



## Caroline Harkins

### Special Counsel

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## OVERVIEW

Caroline Harkins is a special counsel in the firm's Finance practice. She is a recognised legal practitioner in the area of banking and finance. She has significant experience in providing strategic advice and guidance on a full range of finance matters, including syndicated financing, acquisition financing, bilateral and club facilities, asset finance and property and construction finance, across a broad range of industry groups and assets.

Caroline has vast experience:

- providing strategic advice on transactions
- assisting in structuring transactions, to accommodate the requirements of each party involved
- project management
- drafting and negotiating complex documentation.

Caroline is known by her clients as being responsive and accessible, as well as for her technical and commercial excellence. She is practical and solution-oriented.

## PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Prior to working as a lawyer, Caroline worked for more than 10 years as a portfolio manager in the derivative markets with an EU investment bank in Australia and Hong Kong.

## ACHIEVEMENTS

- *IFLR 1000*, recognised as a highly regarded practitioner for banking (2022)
- *IFLR 1000*, recognised as a leading practitioner in banking and finance (2013-2015)

## PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- New South Wales Law Society member

- President, University of New South Wales Swimming Club

## EDUCATION

- Graduate Diploma in Law, College of Law, Australia, 1998
- Barrister & Solicitor Diploma in Law, Admission Board New South Wales, 1993
- B.Com, University of Western Australia, 1984

## ADMISSIONS

- Supreme Court of New South Wales

## AREAS OF FOCUS

- Corporate and Acquisition Finance
- Real Estate Finance
- Restructuring and Insolvency

## REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Acting for major Australian Bank for a non revolving cash advance facility for \$48 million to assist with the off-market acquisition of an industrial portfolio comprising 15 freehold industrial properties in Victoria; New South Wales and Queensland by a responsible entity with 13 sub trusts.
- Acting for major Australian Bank in its institutional group in the manufactured home estates or land lease communities; accommodation parks sector for wealthy individual and for an Australian fund on a multi option facilities to assist in acquisitions and development. Facilities from \$70 million to \$150 million.
- Acting for major Australian Bank for four separate groups in the hotel and pub industry in relation to acquisition finance; working capital and development finance. Facilities from \$70 million to \$150 million.
- Acting for two major Australian Banks from its commercial banking sector to its institutional group on property and construction finance from advising on security structure, conducting due diligence, preparing documentation to attending to off the plan settlements from 10 units to 500 units via PEXA in New South Wales and Victoria. Facilities from \$6 million to \$150 million.