



## Chris Wille

### Partner

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## OVERVIEW

Chris Wille is a partner in the firm's Real Estate practice. He has over 20 years of experience advising clients on all aspects of commercial, industrial, and retail property including due diligences, acquisitions, disposals, development and leasing.

Chris acts for some major owners and developers in relation to project structuring, delivery and asset management. He acts for hotel owners and operators in relation to their management and development requirements.

Over many years, Chris has also acted for airports and ports on their property requirements and projects.

He is valued by his clients for being accessible, easy to work with and his commercial approach.

## PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Prior to joining the firm, Chris was a real estate partner at a large Australian law firm. He has also held senior positions in other major Australian law firms.

## ACHIEVEMENTS

- Recognised as a recommended lawyer by *The Legal 500 Asia Pacific Legal* for Projects and Infrastructure in Australia, 2013
- Recognised by *The Association of Corporate Counsel* as one of Australia's best lawyers for Legal Department Benchmarking Report, 2010

## PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Law Society of Queensland member
- Property Council of Australia member

## SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Chris regularly speaks at legal and industry conferences on legal issues that affect the property sector.

## EDUCATION

- LL.B., Bond University, 1996

## ADMISSIONS

- High Court of Australia
- Supreme Court of Queensland

## THOUGHT LEADERSHIP *POWERED BY HUB*

- 26 October 2023, The Property Law Act 2023 Introduces Major Reforms
- 23 September 2022, Significant Changes Approaching as Property Law Act 1974 (Qld) Set to be Replaced
- 21 July 2020, COVID-19: Retail and Commercial Leasing Matrix
- 23 June 2020, COVID-19: Retail and Commercial Leasing Matrix
- 2 June 2020, COVID-19: (Australia) Queensland Regulations for Commercial Leases
- 29 April 2020, COVID-19: (Australia) New WA COVID-19 Laws Sets Wider Net for Impacted Landlords/Tenants
- 24 April 2020, COVID-19: (Australia) QLD Parliament Introduces Code of Conduct Enabling Act: COVID-19 Emergency Response Act 2020 (Qld)
- 14 April 2020, COVID-19: (Australia) National Code of Conduct – Commercial Tenancies
- 9 April 2020, COVID-19: (Australia) Top 10 Principles - National Code set to Mandate Principles for Commercial Rent Relief
- 1 April 2020, COVID-19: (Australia): PM Morrison Announces Moratorium Laws to Prevent Tenant Evictions
- 24 November 2016, Franchising Update
- 16 September 2016, Retail Shop Leases Amendment Act 2016 (Qld) Commencement Date Set
- 18 May 2016, Retail Shop Leases Amendment Bill 2015: The Highlights

## NEWS & EVENTS

- 13 February - 21 February 2024, 2024 CPD Program–Australia

- 15 February 2016, K&L Gates Welcomes Brisbane Real Estate Partner

## AREAS OF FOCUS

- Real Estate
- Distressed Real Estate
- Real Estate Finance

## INDUSTRIES

- Aviation
- Consumer Products
- Resort, Hospitality, and Leisure
- Transportation and Logistics

## REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Acting for an international airport corporation in connection with the development and operation of a new duty free concession offering at the international terminal.
- Advising an international airport corporation in connection with the long terms occupancy arrangements with two international airlines at the domestic terminal.
- Advising an international airport in connection with the development of a regional trade distribution center at the international airport. Work included advising in relation to works agreements and interface issues with the State of Queensland in respect of project funding.
- Acting for an international airport in relation to the revitalisation of the retail, food and beverage offerings at the domestic and international terminals.
- Acting for an international airport in relation to a land dedication agreement with Council and the State's landowning entity on resumption and titling matters.
- Acting for an aircraft maintenance company in the purchase of a site to accommodate its F-35 program and expansion needs.
- Acting for one of the largest ports in the state of Queensland in connection with the delivery of an international cruise terminal. Work included advising on tenure matters including perpetual lease terms and various long term wet and dry lease and sublease interests and project co-ordination.
- Acting for one of the largest ports in the state of Queensland in relation to arrangements with a water storage company and a government bulk water supply authority relevant to access and tenure arrangements with the Brisbane International Cruise Terminal.

- Acting for an international hotel manager in connection with various hotel management and development requirements.
- Acting for a leading global real estate investment manager in relation to its hotel management and leasing requirements.
- Acting for a leading global real estate investment manager in relation to hotel upgrade projects including carpark upgrades, access arrangements and works, and telecommunication requirements.
- Acting for one of the developers in connection with Midtown Centre Project in Brisbane CBD. The project involves re-purposing two existing commercial towers of 26,000m<sup>2</sup> of commercial space and combining them into a single premium grade office tower of 42,000m<sup>2</sup>.
- Acting for a master developer on various projects including the delivery of a medical office tower in the heart of Health City Springfield Central. Work included advice on titling, community titles schemes, leasing and lot sales.
- Acting for a real estate development company in relation to their asset management requirements across Greater Springfield, including major leasing, telecommunications leasing, and greenfield developments.
- Acting for a private investor in all aspects of the purchase of Daydream Island Resort & Spa, Whitsunday Islands including due diligence, structuring advice, business transfers, transaction documents and assignment of Crown lease interests.
- Acting for numerous institutional owners and investors in the purchase and sale of multiple retail shopping centres, office buildings and industrial properties on the East Coast of Australia.
- Acting for many institutional landlords on leasing matters including advice on Centre re-developments, precedent set-up and management and disputes.
- Acting for a major institutional owner with respect to fund through arrangements for shopping centre developments, including preparing and negotiating development management agreements.