



Lisa Ward

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OVERVIEW

Lisa Ward is a property lawyer with a particular focus on agribusiness. Lisa was born and raised in rural New South Wales and her personal experience has allowed her to have an appreciation and understanding of this area of law.

Lisa legal experience extends to all front end facets of property law, including the purchase, sale and lease arrangements of agricultural, commercial and residential property. She regularly prepares and advises on other legal work including:

- legal due diligence reports
- agistment agreements
- the purchase sale and lease of water entitlements
- cattle sale agreements
- asset sale agreements.

A significant part of Lisa's practice includes advising on water transactions and making applications to the Foreign Investment Review Board on behalf of foreign clients. Lisa has played an integral part in developing our FIRB application process to ensure high levels of success.

Lisa always ensures her clients receive quality legal advice while protecting their interests and making sure the commercial balance of a transaction is not disregarded

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Lisa has more than 10 years' experience within the property industry. She has worked as a lawyer in various Australian jurisdictions, including New South Wales, the Australian Capital Territory and Queensland. Lisa has also had transactional experience across multiple jurisdictions, including Victoria, Tasmania, South Australia, Western Australia and the Northern Territory.

EDUCATION

- Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice, College of Law, 2011
- LL.B., Southern Cross University, 2011
- Bachelor of Legal and Justice Studies, Southern Cross University, 2005

ADMISSIONS

- High Court of Australia
- Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Real Estate
- Real Estate Acquisitions and Dispositions
- Real Estate Joint Ventures

INDUSTRIES

- Agribusiness
- Consumer Products

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Acting on the acquisition of various permanent row crop properties (including avocados, mangos and citrus) for domestic clients.
- Representing overseas interests in respect of legal due diligence and contract negotiation processes in relation to beef processing enterprises.
- Acting for pension funds in connection with their acquisitions of multiple dairy and horticultural properties in Tasmania.
- Representing overseas investors on the acquisition of a vineyard property in Victoria and a blueberry property in Tasmania.
- Representing a Canadian pension fund backed purchaser on the acquisition of multiple large grazing properties in Queensland, New South Wales and the Northern Territory.
- Representing US pension funds in connection with the purchase of farmland in Victoria and New South Wales for Almond plantations including all work in connection with irrigation matters.

- Representing a pension fund back purchaser on the acquisition of a cattle grazing property in New South Wales.
- Acting for a UK based family office on their first acquisition of agricultural farmland in Queensland.