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Mark is a Director of the firm and 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, comprising general commercial disputes, contractual claims, class actions, consumer law claims and oppression proceedings, as well as arbitrations.

Mark also has experience providing clients with general advice in connection with a breadth of document and risk management matters.

Whilst 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.

Mark joined Clarendon Lawyers as a partner and Director of the litigation group in October 2017.

Prior to joining Clarendons, Mark spent almost 7 years in the commercial litigation group at Allens in Melbourne, where he was appointed a senior associate in 2009, before joining the complex commercial litigation and disputes team at K&L Gates, where he was appointed to special counsel in 2016.

Mark has acted for a wide variety of organisations and individuals in a broad range of complex, difficult and hard-fought disputes. Mark has also provided clients with significant commercially-focused and strategic advice, in order to avoid or limit their exposure to potential claims.

A selection of some of Mark's disclosable relevant disputes and litigious matters includes:

- Acting for OZ Minerals Holdings Pty Ltd defending multiple claims and cross-claims as part of a major class action.
- Acting for OZ Minerals Holdings Pty Ltd separately in insurance proceedings in relation to insurance coverage matters.
- Acting for the former CEO of Asahi Beverage Group's Australian subsidiary (Flavoured Beverages Group Holdings) in his defence of multiple cross-claims arising out of the major dispute between Asahi, Pacific Equity Partners and Unitas.
- Representing two clients in an international arbitration in relation to an earn out and post-merger dispute.
- Litigation involving former customers of a large energy company seeking compensation for alleged breaches of consumer and related legislation.
- Responding to Australian Securities and Investments Commission investigation notices, including in relation to the production of documents and the interviewing of persons of interest.
- Providing advice to corporate clients in relation to actual or potential disputes

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- arising out of mergers and acquisitions.
- Acting for numerous former directors in various disputes arising out of the corporate collapses of Bill Express and the Banksia Securities Group.
 - Having the care and conduct of a number of matters for an Australian subsidiary of Philips Group, including:
 - long-running litigation defending a shareholder oppression and damages proceeding against a minority shareholder of the Australian subsidiary;
 - and prosecuting a confidential information and conversion proceeding.
 - Acting for ANZ in connection with the high-profile corporate collapse of Primebroker Securities Limited and Opes Prime Group Limited.
 - Providing advice to numerous clients in relation to investigations undertaken by regulatory bodies, including the Australian Taxation Office and the Australian Securities and Investments Commission.
 - Providing advice to mid-tier banking and other clients in relation to issues of legal professional privilege.
 - Representing a large banking client in relation to misuse of confidential information and breach of duties under the Corporations Act in relation to a former financial adviser.
 - Acting for Toll Holdings Ltd in relation to the litigious aspects of its \$6 billion takeover of Patrick Corporation.
 - Acting for Mayne Group Ltd and Mayne Pharma Ltd in 2006 in applications for approval of their respective schemes of arrangement in the Supreme Court of Victoria.

Mark holds a Bachelor of Laws (Honours) degree and a Bachelor of Commerce degree from the University of Tasmania.