



## Mills Oakley adds new dimension to corporate offering

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National law firm Mills Oakley has boosted its corporate and M&A capability with the hire of Special Counsel **Tim Downing** from King & Wood Mallesons.

Tim's practice has an emphasis on M&A, corporate structuring and reconstructions, joint ventures and equity capital markets transactions. Over his 13 year career at KWM, he advised both private companies and family groups as well as large listed Australian and international banks and corporates including BlueScope Steel, ANZ Bank, Dow Chemicals and Asciano (prior to its 2016 break-up).

Tim has a particular focus on warranty & indemnity insurance, an increasingly common instrument used to contain risk arising from an M&A transaction. Mills Oakley CEO John Nerurker said that this expertise would be of particular strategic value for clients: "Unsurprisingly, risk profile is a major consideration in any transaction and Tim's experience in this area is a major asset to both our corporate offering and our insurance offering," he observed.

Tim will be working closely with Tax Partner Andrew Spalding, who is also an expert in warranty & indemnity insurance, to build the firm's practice in this area.

Tim and Andrew will also collaborate in building the firm's Private Advisory practice, assisting clients to prepare for and execute strategic transactions and projects both domestically and crossborder and across many industries and sectors.

Tim said that he was excited to be joining the firm: "Mills Oakley has an agile, responsive and entrepreneurial culture which is an ideal fit for my practice. I am looking forward to being part of the team," he said.

Tim commences with Mills Oakley on Wednesday 29 May.

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