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Robert is a Director of the firm and has over 12 years' experience in negotiated acquisitions and disposals, takeovers and schemes of arrangement, equity capital market transactions, demergers and joint venture and shareholder arrangements.

Rob has deep experience in helping his clients structure, negotiate and execute their strategic corporate transactions.

Rob also practices in relation to a range of other general corporate and commercial matters.

Rob joined Clarendon Lawyers in October 2013 and was made a Director of the firm in July 2014.

Prior to joining Clarendons, Rob spent over 8 years in the M&A team at Herbert Smith Freehills in Melbourne, where he was admitted in 2006 and appointed a senior associate in July 2010. In 2011, Rob also completed a 6-month secondment at BHP Billiton in the Group Legal team.

In his time at HSF, Rob managed some of the most challenging and innovative M&A transactions in the Australian market, together with leading a wide range of mid-sized transactions at HSF and now at Clarendons.

Rob's recent recognition includes Best Lawyers in Australia (Mergers & Acquisitions). Rob has also been consistently recognised by Doyles Guide as one of the leading corporate lawyers in Melbourne.

A selection of some of Rob's recent disclosable major transactional matters includes:

- The Doggett family in the merger of their leading independent Australian paper distribution business with New Zealand private equity owned BJ Ball Group, and subsequent sell-down of 51% of the combined group to Japan Pulp and Paper;
- Bosch on its 'Autocrew' joint venture with Supercheap Auto (a subsidiary of ASX-listed Super Retail Group);
- Vicwest Community Telco, a telecommunications business 50%-owned by Bendigo Bank (ASX:BEN) on its merger with NSX-listed telecommunications business, Bendigo Telco, by way of scheme of arrangement;
- A large NYSE-listed manufacturing company on its bid for the acquisition of an Australian engineering and manufacturing business by competitive sales process;
- Israeli tech-company Mobilicom, on its reverse takeover proposal with ASX-listed PHA Holdings;
- DirectMoney (ASX:DM1), a pioneer in the rapidly growing marketplace lending industry, on a non-renounceable fully underwritten rights issue;
- Sapeame (owner of the Grill'd restaurant chain) on the acquisition of luxury chocolatier business, Koko Black, from its administrators;
- Swisse Wellness, on its acquisition of a licensed packaging plant in Victoria;
- Funtastic Limited (ASX:FUN) on the sale of Funtastic International Limited;
- Certain large family office groups on their group structuring and investment arrangements;
- Indian major global pharmaceuticals company, Strides Arcolab, on its acquisition of South Africa's Aspen Pharmaceuticals' Australian generic drugs and over the counter business;
- Bosch on its investment in aquaculture and agriculture tech solutions business The Yield;

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- Shareholders of Australian sports data company Sportingpulse International on the company's sale to UK-based sports data company Betgenius;
- Privately-owned New Zealand logistics company Lead Logistics on its joint venture partnership with international freight distributor, Kerry Freight;
- Advising global workspace solution company Regus Group (LSE:RGU) on its acquisition of the Australian serviced office network operated by Corporate Executive Offices;
- DirectMoney (ASX:DM1) on its reverse takeover proposal with ASX-listed Basper, and subsequent IPO and associated capital raising;
- Leading Australian e-commerce business, Lux Group, on various company-defining acquisitions, including online retailer brands Exclusive from APN News and Media Limited, Spreets from Yahoo!7, DailyDo from its founders and various other transactions;
- Private equity group Vita Group on the sale of its Australian, New Zealand and Malaysian polymers businesses;
- Careers Australia in relation to the successful off-market takeover bid by Cirrus Business Investments, and the competing takeover bid Crescent Capital;
- Australian Infrastructure Fund's (ASX:AIX) sale of its Australian and European airport assets to the Future Fund and subsequent return of funds to investors, and separate disposals of its interests in Port of Geelong, Port of Portland and Metro Transport to other purchasers;
- BHP Billiton (ASX:BHP) on its demerger and ASX listing of South32 (ASX:S32);
- Hastings Funds Management (a subsidiary of Westpac Banking Corporation) in relation to the successful off-market takeover bid by APA Group;
- Alberta Investment Management Corporation on its participation in the acquisition of Great Southern Plantation's timberland assets;
- Future Fund and The Campbell Group on its consortium and shareholders' agreement and subscription arrangements, and acquisition of SA Forestry assets;
- Alinta Energy on its divestment of certain electricity generation and infrastructure assets;
- Hong Kong-based asset manager Crosby Capital on its takeover bids for Rey Resources (ASX:REY), Indophil Resources (ASX:IRN) and Medusa Mining (ASX:MML);
- Bunge (NYSE:BG) on its takeover bids Queensland sugar mill companies;
- Private investor DKNI on its recommended takeover bid for Indigo Properties Australia;
- Transfield Services Infrastructure Fund on its strategic review sale process and subsequent sale to Ratchaburi Electricity Generating Holding;
- AWB on its successful takeover bid by Agrium by scheme of arrangement;
- Zinifex on its hostile and then recommended takeover bid for Allegiance Mining; and
- Orica Limited (ASX:ORI) on the demerger and ASX listing of DuluxGroup (ASX:DLX).

Rob holds a Bachelor of Laws (Honours) degree and a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) degree from Monash University