

Mills Oakley expands Sydney corporate practice

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Leading national law firm Mills Oakley is expanding its corporate offering with the hire of partner **Gaurav de Fontgalland** in the Sydney office.

Gaurav was previously head of the national corporate and commercial practice at Gilchrist Connell. He acts for listed and private companies, investment firms and their portfolio companies, emerging businesses, family offices and high net worth individuals in Australia and internationally. He advises across a range of transactional, advisory and strategic matters.

Gaurav advises businesses through all stages of their life cycle, from initial structuring, funding and scaling up, to organic and M&A driven growth and onwards to the gamut of liquidity events.

Prior to Gilchrist Connell, Gaurav operated his own boutique corporate law firm for nearly ten years and has attracted considerable client loyalty over his practice career.

Commenting on this hire, Mills Oakley CEO John Nerurker said that the firm was continuing its strategy of national expansion of the corporate practice:

“Having tripled the size of our Melbourne corporate practice last year with the acquisition of Clarendon Lawyers, our next step is to gain similar scale in other markets. A high calibre partner like Gaurav will add a further dimension to our Sydney practice,” he said.

Commenting on his decision to join Mills Oakley, Gaurav added:

“An impeccable reputation, bench strength and the availability of the full range of cross-practice expertise are vital prerequisites for my clients, and I feel fortunate to have found all of that, and more, at Mills Oakley. I am delighted to be making my contribution to the firm’s vision of becoming a leader in the independent domestic market.”

Gaurav commenced at Mills Oakley on 16 January 2023.

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