



## Mills Oakley makes dual partner hire from international firms

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Leading national law firm Mills Oakley is announcing a major expansion of its corporate practice with the hire of **Daniel Kirk** from Dentons in Perth and **Chris Taylor** from Baker McKenzie in Melbourne. Both Mr Taylor and Mr Kirk will be joining the firm as partners.

Mills Oakley CEO John Nerurker said that the firm was delivering on a strategy to grow its corporate capability: “Despite the current subdued transactional environment, we believe in planning for the future,” he said. “The Mills Oakley corporate practice has always been an engine-room for growth in other parts of the firm and the arrival of Chris and Daniel will further enhance the team’s offering.”

Daniel has over 20 years’ M&A and equity capital markets experience gained from his time at Dentons and also from many years of practice at Slaughter & May in London and as a partner at King & Wood Mallesons. His experience covers regulated and unregulated M&A, equity capital markets international funds, joint ventures, farm-ins, refinancing and restructurings. He also advises on Listing Rules and Corporations Act compliance, corporate governance issues, commercial contracts, and other general corporate matters.

Daniel’s experience spans the industrial, property, financial services, energy and resources, and agribusiness sectors. He acts for a range of listed as well as unlisted clients, ranging from major privates to SMEs. He has gained strong transactional experience in Australia and in China, Hong Kong, the United Kingdom and Europe.

Chris has a particular focus on mid-market M&A. He works with a diverse client base with a practice that spans the technology, manufacturing & packaging, infrastructure, health, agribusiness and education sectors. He also has extensive experience in securities law, cross-border transactions, foreign investment, joint ventures, warranty and indemnity insurance, corporate governance and commercial contracting.

Commenting on his decision to join Mills Oakley, Chris said that he was impressed by the calibre of the corporate practice at MO:

“The market for transactional work in Australia is highly competitive and in making the move it was important to me to have absolute confidence in the quality, fit and market position of the practice I was joining,” he said. “In Mills Oakley, I know that I am joining a dynamic, entrepreneurial and ambitious firm which is a perfect fit for my practice.”

Daniel added that he was attracted by the firm’s collaborative culture:

“Mills Oakley stands out because of its coordinated, integrated approach,” he said. “I am delighted to be joining a firm which has not only a national footprint, but a collegiate culture which actively encourages collaboration across offices and practices.”

Both Chris and Dan commence with the firm on August 24.

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