

Clarendon Lawyers nabs top tier ECM gun

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Clarendon Lawyers has announced today the further expansion of its directorship with the arrival of senior equity capital markets expert, Nick Golding.

Nick joins Clarendon Lawyers directly from Herbert Smith Freehills, where he was appointed senior associate in 2011. He has extensive experience as a corporate practitioner, specialising in equity capital markets and private mergers and acquisitions, developed over more than 10 years in corporate and private practice.

In making the announcement, Clarendon Lawyers' Founder and Managing Director, Tony Symons, said the firm's Directors are thrilled to be welcoming Nick to the partnership, noting that he is joining at a time of unprecedented growth and expansion for the firm. He went on to say that hiring someone of Nick's caliber was another notch in the firm's strategic ambition to become the best specialist corporate law firm in Australia.

"Nick's approach and background is closely aligned with our values, our fastidious approach to client service, and our core proposition as a specialist corporate firm focusing on mid-market M&A and ECM transactions.

"Nick has been the primary legal adviser acting for issuers on a number of recent IPOs, secondary capital raisings and private market and venture capital investments. His expertise in acting for issuers, underwriters and investors in an impressive list of capital markets transactions across a number of sectors and industries will significantly enhance our ECM offering and round out our expertise in sell-side mandates," said Mr Symons.

"With the current state of domestic and international political conditions and global economic uncertainty, particularly following the Brexit vote, there are challenges for corporates, but also significant opportunities.

"We now have an unrivaled depth to our mid-market M&A and ECM teams. Now, more than ever, we are perfectly positioned to assist clients in capitalising on their opportunities at all stages of the investment cycle," he went on to say.

Throughout his career, in addition to his extensive ECM experience, Nick has assisted clients on private mergers and acquisitions, shareholder arrangements, private market and venture capital investments, debt capital markets transactions, restructures, and general contractual, compliance, governance and securities law advice.

In becoming a Director of the firm, Nick joins Clarendon Lawyers' Founder and Managing Director, Tony Symons, and Directors, John Mann, Nick Manuell, Robert Josephs, Robert Feiner, and Susie Stone.



The directorship of the firm is now seven-strong, with each Director possessing a wealth of experience gained during time with leading Australian and international law firms and corporations.

In discussing his decision to join Clarendon Lawyers, Nick said he was excited to bring his technical skills, commercial expertise and client service ethos to the firm to help clients achieve outstanding results. He said he was also looking forward “...to joining the best specialist corporate firm in Australia,” and to the exciting new career development and leadership prospects that it brings.

“Clarendon Lawyers has a sound business strategy, a great culture, and exceptional people. The firm is clear and focused on its business and client proposition, and it provides a distinctive client/lawyer relationship model, which really resonates with me.

”In an increasingly crowded market, Clarendon’s offering of outstanding practitioners and service delivery, hands-on partner involvement at all stages of a transaction, and excellent value for money combine to represent a unique and compelling proposition for clients. The Clarendon Lawyers model is a significant point of difference for the firm at a time of rapid change in the legal industry, and was a key driver in my decision to join the firm”.

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