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OVERVIEW

Joanna Bielby is a senior associate in the firm's Finance practice. She has acted on various matters for private lenders and banking clients in all aspects of their transaction. She also has experience across a broad range of financial industries including agriculture, property, development, retail and healthcare as well as in assisting clients with due diligence and general security advice.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Joanna joined the firm as a graduate, completing the graduate program and gaining exposure to insolvency and restructuring, financial services, share sale agreements, and property and leasing transactions.

Prior to starting at K&L Gates, Joanna gained experience as a vacation clerk in banking and finance law at a national law firm.

ACHIEVEMENTS

• K&L Gates Women's Achievements Awards, Emerging Talent (2023)

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Queensland Law Society
- BFSLA Future Leaders Committee

EDUCATION

- Bachelor of Behavioural Science (Psychology)/Bachelor of Laws, Queensland University of Technology, 2018 (Hons)
- Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice, Queensland University of Technology, 2018

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ADMISSIONS

- High Court of Australia
- Supreme Court of Queensland

AREAS OF FOCUS

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

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Acting for RAM Property Group in relation to a transaction involving the purchase of a number of shopping centres in a wholesale management investment trust, including the review of due diligence, leases (incentive and rebate agreements), management agreements, dealing with contamination issues, corporate structure and trust deeds.
- Acting for a major bank in relation to facilities to an agricultural group, including taking security over freehold property, water allocations and water licences across a number of States.
- Advising financial institutions on issues relating to the taking of securities, including preparation of security documents.
- Advising corporate clients on various issues related to the Personal Property Securities Act 2009 (Cth).