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Luke Gannon has focused in Funds and Corporate work for over 25 years.

Luke advises financial institutions, investment banks, fund managers, sponsors and investors on the establishment of a wide range of institutional and retail investment products, including: private equity and venture capital funds, hedge funds, real estate funds and structured financial products. His investment fund transaction experience includes: formations, listings, capital raisings, the establishment of financial services businesses, regulatory advice and acting for funds in acquisitions and exits.

Luke also advises on a broad range of corporate finance transactions including fund raisings, joint ventures and mergers & acquisitions, particularly in the financial services sector.

RELATED SERVICES

- Corporate
- Global Investment Funds

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

English

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EXPERIENCE

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CREDENTIALS

Professional Qualifications

- Barrister and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Victoria

Prior Experience

Prior to joining DLA Piper, Luke was a partner and head of funds at one of Australia's leading law firms in Melbourne.

Recognitions

Luke is recognised as a leading lawyer for Investment Funds in China and Hong Kong, including by *Chambers Asia Pacific* (2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2104) and *IFLR 1000* (2013, 2014).

Described by *IFLR1000* 2014 as the leader of a burgeoning funds practice: "Luke Gannon's funds practice, in the words of a partner, "is building momentum". DLA Piper features in the new rankings at the top for real estate funds. Competitors are feeling the pressure: "Luke Gannon is trying to get into our space," says one. Clients are satisfied: "Highly commercial and experienced lawyer who is able to provide his clients with enthusiasm and empathy in a timely and efficient manner! They have a strong investment funds practice that is led by a high profile leader, Luke has built an excellent reputation with his business acumen."

Chambers Asia Pacific 2013 described Luke as being someone who "spends no time in trying to score points on deals, and he is able to cut through an enormous amount of complexity and provide clear options. He's someone we trust with the most difficult problems in the funds area." *Chambers Asia Pacific* 2015 client feedback stated: The "very knowledgeable" Luke Gannon "is experienced, acts fast on the SFC issues that come up, and always gives sound advice to solve problems," report satisfied clients.

Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2014 describes Luke as having "A high level of business acumen and infects clients with enthusiasm", whilst *Legal 500 Asia Pacific* 2015 notes: "DLA Piper's 'deep industry knowledge' covers hedge, private equity and real estate funds. Luke Gannon is 'excellent'."

Education

- University of Queensland, B.A. Law (Hons), 1990
- University of Queensland, B.A. Commerce (Hons), 1989

INSIGHTS

Publications

New Regulatory Era on Virtual Assets Activities in Hong Kong

5 NOV 2018

On 1 November 2018, the Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong (SFC) issued a statement, "Statement on regulatory framework for virtual assets portfolios managers, fund distributors and trading platform operators" (VA Statement) and an accompanying circular "Circular to intermediaries - Distribution of virtual asset funds" (VA Distribution Circular) (collectively, the VA Circulars), to announce a new regulatory approach on virtual assets activities, virtual assets portfolio managers and their distribution of virtual assets investment products in Hong Kong.

Changes to the Fund Manager Code of Conduct

12 MAR 2018

In light of the robust international developments in the regulatory regime for the asset management industry, the Securities and Futures Commission (SFC) launched a three-month consultation on proposals to be made to the Fund Manager Code of Conduct (FMCC).

Enhancements to the Fund Manager Code of Conduct

28 FEB 2018

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The Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong comments on ICOs

6 SEP 2017

The Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong (SFC) has debunked the myths that no securities laws apply to ICOs. In its first direct statement on the subject, the SFC fired a warning shot at issuers and intermediaries of ICOs and token offerings, reminding them that they may be conducting regulated activities and therefore, may be required to be licensed by or registered with the SFC, irrespective of where they are located.

NEWS

DLA Piper announces leadership changes in Asia

18 AUG 2017

DLA Piper has appointed Qiang Li (known as LQ) and Satpal Gobindpuri as co-Regional Managing Partners in Asia. Together they will have responsibility for day-to-day management and operations in the region. Roy Chan will be taking on the role of Asia Senior Partner, providing leadership on strategy and client development for the region. The changes are effective as of 1 September.
