



Mills Oakley builds projects and finance capability with ex-PwC hires

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National firm Mills Oakley is building its projects and finance capability with the hire of two ex-PwC Directors in Melbourne.

Shaun Whittaker was most recently a Director at PwC Australia, while **Tony Rutherford** was a PwC Director between 2015 and 2017. Tony was most recently a Principal at Moores.

Mr Whittaker and Mr Rutherford have a track record of successful collaboration on large infrastructure projects, with Tony focusing on the construction and commercial aspects and Shaun focusing on the finance aspects. Mills Oakley CEO John Nerurker said that it was pleasing to reunite a successful partnership at Mills Oakley.

“Tony and Shaun share mutual clients and have complementary skills. Studies have shown that clients derive superior value from legal advisors who act collaboratively from a position of familiarity with the client’s business and we are looking forward to Tony and Shaun combining strengths with their new colleagues at Mills Oakley,” he said.

Tony specialises in large scale infrastructure projects across a wide range of sectors including mining, oil & gas, water, road, rail, airport, hospital and power projects (including renewables). He is also experienced in all forms of dispute resolution (litigation, arbitration and mediation) across a wide range of commercial and projects disputes. Recent projects for Tony include acting for the Victorian Government in relation to the suspension and unwinding of the \$6.8bn East West Link toll road PPP and advising Telstra in relation to its negotiations with NBN to facilitate the development of the National Broadband Network.

Shaun is a leading next-generation lawyer who specialises in innovative funding outcomes for his client base which spans major lenders, institutional funds, government, corporates and start-ups. This innovative work includes structuring and advising on aggregator bond issuances for social infrastructure projects both in Australia and in the UK, advising local and international governments on revenue stream financings for infrastructure projects and advising high profile marketplace lending platforms. Shaun has advised across a range of sectors including energy, social infrastructure, property and transport.

Shaun commenced with Mills Oakley this week, while Tony commenced last month.

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