



Eric Boone

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OVERVIEW

Eric Boone has more than 15 years' experience as a leading capital markets, banking and finance lawyer with deep experience in corporate finance and acquisition and leveraged finance. He has advised corporates, banks, funds and asset managers in Australia, New Zealand and the larger Asia Pacific region on a wide range of complex financing transactions, including U.S. capital market offerings of equity and debt securities and applicable regulation.

With particular experience in the debt markets, Eric has advised issuers on Rule 144A/Regulation S high yield bond offerings, investment grade U.S. private placements and related intercreditor agreements. He has advised lenders on syndicated and bilateral loan facilities, Term Loan B facilities and mezzanine financings. He also has extensive experience in liability management transactions and restructurings.

Eric has advised issuers on initial public offerings, secondary issues and Regulation D offerings of equity and hybrid securities. He has also advised asset managers on fund offerings and compliance with investment adviser regulation. Eric has provided commercial and tactical solutions to funds and family offices in connection with private capital raisings. He is highly regarded by his clients for his strategic advice and his proven ability to negotiate complex arrangements, manage large projects and deliver successful outcomes.

Eric is an active member of the K&L Gates global Ethical Supply Chain group. More recently, he has been advising clients doing business in Australia with their compliance, remediation and legal agreements as they begin the process as part of the *Modern Slavery Act 2018* (Cth) legislation which came into effect on 1 January 2019.

In addition to his focus on ethical supply chains, Eric is the Pro Bono Co-ordinator for the Sydney office.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Prior to joining the firm, Eric was at a leading global law firm in Sydney for nine years where he served as Partner, preceded by eight years in the New York office of a top tier international law firm.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- *Chambers Global* and *Chambers Asia-Pacific* (2019 and 2014-2017), recognised as a leading lawyer and foreign expert for U.S. capital markets based in Australia.

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- American Bar Association
- The Law Society of New South Wales
- Banking and Financial Services Law Association (BFSLA) member
- IJM (International Justice Mission) Australia, former Board member

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Panel member, "Busting the Human Rights and Modern Slavery myths" Webinar hosted by Better Sydney and Edge Environment, July 2020

EDUCATION

- J.D., New York University School of Law, 1999
- B.A., Wake Forest University, 1995 (*cum laude*)

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of New York

LANGUAGES

- Italian

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP *POWERED BY HUB*

- 30 October 2020, Triumph over Trolls: Combatting Online Abuse and Lessons from Going 'Viral' (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 6 May 2020, COVID-19: (Australia) Modern Slavery in a Time of Unprecedented Disruption (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 26 April 2019, Commonwealth Modern Slavery Act - Some Welcome Clarity (*Alerts/Updates*)
- March 2019, The New Modern Slavery Law(s) and Your Ethical Supply Chain: Are You Prepared? (*Webinar*)

- 30 November 2018, Australia passes the Modern Slavery Bill 2018 – What Do You Need to Do? (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 29 June 2018, Ethical Supply Chain and the Modern Slavery Act 2018 – Are You Ready? (*Alerts/Updates*)

NEWS & EVENTS

- 30 October 2020, K&L Gates acts as Co-Counsel for the Bayles Family in Cyberbullying Matters (*Press Release, Practice & Regional News*)

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Capital Markets
- Corporate, Acquisition, and Asset-Based Finance
- Debt Capital Markets
- Oil and Gas
- Power
- Private Equity Transactions
- Restructuring and Insolvency
- Securities Enforcement / Financial Regulatory Enforcement

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Acting for an ASX-listed issuer on the refinance of its existing debt through a Rule 144A USD335 million high-yield secured bond offering and a secured super-senior AUD50 million revolving credit facility, and its concurrent purchase offer of USD140 million.
- Acting for a NZX-listed energy provider on its U.S. private placement of USD100 million of notes in three tranches.
- Acting for a major Australian asset manager in relation to the AUD800 million Term Loan B financing of a joint venture between an ASX-listed company and a U.S. private equity firm.
- Acting for a Japanese gaming company on its Rule 144A offering of USD600 million offering of high yield bonds listed on the SGX.
- Acting as U.S. counsel for a major real estate asset manager in relation to the AUD300 million capital raise for its inaugural Australian hotel fund and the AUD500 million capital raise for its second Australian hotel fund.

- Acting for a global investment manager on its US\$40 million senior secured facility with two tranches and the related issuance of warrants for a multinational gaming company involving obligors and security providers in Australia, Europe and the United States.
- Acting for an ASX listed issuer on a tender offer and a consent solicitation in relation to its approximately US\$355 million of senior secured bonds issued in a Rule 144A/Regulation S offering and the proposed refinancing.
- Acting for the Australian, Singaporean and Hong Kong subsidiaries of a Canadian borrower on their guarantees and subordination agreements related to the syndicated credit facility of their Canadian parent.
- Acting for the underwriters in relation to a Regulation S USD50 million offering of senior unsecured bonds by a Taiwanese issuer.
- Acting for a SEHK listed issuer in connection with a Regulation D USD80 million offering of convertible notes with options.
- Acting for the noteholder trustee in connection with the payment default of NSE-listed issuer under its two Rule 144A/Regulation S bond programs and the related restructuring.
- Advising Yarraka Bayles and her son Quaden Bayles, an Aboriginal child with dwarfism, on the removal of racist or defamatory photos, comments, and accounts on social media platforms targeting the family for violation of platform guidelines and copyright infringement and establishing protocols to prevent recidivism of the fake and imposter accounts once removed.