repo markets and, subsequently, in the context of the bank's credit rating downgrade.

More recently, Ed has been involved with a broad range of fintech issues in the derivatives markets including the drafting of documentation for crypto currency derivatives and related capital markets financings. He participates in ISDA's fintech working group and has recently addressed global custody issues related to crypto currencies in a podcast for FinTech Beat.

Ed also has experience with major strategic portfolio acquisitions of derivatives assets on behalf of major bank clients. This included Jones Day's representation of BNP Paribas on its acquisition of the £1.6 billion equity derivatives business of the Royal Bank of Scotland for which Ed was the lead London partner.

Ed is admitted to the Bar in New York, California and in Paris, France. He serves on the Board of Visitors of Georgetown University Law Center.