



Mills Oakley boosts Brisbane corporate team

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National firm Mills Oakley has added a new dimension to its Brisbane corporate practice with the hire of partner **Malcolm McBratney**, previously head of the commercial practice at Macpherson Kelley in Brisbane.

Prior to Macpherson Kelley, Mr McBratney practised for over 20 years at Clayton Utz and McCullough Robertson, where he held several senior leadership roles including serving on the Executive Committee and as head of the Corporate Division.

Malcolm's practice is at the intersection of IP, technology and corporate law, advising both on M&A transactions involving technology companies and also the IP aspects of transactions in other sectors. His expertise includes M&A, private equity, commercial and licensing work, with a particular focus on the technology and the health and life sciences space. He provides the full suite of IP advice on issues such as patents, copyright, trade marks, designs and trade secrets.

"We have a clear strategy of adding expertise which supports the cross-disciplinary aspects of transactional work," said Mills Oakley CEO John Nerurker. "Malcolm's expertise across IP, corporate and technology matters is a major enhancement of our Brisbane offering."

The Mills Oakley corporate advisory team now has five Brisbane partners, making it a genuine alternative to the other top tier corporate advisory practices in Queensland.

Malcolm regularly acts for overseas companies establishing in Australia and Australian companies expanding overseas.

Malcolm said that he was attracted by the strength and depth of Mills Oakley's Brisbane team and national practice and its reputation in his fields of expertise: "My practice is particularly focused on technology and life sciences, two areas where Mills Oakley has cultivated a strong reputation and track record for deal-making," he said. "I am looking forward to making a contribution to the team."

Malcolm commenced with Mills Oakley last week.

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