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Robert has advised on a large number of M&A transactions while working at Clarendon Lawyers. In addition to Robert's experience in M&A, Robert has extensive experience in various other areas of commercial law, including joint venture arrangements, debt and equity raisings, corporate restructures, as well as corporate governance and other general commercial contracting matters.

Robert was admitted to practice in Victoria in 2007. Since January 2008, Robert has been responsible for leading a significant number of M&A and other corporate transactions at Clarendon Lawyers which led to his appointment as a Director of Clarendon Lawyers on 1 January 2014.

Recent transactions that Robert has advised on include:

- acting for AussieCommerce on its acquisition of Spreets from Yahoo!7;
- acting for Funtastic Limited in various transactions including its disposal of the Madman Entertainment business, its separate acquisitions of the worldwide intellectual property rights to the Chill Factor™ Slushy Maker brand and Pillow Pets™ brand and the exclusive worldwide licence to distribute certain LEGO®-licensed products;
- the sale of AaE Retail from Australian Air Express to Star Track Express and the subsequent disposal of Australian Air Express and Star Track Express to Qantas and Australia Post, respectively;
- acting for the sellers in relation to the national wholesale car and truck parts business Australian Truck and Auto Parts Group (ATAP) and Auto Brake Service (ABS), a national franchise network of 53 brake and auto repairs specialists, to a subsidiary of ASX listed Metcash Limited;
- the acquisition of certain metal distribution businesses, including Atlas Specialty Metals from Greenstone Partners Private Equity and Austral Wright/MICO Metals from the Crane Group;
- acting for kikki.K in its corporate reorganisation and investment by private investors;
- acting for the majority holders of Purebaby to acquire remaining minority interests;
- advising the founders of Best Friends Pets on the restructure of the group and sale of a strategic interest to Archer Growth private equity;
- acting for Fletcher Building Limited in the acquisition and roll up of various insulation installation businesses around Australia;
- advising the Kangaroos AFL Football Club and facilitating its conversion from a company limited by shares and guarantee to a company limited by guarantee only;
- the proposed sale of Hi-Fert, a joint venture between AWB Limited and Elders Limited;
- the sale of Ladd Electrical to SJ Australasia, an Advent Capital led roll-up; and
- the sale of a flying school to an international private equity company.

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