



## Mills Oakley makes senior hire from Clayton Utz

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National law firm Mills Oakley has made a high calibre addition to its National Banking & Finance practice with the hire of partner **Graeme Gurney** from Clayton Utz.

Mr Gurney is a respected senior practitioner and one of only two Australian lawyers ranked as “Senior Statesperson” for Banking & Finance in the Chambers Asia-Pacific Directory. Over his career at Clayton Utz, he led the Sydney and National Banking & Finance teams a number of times. He was also responsible for the successful establishment of the Melbourne Banking & Finance team, as well as being a member of the firm’s board and relationship partner for a number of key client relationships in the financial services and property development industries.

Mills Oakley CEO John Nerurker said that Graeme’s hire was another step in the firm’s vision to grow the Corporate and Banking & Finance practices:

“Our banking industry clients have told us that they are seeking more competitive tension from their panels and we intend to provide it,” he said. “Graeme’s reputation in the market speaks for itself and he possesses the experience and connections to take the practice to a new level.”

Graeme said that he was attracted by the prospect of growing the Mills Oakley Banking & Finance Team and acting as a mentor for more junior members of the Team:

“I am very excited to be joining an excellent Australian firm with a clear mandate for growing its national banking & finance capability. Our initial goal will be to quickly blend my skills and experience with the industry knowledge and energy of the existing Mills Oakley team, to deliver a fuller service to the firm’s clients. After that, through a combination of lateral hires and organic growth at all levels, we will build a banking & finance practice that can stand toe to toe with the best in market in key areas,” he said.

Graeme’s expertise covers property finance, project and structured finance, infrastructure finance, restructuring and workouts.

He has a deep understanding of the real estate, development and construction industries and brings significant synergies with Mills Oakley’s substantial planning, construction and property practices. Graeme’s principal clients include banks, non-bank financial institutions, infrastructure and property companies and national and global players in the property development and funds management space.

Graeme commences with Mills Oakley on 17 June 2019.

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