



Mills Oakley makes senior banking & finance hires

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Top 10 Australian law firm Mills Oakley has made further additions to its end-to-end transactional capability with the hire of two banking & finance partners.

The new hires are **Monique Stella**, previously a partner at DLA Piper and **Tom Lennox**, previously a partner at K&L Gates. These hires follow the addition of tax specialist Tony Watson to the Sydney office last month.

Ms Stella, who is based in Melbourne, acts for a number of clients, both domestic and international, in documenting financial transactions. Monique has been involved in a wide range of transactions acting for both borrowers and lenders. The transactions range from conventional corporate finance and structured finance transactions for power and infrastructure assets and construction finance projects for a range of assets, ranging from aged care facilities and commercial buildings to wind farms.

Mr Lennox, who is based in Sydney, specialises in structured finance across a range of asset classes including real estate, debt, transport assets and infrastructure. Tom specialises in drafting and negotiating all types of debt arrangements including single and multiple financier facilities, limited recourse finance documentation including note programs, security arrangements and inter-creditor agreements. The structures frequently involve cross border structuring issues.

Mills Oakley CEO John Nerurker said that the firm was continuing to pursue a strategy of building its end-to-end transactional capability.

“Financing is an integral part of any transaction and Monique has already assisted our Property team with the refinancing of a Melbourne CBD property and Tom has assisted our Corporate team with a refinancing matter concerning a Sydney client,” Mr Nerurker said.

“These hires represent a strong strategic fit and we are delighted to welcome Tom and Monique to our firm,” Mr Nerurker added.

Monique commenced with Mills Oakley last month, while Tom commenced in May.

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