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James Nicholls is a senior M&A and corporate lawyer who assists domestic and foreign companies in successfully implementing inorganic value solutions to difficult problems. James has particular experience in complex, cross-border and contested M&A transactions, IPOs, secondary equity fundraising, and in successfully assisting boards of directors in respect of transactions subject to significant regulatory oversight.

James is included in the Best Lawyers' list for M&A and Corporate Law.

James has co-founded the M&A course at the UWA Law School and the "Corporate Control Forum", a thought-leadership event on M&A related business and legal matters convened in partnership with the UWA Business and Law Schools.

James is a member of the Business Law Section of the Corporations Committee of the Law Council of Australia and a recipient of a Lawyer's Weekly "30 under 30" award in the field of M&A.

- Corporate
- Capital Markets
- Mergers and Acquisitions

- Financial Services
- Energy and Natural Resources

Professional Qualifications

- Barrister and Solicitor of the High Court of Australia
- Barrister and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Western Australia

Education

- Business Foundations, Wharton, 2016
- Learning to Lead, INSEAD, 2013
- Commercial Contracts (Master of Laws), University of Melbourne, 2011
- Company Takeovers (Master of Laws), University of Melbourne, 2010

- Bachelor of Laws, University of Western Australia, 2007
- Bachelor of Arts (Politics), University of Western Australia, 2004

INSIGHTS

Publications

A guide to IPO listing in Australia

15 September 2021

Many active, successful private companies consider an Initial Public Offering (IPO) at some stage in their development as a route to accelerate growth and to open up new opportunities for their business. In addition, foreign companies may look towards an ASX listing (whether as a primary or dual listing) to access the Australian capital markets and private equity investors may work towards an IPO as an exit mechanism for their investment.

DLA Piper advises Strike Energy on AUD80 million capital raising

27 April 2021

Global law firm DLA Piper is advising Strike Energy Limited (ASX: STX) on its successful AUD80 million capital raising, comprised of a placement and share purchase plan.

NEWS

DLA Piper advises on USD240 million investment for development of the Manono Project

29 September 2021

Global law firm DLA Piper has advised AVZ Minerals Limited (AVZ) on securing a cornerstone investor, Suzhou CATH Energy Technologies (CATH), for the development of the Manono Lithium and Tin Project by entering into a transaction implementation agreement to earn a 24% joint venture interest in the Manono Project for USD240 million.
