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OVERVIEW

Kane Barnett has extensive experience advising Australian and international clients on fund formation, investments in funds, and investments by and transactions involving funds across a broad range of asset classes, including real estate, credit, venture capital, infrastructure and private equity funds.

Kane has particular expertise on private funds matters with a cross-border element. He regularly assists fund managers raising capital in Australia and globally as well as foreign investors with structuring their investments in Australian infrastructure and real estate assets.

His experience also includes advising on major strategic corporate transactions, including mergers and acquisitions of listed and unlisted funds and fund managers, and initial public offerings and secondary raisings by listed entities.

Kane also provides advice to clients on the Australian regulatory regime and accessing the Australian market in general.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Prior to joining the firm, Kane worked at multinational law firms in Sydney, and Singapore where he advised on a number of private fund matters for Singaporean, Chinese, European and Middle Eastern clients.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Listed in the *Best Lawyers in Australia*™ for Regulatory Practice, 2025

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Law Society of New South Wales member
- Alternative Investment Management Association (AIMA) Australian Regulatory Committee member
- Property Council of Australia Corporate Governance and Regulation Committee member

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- K&L Gates Virtual Coffee Break at the ICI Mutual Funds and Investment Management Conference - Distribution - Embracing Change to Stay Still or Create Competitive Advantage?, March 2021
- AIMA APAC Webinar: Australia's New Regulatory Framework for Foreign Financial Services Providers, March and April 2020

EDUCATION

- Diploma in Applied Finance & Investment, FINSIA Financial Services Institute of Australasia, 2005
- B.Com, University of Wollongong, 1999 (*Finance*)
- LL.B., University of Wollongong, 1999 (*Honours*)

ADMISSIONS

- Supreme Court of New South Wales

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP POWERED BY HUB

- 5 April 2024, Australia: Inquiry Into the Wholesale Investor and Wholesale Client Tests
- 14 August 2023, Australia: Consultation Opens for Proposed Review of Managed Investment Schemes
- 8 May 2023, Australia: ASIC Reports on DDO Compliance by Investment Product Issuers
- 3 May 2023, Australia: Why You Should (or Shouldn't) Use a CCIV
- 10 March 2023, Australia: Further Details of Proposed Review of Managed Investment Schemes Announced
- 16 November 2022, Australia: ASIC Stays True to DDO Enforcement Promises
- 26 October 2022, Australia: Australian Government Abandons Introduction of Limited Partnership Structure
- 23 June 2022, Australia: ASIC Provides Practical Guidance as Long Awaited CCIV Arrives
- 9 June 2022, Australia: Cybersecurity Now a Legal Obligation for AFS Licensees
- 6 May 2022, Australia: Finally, a New Fund Vehicle
- February 2022, Investment Management Update
- September 2021, Financial Services Regulation - October Blitz
- March 2021, Investment Management Regulation 2021 - What's New and on the Horizon for the Year Ahead
- 8 September 2020, Foreign Financial Services Providers Update

- 1 September 2020, COVID-19: Update on Government and Regulator Responses for Superannuation Funds and Fund Managers
- 6 May 2020, COVID-19: (Australia) Government and Regulator Responses for Superannuation Funds and Fund Managers (Updated)
- 7 April 2020, COVID-19: (Australia) Government and Regulator Responses for Superannuation Funds and Fund Managers
- February 2020, Investment Management Regulation 2020 - What's New and on the Horizon for the Year Ahead

NEWS & EVENTS

- 7 February - 16 February 2023, 2023 CPD Program—Australia
- 17 October 2022, K&L Gates Advises Real I.S. Australia on Sale of Geosciences Building
- 30 September 2022, K&L Gates Advises on Purchase of Major Sydney Mixed-Use Property
- 04 November 2021, K&L Gates Advises ReGen Ventures On Establishment Of Debut Fund
- 8 October 2019, K&L Gates Welcomes Sydney Financial Services Partner

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Asset Management and Investment Funds
- Global Distribution
- Global Financial Services Regulation
- Hedge Funds
- Institutional Investors
- Investment Funds
- Payments, Banking Regulation, and Consumer Financial Services
- Private Equity Funds
- Real Estate Funds

INDUSTRIES

- Financial Services
- Fintech

- Fund Formation
- Private Equity

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Advising Real I.S. on the sale of unit trust that owns the Geosciences Australia property to funds managed by Charter Hall for A\$363.5 million.
- Advising an English commercial real estate debt focused investment advisor on the Australian structure of the fund.
- Advised an independent private markets investment and advisory firm on the establishment of a venture capital limited partnership.
- Advising CSIRO on the formation of CSIRO Innovation Fund 2.
- Advising ReGen Ventures on the formation of ReGen Ventures Fund 1.
- Advising SecondQuarter Ventures on the formation of SecondQuarter 2020 Trust, Australia's first venture capital secondaries fund.
- Advising Wingate on the formation of the Wingate Corporate Credit Fund.
- Advising Alceon on the formation of the Alceon Australian Real Estate Corporate Senior Loan Fund.
- Advising China Merchants Capital on its co-investment in Propertylink Australian Logistics Trust II.
- Advising AXA Investment Management on its investment in a perpetual core fund and joint venture with ESR and a sovereign wealth fund.
- Advising an investor in Australia's largest debut private equity fund BGH Capital Fund I.
- Advising a sovereign wealth fund in relation to its joint venture to establish a platform to acquire a portfolio of affordable living communities.
- Advising a sovereign wealth fund as the underbidder for the Lendlease retirement village business.
- Advising Canadian pension funds on their investments in Australian infrastructure and agricultural assets.
- Advising a Middle Eastern sovereign wealth fund on its investment in a China focused real estate fund.
- Advising a European pension fund on its investments in China focused real estate funds.