



Russell Lyons

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OVERVIEW

Russell Lyons has expertise in investment services, capital markets, joint ventures, mergers and acquisitions as well as corporate insolvency and reconstructions.

He holds a Master of Laws from Cambridge University and is one of a few corporate lawyers who is also a qualified chartered accountant. With this experience, Russell brings a unique skill set to bear when acting for large Australian and multinational clients in relation to their corporate and commercial activities.

Russell's grasp of the financial and taxation landscape in which legal issues must be resolved has made him a much sought-after corporate legal adviser.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Prior to joining the firm in early 2000, Russell practised at major international and Australian law firms, working out of their London, Hong Kong, and Sydney offices. In addition, Russell was previously an accountant at Price Waterhouse Coopers in its Johannesburg office.

ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND

- Public Accountant and Auditors Board (South Africa), 1990

EDUCATION

- LL.M., Cambridge University, 1992
- B.Com, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, 1989 (*Honours*)

ADMISSIONS

- Supreme Court of New South Wales

LANGUAGES

- Afrikaans

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP *POWERED BY HUB*

- 2 April 2020, COVID-19: (Australia) ASIC and ASX Announce Temporary Fundraising Relief for ASX-Listed Entities (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 24 April 2019, Australia and Israel Sign Double Taxation Agreement (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 14 September 2016, Australia's First Listed FinTech Investment Company (*BlogPost*)
- 18 January 2013, On Air: Reliance on Trading Halts Shortsighted (*Podcast*)

NEWS & EVENTS

- 03 February 2021, K&L Gates acts for Cluey Limited on IPO and ASX Listing (*Noteworthy Work*)
- 15 July 2020, K&L Gates Acts for Manuka Resources on IPO and ASX Listing (*Noteworthy Work*)
- 6 April 2020, K&L Gates Acts for Identitii Limited on Entitlement Offer (*Press Release*)

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Capital Markets
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Public Companies

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Advised Sydney-based PrimaryMarkets Limited in relation to its AUD24 million merger with San Francisco-based Linqto, Inc. which was the "merger of equals" and was conducted in accordance with the Takeover provisions and procedures in Chapter 6 of the Corporations Act in which we advised Primary Markets on the structuring and implementation of the transaction from origination to completion.
- Structuring and effecting distressed business transactions including workouts, deeds of company arrangement, creditors' trust arrangements and formal sales in insolvency situations.
- Advised the founder and chief executive of Australian property software provider, EstateMaster, on the sale of the EstateMaster group to Canadian listed commercial real estate services, software and data solutions company, Altus Group.
- Represented Australia-based Graceful Heritage Pty Ltd on its acquisition of the remaining 25% of the interests in Sydney's Mid City Shopping Centre that it did not already own from the Lendlease managed

Australian Prime Property Retail Fund, which included advising on the due diligence, stamp duty and other tax advice, acquisition and loan documents.

- Represented UCW on its acquisition of 100% of the issued share capital in Proteus Technologies Pty Ltd (trading as IKON Institute), with associated rights issue
- Advising UCW Limited, an ASX-listed entity operating in the private education sector, on the acquisition of a 100% interest in the IKON Institute of Australia, a private higher education, international education and vocational education provider.
- Advising Permobil Inc, a Swedish advanced rehabilitation technology company, on the acquisition of Durable Medical Equipment Ltd (now Permobil New Zealand Ltd), a New-Zealand based complex rehabilitation equipment supply company.
- Advising Australis Holdings Pte Ltd, a Singaporean company, on the acquisition of Impact Training Institute Pty Ltd, a Registered Training Organisation.
- Represented Australia-based Fuzzy Events Pty Limited, a national events business, in its restructuring and partial sale to a foreign venture capital acquirer as part of a global events sector consolidation.
- Acted for Sequoia Financial Group Limited in its acquisition of InterPrac Limited.
- Acted for Sequoia Financial Group Limited in its acquisition of Morrison Securities Pty Ltd.
- Represented a private investment management company on its joint investment in the nation's largest private co-working facility provider known as Hub Australia.
- Acted for Bux global Limited in relation to a potential IPO on the ASX.
- Acted for Permobil, Inc., a leading global company of advanced rehab technology, on its acquisition of Orbit One Limited, a New Zealand incorporated distributor of wheelchair and assisted movement devices.
- Represented Probiotic Solutions Pty Ltd in the acquisition by Carnot Investments Pty Ltd ATF Perkins Family Trust (a shareholder) of all the shares in Probiotic held by the other shareholders, Remy Advice (Aust) Pty Ltd ATF Abes Family Trust and BJ Kat Pty Ltd ATF Stoker Family Trust.