



Justin O'Callaghan

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OVERVIEW

Justin O'Callaghan is a partner in the firm's Real Estate practice. He focuses on transactional work, strategic advice, and asset delivery for projects. He has a particular focus in energy, infrastructure, natural resources, and real estate.

Justin has worked with leading clients in relation to significant projects across sectors, including Powering Sydney's Future, the Clarke Creek Wind Farm, the Callide Power Station upgrade project, the Kwinana Waste to Energy Plant, APLNG project, Cross River Rail, Airport Link, and Howard Smith Wharves.

He has undertaken executive education with both Harvard Business School and Harvard Law School, has been recognised for legal excellence in *Best Lawyers Australia*™ and *Doyles Guide*, and has recently been named a finalist by *Lawyers Weekly* in the 2023 national Partner of the Year awards in construction and infrastructure.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Prior to joining K&L Gates, Justin led the construction and infrastructure practice at a national law firm. This experience is augmented by previous roles at leading law firms in both Australia and the UK, as well as working in-house for a tier one contractor.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Recognised as a finalist by *Lawyers Weekly* in the Partner of the Year Awards for Construction and Infrastructure, 2023
- Listed by *Best Lawyers in Australia*™ for Construction / Infrastructure Law, 2021-2025
- Listed in *Doyles Guide* as a recommended Leading Front End Construction & Infrastructure Lawyer in Queensland, 2022

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Board Member, Infrastructure Association of Queensland, 2022 - 2023

EDUCATION

- LL.M., Queensland University of Technology, 2006
- B.S., University of Queensland, 2004
- LL.B., University of Queensland, 2003

NEWS & EVENTS

- 13 February - 21 February 2024, 2024 CPD Program–Australia
- 17 January 2024, K&L Gates Grows Real Estate Team With Addition of Partner in Brisbane

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Real Estate

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Advising one of Australia's largest government-owned energy companies and its subsidiary on multiple projects over a period of more than 10 years, including Clarke Creek Wind Farm, Olive Downs Mine, and P25 Digital Radio Network.
- Advising an operator of a high voltage electricity transmission network on the delivery of a State-critical infrastructure upgrade project in Sydney.
- Advising a Queensland Government-owned electricity generator on critical upgrade projects for two power plants, as well as in relation to overhaul arrangements including through alliancing.
- Advising an international engineering and construction company on the multi-billion dollar development of rail and port infrastructure for a mine.
- Advising on transitioning energy agreements, including on a novel solar boost arrangement and combined cycle gas fired power station.
- Advising on strategy, contract structuring, drafting, negotiation, and advice on all major forms of construction contracts, including alliances, hybrid relationship contracts, hard risk EPC, construct, and all forms of procurement contracts, as well as due diligence and related matters.