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OVERVIEW

Bernard is a lawyer in the asset management and investment funds team in Sydney. He has advised domestic and global private fund managers and banks on fund establishment and a variety of financial services regulatory issues.

Bernard joined K&L Gates' graduate program in 2022 working in the finance and asset management and investment funds groups, where he gained exposure to finance, restructuring and insolvency, payments, banking regulation, and consumer financial services and private equity funds matters for numerous clients predominantly in the finance and financial services industries.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Prior to joining K&L Gates, Bernard worked as a senior associate in the banking and financial services group at an Australian bank in Sydney.

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Law Society of New South Wales member
- Alternative Investment Management Association (AIMA) member

EDUCATION

- Bachelor in Business/Law, University of Technology, Sydney, 2019

ADMISSIONS

- Supreme Court of New South Wales

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP *POWERED BY HUB*

- 28 March 2024, March 2024 ESG Policy Update—Australia
- 14 August 2023, Australia: Consultation Opens for Proposed Review of Managed Investment Schemes
- 8 May 2023, Australia: ASIC Reports on DDO Compliance by Investment Product Issuers
- 10 March 2023, Australia: Further Details of Proposed Review of Managed Investment Schemes Announced
- 8 March 2023, Australia: Greenwashing Crackdown—ASIC Sues Superannuation Giant in Landmark Case

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Asset Management and Investment Funds
- Global Distribution
- Global Financial Services Regulation
- Institutional Investors
- Private Equity Funds
- Real Estate Funds

INDUSTRIES

- Financial Services
- Fund Formation

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Advising an English commercial real estate debt focused investment advisor on the Australian fund structure.
- Advised an Australian investment service on the establishment of a growth fund.
- Advised Melbourne-based private investors on the AU\$116 million purchase of the trust that owns the major Sydney mixed-use property, Reservoir on Crown.
- Advised an independent boutique investment manager on the sale of the trust that owned the Geosciences Australia property.
- Advised a government agency on venture capital fund establishment and operations issues.
- Advised an investment company on the structure for its investment into a food and beverage manufacturer and ESVCLP registration.