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About Hamish

Hamish Donovan is an associate in our Corporate Practice Group who advises clients on domestic and cross-border M&A, commercial agreements and corporate governance matters.

Prior to joining our Corporate team, Hamish spent several years working in our Litigation Practice Group. During this time, Hamish advised on a broad range of corporate, commercial, property and regulatory disputes, as well as advising on consumer and competition law, and intellectual property matters. Hamish draws on this experience to help identify, manage and mitigate potential risks in corporate transactions.

Experience

Corporate Experience

- Acting for the shareholders of plant testing, inspection and certification company Asset Management Engineers on the sale of the business to UK-based industrial services provider Phenna Group.
- Acting for the shareholders of ISG Group, a leading provider of integrated geospatial solutions, on the sale of the business to Phenna Group.
- Assisting a sports governing body in relation commercial agreements for the aggregation and sale of race vision to private Australian wagering operators and broadcasters (including SKY, Tabcorp and Sportsbet).
- Assisting with due diligence to support an independent power producer in undertaking multimillion dollar project refinancings of two gas-fired power stations and a portfolio of renewable energy assets.
- Assisting a marine pilotage company in negotiations for an ongoing pilotage services agreement with the state authority.
- Assisting sporting industry clients in relation to the operation of trade promotion lotteries.

Litigation Experience

Commercial Disputes

- Advising an international company on options to commence proceedings against directors of the Australian parent company in a dispute with a foreign subsidiary.
- Assisting with advising a marine pilotage company on the construction of a trust deed to determine if a former employee was entitled to certain payments after leaving the business, in proceedings in the Supreme Court of Western Australia.
- Assisting a marine pilotage company in seeking urgent restraint of trade injunctions in the Supreme Court of Western Australia.
- Assisting with an appeal before the Supreme Court of Western Australia Court of Appeal. The appeal arose from a Supreme Court of Western Australia decision to join a third party to the proceedings.
- Advising a creditor on, and successfully making an application to wind up three companies on just and equitable grounds.
- Advising international companies in relation to Australian labelling requirements and misleading and deceptive conduct.
- Advising a property development company over a contractual dispute in the Supreme Court of Western Australia.
- Advising a property development company over a contractual dispute involving allegations of misleading or deceptive conduct relating to required building class and building standards.
- Advising and acting for a company in responding to a request for preaction discovery in a dispute relating to international mining tenements.
- Assisting with advising a medical supplies business on unconscionable conduct provisions under the Australian Consumer Law relating to a debt recovery dispute arising from the supply of personal protective equipment during the COVID-19 pandemic, in proceedings in the Supreme Court of Western Australia.
- Advising on defamation matters and preparing concerns notices.
- Preparing and responding to freedom of information applications.

Sports and Entertainment

- Advising a sporting industry regulator on the scope of its powers and its compliance obligations under applicable legislation.
- Advising sporting industry clients in relation to compliance with obligations under gaming and wagering legislation.
- Advising an international sporting body in relation to a dispute over intellectual property rights in an international sporting event.
- Advising an entertainment industry company in a dispute regarding passing off and misleading or deceptive conduct under the Australian Consumer Law.

Regulatory Investigations and Prosecutions

- Defending a manufacturer in the Magistrates Court of Western Australia against charges laid under the Environmental Protection Act 1986 (WA).
- Assisting a manufacturing company negotiate amendments to its environmental licence and application for works approvals.
- Advising a manufacturing company on compliance with a product recall notice.
- Assisting company in defending prosecution brought by ASIC relating to financial reporting noncompliance.

- Advising on whistleblower protections, procedures and investigations.

Credentials

Education

- College of Law, Graduate Diploma of Legal Practice, 2021
- University of Notre Dame Australia, LL.B., 2020
- University of Notre Dame Australia, B.A., (Politics and International Relations), 2020

Admissions

- High Court of Australia, 2024
- Supreme Court of Western Australia, 2021

Expertise

Services

- Corporate

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