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OVERVIEW

Natasha Augustin has significant experience in mergers and acquisitions and equity capital markets. Natasha has advised on a broad range of commercial matters including initial public offerings, secondary raisings, market takeovers, schemes of arrangement, business sales and acquisitions, joint ventures, regulatory compliance and corporate advisory work.

Natasha has extensive experience in navigating Australia's complex foreign investment regulatory regime. She has acted for a range of entities from foreign government organisations, large listed entities to high wealth individuals, in acquisitions involving commercial matters, agricultural and commercial land, mining tenements and infrastructure. Natasha advises on the structuring of transactions to address the foreign investment regime, assists in the preparation of applications to Australia's Foreign Investment Review Board (FIRB) and works to obtain the appropriate approvals.

While focusing on corporate and commercial issues, Natasha also plays an active role in ensuring access to justice is available for those less fortunate in the community and is a keen contributor to the firm's pro bono practice.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Listed in *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in Australia*™ for Mergers and Acquisitions Law, 2023-2025
- Recognised as the winner of the *Lawyers Weekly* 30 Under 30 Awards for Projects, Energy and Resources, 2018

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Natasha regularly presents on corporate governance issues, including to the Governance Institute of Australia as part of their Certificate in Governance for Not-for-Profits.

EDUCATION

- B.Com, University of Western Australia, 2012
- Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice, College of Law, Australia, 2013
- LL.B., University of Western Australia, 2012

ADMISSIONS

- Supreme Court of Western Australia

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP *POWERED BY HUB*

- 19 September 2023, BTR Series Part 9—Navigating the Need for Foreign Investment Approval
- 5 June 2023, Foreign Direct Investment Update
- March 2021, Changes to the Foreign Investment Regime (FIRB Update)
- 31 March 2020, COVID-19: (Australia) Changes to the Foreign Investment Review Board Approval Process

NEWS & EVENTS

- 31 August 2023, K&L Gates Advises PT Pertamina Hulu Energi on Acquisition of Participating Interest in Masela Production Sharing Contract
- 23 November 2021, K&L Gates Assists Americold on Cold Store Acquisitions
- 03 December 2020, K&L Gates Acts for Duratec on Western Australia's Largest IPO in 2020
- 28 October 2019, K&L Gates Advises Real I.S. AG on Adelaide Real Estate Acquisition

MEDIA MENTIONS

- Mentioned, “K&L Gates Advises PT Pertamina Hulu Energi”, *Inferse*, 2 October 2023

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Capital Markets
- Corporate Governance
- Mining and Metals
- Oil and Gas

- Public Companies

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Advised Suntarget (Hong Kong) Trading Co Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary of Ningbo Xianfeng New Material Co., Ltd on its AUD27 million on-market takeover bid for Kresta Holdings Limited.
- Acting for the client ATCO (a global energy infrastructure and accommodation provider) in relation to applications for FIRB approval for multiple strategic operational property acquisitions.
- Advised Southern Cross Electrical Engineering Limited on its AUD17 million acquisition of Datatel Communications Pty Ltd.
- Advised Australian listed client iiNet Limited on its AUD1.57 billion merger by scheme of arrangement with TPG Telecom Limited.
- Advised Azure Minerals Limited on its AUD2 million convertible note funding arrangement
- Advised a U.S. based logistics company on the Australian foreign investment regulatory implications of its acquisition of Australian real estate assets, including the preparation of its foreign investment review board application.
- Advised a high end luxury brand on the Australian foreign investment regulatory implications of its acquisition of an Australian real estate asset, including the preparation of its foreign investment review board application.
- Advised DRA Global Limited on its acquisition of G&S Engineering from the Calibre Group.
- Advising Continental AG and its Australian subsidiaries, on the Australian foreign investment regulatory implications of its acquisition of the Wesfarmers owned Kmart Tyre and Auto Services network (KTAS) including the preparation of its foreign investment review board application. This was awarded M&A Deal of the Year (Over \$250M to \$500M), 2019 at the 11th Annual International M&A Awards hosted by The M&A Advisor.
- Assisted with advising iiNet on its acquisition of a majority interest in the Tech 2 Group.
- Assisted with advising City Farmers a chain of retail pet and garden supply stores on due diligence matters relating to its AUD205 million acquisition by Greencross.