



Mills Oakley boosts taxation capabilities with top hire

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Mills Oakley's leading property, insurance and corporate teams can now offer clients a new level of integrated legal service delivery, with the hire of leading tax partner **Andrew Spalding** from Norton Rose Fulbright.

Andrew has nearly 20 years' experience working on major M&A, property and infrastructure transactions. He is recognised as a leading stamp duty and GST specialist, advising on the full range of business and property transactions. He also advises insurers on warranty and indemnity and specific tax risk insurance policies.

Mills Oakley CEO John Nerurker said: "Andrew's extensive GST and stamp duty experience on major property acquisitions, developments and sales will benefit our property clients, while his expertise in income tax will be invaluable on M&A deals."

Mr Spalding said that he was attracted by Mills Oakley's market leadership in practice areas of strategic importance to his own areas of focus: "Mills Oakley's property team is a genuine market leader. Similarly, the Mills Oakley insurance team acts for most major Australian insurers and is a natural complement to the work I do in the warranty and indemnity insurance space," he said.

As a recognised expert in the employee share scheme field, Andrew regularly assists both domestic companies and foreign companies entering the Australian market, particularly in the technology sector.

Andrew is also experienced at seeking rulings and managing audits and disputes with the Australian Taxation Office and State Revenue Offices. He has successfully run precedent-setting GST and stamp duty litigation including acting for the taxpayer in *Commissioner of State Revenue v Danvest Pty Ltd & Anor* [2017] VSCA 382 and *BPG Caulfield Village Pty Ltd v Commissioner of State Revenue* [2016] VSC 172.

Andrew commences with Mills Oakley today.

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