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Elliott Cheung has a diverse range of local and international corporate and commercial experience, having worked closely with other members of the national and international corporate team on numerous high-profile transactions.

Elliott has wide ranging experience in public and private M&A, fundraising, corporate restructuring, securities law and corporate governance matters. Elliott has been recognised as an up-and-coming young lawyer in the field of M&A having been nominated as a finalist in the 2015 and 2016 annual Australian Lawyers' Weekly Magazine's 30 Under 30 Awards as well as a finalist in the "Young Gun of the Year" category of the 2015 annual Australian Law Awards.

- Corporate
- Capital Markets
- Mergers and Acquisitions

- Advising international pure-play gold producer Nord Gold SE on its contested AUD600 million on-market and simultaneous off-market takeover bid for ASX and TSX-listed Cardinal Resources Limited.
- Advising ASX-listed US fintech Credible Labs Inc. on its AUD585 million merger with NASDAQ-listed Fox Corporation (Finalist, International Deal of the Year, 2020 Australasian Law Awards).
- Advising ENN in relation to Harbour Energy's highly publicised AUD14.4 billion proposed scheme of arrangement to acquire ASX-listed Santos Limited.
Advising ASX-listed Washington H. Soul Pattinson and Company Limited and Pengana Holdings Pty Ltd on three transactions (private treaty sale, all cash off-market takeover and public merger), which resulted in Soul Pattinson emerging as a major shareholder in ASX-listed funds manager Hunter Hall International Limited, which was combined with Pengana via a scrip for scrip merger.
- Advising ASX-listed Washington H. Soul Pattinson and Company Limited on its AUD225 million unsecured senior convertible bond offering, which were listed on the Official List of the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited.
- Advising ASX-listed Nearmap Limited on its AUD70 million institutional placement (underwritten by Citi) and AUD20 million share purchase plan.
- Advising oOh!media's largest shareholder, US investment management firm HMI Capital, LLC on its support for oOh!media's AUD167 million fully underwritten entitlement offer and institutional placement.
- Advising ASX-listed Washington H. Soul Pattinson and Company Limited in relation to CD Capital Natural Resource Fund's acquisition by way of scheme of arrangement of all the shares in ASX-listed Verdant Minerals Limited other than those held by Soul

Pattinson (which resulted in CD Capital and Soul Pattinson jointly controlling Verdant).

- Advising NYSE-listed Seaspan Corporation, a Vancouver-based shipping container business, on its USD750 acquisition of APR Energy, a leader in large project mobile power solutions.
- Advising NASDAQ-listed Syneos Health on the Australian aspects of the sale of its patient performance programs business to ASX-listed MedAdvisor, the purchase price for which was funded by way of an entitlement offer and institutional placement and convertible notes.
- Advising US tech company Life360 Inc. on its AUD820 million IPO and ASX-listing, which was one of the largest tech debuts on the ASX ever (Finalist, Equity Capital Markets Deal of the Year, 2020 Australasian Law Awards).
- Advising Webjet Limited on its AUD153 million accelerated non-renounceable entitlement offer to partially fund its purchase of UAE based Destinations of the World, a B2B hotel and travel wholesale platform business, which was fully underwritten by UBS and Credit Suisse.
- Advising ASX-listed fund manager Pengana Capital Group Limited on the IPO and-listing of the Pengana Private Equity Trust, which was Australia's first global private equity listed investment trust.
- Advising Michael Gazal, the Executive Chairman and major shareholder of ASX-listed Gazal Corporation Limited, in relation to NYSE-listed global fashion business PVH Corp.'s AUD268 million acquisition of all the shares in Gazal by way of scheme of arrangement.
- Advising multinational mass media company Discovery Communications Inc. on its extremely high-profile joint bid with Foxtel for Ten Network Holdings, one of Australia's three commercial free-to-air television networks.
- Advising LES-listed ITV plc, the UK's biggest commercial broadcaster, on its partnership with BBC Studios to launch the "Britbox" streaming service in Australia.
- Advising ASX-listed diversified investment house Washington H. Soul Pattinson and Company Limited on its acquisition of agriculture and water assets managed by Argyle Capital Partners.
- Advising insurance broker network IBNA on its all scrip takeover by ASX-listed Steadfast.
- Advising ASX-listed Downer EDI Limited in relation to the AUD2 billion recapitalisation and refinancing of Reliance Rail (a public-private partnership with the NSW Government which owns Sydney's Waratah trains).
- Advising Riversdale Resources on its AUD70 million placement to Hancock, resulting in Hancock acquiring a strategic stake in Riversdale, which valued Riversdale at approximately AUD500 million.
- Advising Lincor Inc, an international healthcare technology leader, on its proposed merger with the Australian health service business Hills Health Solutions and IPO and listing of the combined entity on ASX.
- Advising Keolis Downer (joint venture between Keolis S.A., a French state-owned rail company and ASX-listed Downer EDI Limited) on its AUD163 million acquisition of the ATE Group, one of Australia's largest route, school and charter bus business via a competitive sale process.
- Advising Fosun on its proposed multi-billion dollar acquisition of a majority stake in Healthscope, the largest health care services provider in Australia.
- Advising US-based client Coliseum Capital Management on all aspects of its successful AUD70 million on-market takeover bid for Australian apparel business, The Pas Group Limited.
- Advising the founders and shareholders of Ezi Holdings Pty Ltd on its AUD305 million sale via a competitive "dual track" trade sale and IPO sale process (ultimately transacted by way of trade sale to Global Payments Inc).

CREDENTIALS

Professional Qualifications

- Solicitor of the Supreme Court of New South Wales

Recognitions

- *Lawyers' Weekly* - 30 Under 30 Awards - Finalist (2015, 2016)
- *Lawyers' Weekly* - Australian Law Awards - Young Gun of the Year - Finalist (2015)

Education

- Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice, College of Law, 2012
- Bachelor of Laws, University of New South Wales, 2011
- Bachelor of International Studies (Languages) (Hons), University of New South Wales, 2011

Memberships

- Law Society of New South Wales

INSIGHTS

Publications

- Top 10 Australian M&A Predictions for 2015, Corporate Update (Australia), 11 February 2015
- Corporate governance update: Handling of confidential information, Corporate Update (Australia), 27 Jun 2014
- Top 10 Australian M&A Predictions for 2014, Corporate Update (Australia), 24 Jan 2014
- Australia: Takeovers Panel Decisions - Briefing Note, Corporate Update (Australia), 25 Oct 2013

NEWS

DLA Piper announces partnership promotions for 2022

28 April 2022

DLA Piper is proud to announce that 74 lawyers have been promoted to its partnership. The promotions are effective as of April 1 2022 in the United States and May 1 2022 for EMEA and Asia Pacific. Promotions have been made across all of the firm's practice areas, spanning 38 offices in 21 countries.

DLA Piper advises Zip on its AUD400 million convertible notes offering

17 June 2021

Global law firm DLA Piper has advised Zip Co Limited (ASX: Z1P) on its AUD400 million convertible notes offering.

DLA Piper advises Washington H. Soul Pattinson and Company on its AUD225 million convertible notes offering

18 February 2021

DLA Piper has advised Washington H. Soul Pattinson and Company Limited (ASX: SOL) on its AUD225 million convertible notes offering.

DLA Piper advises Nearmap on AUD92 million equity raising

23 September 2020

DLA Piper has advised ASX 200 technology company Nearmap Ltd (ASX: NEA) on its underwritten AUD72.1 million institutional placement and its non-underwritten Share Purchase Plan that aims to raise a further AUD20 million.

