

# FUND FINANCE FRIDAY

## Wes Misson's ESG Leadership Recognized by the FT Innovative Lawyers North America 2021 Awards

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Wes Misson's market-leading work in the ESG area has earned him and our fund finance team a significant honor: a shortlisting for "Innovation in Sustainability & ESG" for the upcoming FT Innovative Lawyers North America 2021 awards.

Wes has been a prolific advisor on ESG-linked fund finance loans, which incentivize funds to meet various ESG targets. Since January 2020, Wes has worked on an impressive 9 ESG fund finance facilities for various financial institutions, including the largest one ever closed and syndicated, this past February: advising Bank of America on a \$4.1 billion ESG-linked credit facility to funds managed by The Carlyle Group tied to Board diversity.

Cadwalader was shortlisted for two other awards: "Innovation in Creating New Standards" for its LIBOR leadership and "Innovation in Digital Legal Practice" for its development of an automated structured notes issuance platform developed *and coded* by the firm's lawyers themselves.

We're very excited for Wes – and our other firm colleagues – and will be eagerly anticipating the winners announcement on December 9 and the next-day feature in a special *Financial Times* supplement.