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Emma Kendall advises clients in private corporate and commercial matters. She uses her experience gained in 12 years in funds management and investment banking to inform a particularly business-focussed and practical approach.

She advises on private equity fundraising and investing, co-investing, private market mergers and acquisitions, infrastructure and real estate investing and structured finance.

Emma also has in-house experience of investment management for sovereign wealth funds, superannuation and pension funds. She is very close to the issues facing those clients.

- Corporate
- Finance
- Global Investment Funds

- Life Sciences
- Financial Services

- Advising in relation to consortium arrangements for the \$10bn bid for the NSW Transgrid assets
- Advising on structuring and negotiating the terms of a Delaware Statutory Trust and captive Australian MIT for an Asia-Pacific infrastructure investment mandate for an American pension scheme
- Assisting in relation to the joint venture negotiations and execution of the investment structure for an investment by an Australian sovereign fund in 8 US regional shopping malls
- Reviewing and executing the acquisition of an interest in a Luxembourg vehicle acquiring a Spanish business, as a co-investment by an Australian private equity fund alongside a European private equity manager

Professional Qualifications

- Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Queensland, 2007
- Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales, 2002

Prior Experience

Emma qualified in New Zealand, worked in New Zealand's largest corporate firm, and then for a magic circle firm in London for three years before joining an Investment Bank in structured finance.

She then spent 9 years as Managing Legal Counsel at one of Australia's largest wholesale institutional funds managers, focusing on private market transactions and investment mandate negotiations.

Recognitions

- Emma is listed as a Notable Practitioner by IFLR1000 2021 in Private Equity and M&A

Education

- University of Auckland, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Laws, 1996

INSIGHTS

Publications

COVID-19: Private equity and venture capital fund considerations (Australia)

17 April 2020

This article adds some local Australian considerations to the factors raised by our US colleagues in funds management. The coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic presents significant challenges for private equity and venture capital fund sponsors and investment managers- from additional risk disclosures being required, questions around fund sponsors' ability to refer to track record generated in different circumstances, through to daily operational issues like the difficulty of generating a reliable fund NAV where markets are disrupted, and the requirement to keep providing management services under difficult circumstances. We discuss some of them here.

NEWS

DLA Piper advises Whitehelm on sale to Patrizia

16 September 2021

Global law firm DLA Piper has advised Whitehelm Capital (Whitehelm) on its sale to PATRIZIA AG, a leading partner for global real assets. The initial purchase price of EUR67 million will be paid in a combination of cash and PATRIZIA shares.

DLA Piper advises Hawaiki on divestment of its submarine cable

30 July 2021

Global law firm DLA Piper have advised Hawaiki on its divestment of 100% of its interest in the Hawaiki Submarine Cable. The divestment was made to BW Digital Pte. Ltd with the current Hawaiki team continuing to manage the business.

DLA Piper advises Manulife on its acquisition of 39 Martin Place

29 January 2021

DLA Piper has advised international financial services group Manulife Financial Corporation on its 50/50 joint venture with Investa

Commercial Property Fund ("ICPF") to acquire the right to a 100% interest in 39 Martin Place, Sydney from Macquarie Group Limited (ASX: MQG).
