

Clarendons appoints new litigation partner

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Clarendon Lawyers is delighted to announce the appointment of a new partner and Director to the firm.

Mark Farquhar, a leading litigation lawyer, joins Clarendons from K&L Gates where he was Special Counsel in the commercial litigation team in Melbourne.

Mark has over 13 years' experience acting for a variety of clients in connection with a broad range of complex commercial disputes. Mark has conducted litigation in a number of Australian superior courts, including the Supreme Court of Victoria and Federal Court of Australia, arising out of M&A transactions, general commercial disputes and contractual claims, class actions, consumer law claims and oppression actions, as well as arbitrations. He also has experience providing clients with general advice in connection with a breadth of document and risk management matters.

While highly proficient in conducting technical and large scale litigation, Mark is primarily focused on resolving disputes efficiently, commercially and in a cost effective manner, in order to best service his clients' needs. Mark recognises that such outcomes will not necessarily involve the commencement of court proceedings, but may instead require a nimble and dynamic approach individually tailored to the specific dispute and the client's requirements.

In making the announcement, Clarendons' Managing Director, Tony Symons said he is delighted with Mark's appointment, which complements the firm's leading M&A capability and broader corporate and commercial service offering for clients.

"In recent years, we've seen an increasing number of disputes arise from M&A transactions, whether in relation to completion accounts, earn-outs, warranty claims or restraints. Although our firm was originally a "front-end" M&A specialist firm, it makes sense for us to be able to support our clients in all aspects of their M&A transactions, including when they are in dispute. It is also important for us to service our clients well on a range of broader corporate and commercial litigation matters.

"It is fantastic to have Mark on board. His blue-chip technical and professional expertise is matched by his passion for the client experience and drive towards establishing Clarendons as the pre-eminent specialist corporate legal advisory firm in the market."

In speaking about his decision to join Clarendons, Mark said he is thrilled to become part of such an enthusiastic and vibrant team of highly skilled and energetic legal practitioners.

"Clarendons' focus on providing outstanding service and value in the fields of M&A and corporate advisory enable it to occupy a unique position in the legal market. I look forward to deepening and strengthening that focus by offering my additional skillset, in order to assist our clients to effectively resolve any related litigation and disputes that increasingly arise in connection with those transactions."

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