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Louise is a **securitisation, debt capital markets and derivatives** specialist at Dentons with significant expertise in sustainable finance. She has over 25 years of experience in a wide range of domestic and cross border securitisation and debt capital markets transactions and is highly regarded for her structuring work on highly complex and bespoke derivatives.

Louise has significant securitisation experience that includes acting for dealers and issuers including major Australian trading banks and investment banks on a range of public and privately placed RMBS and asset-backed securitisation transactions. Louise has advised on a number of world-firsts, including world's first foreign issue into the US under the new Reg AB rules and the only securitisation of insurance commission receivables in Australia (in both synthetic and traditional formats).

Her derivatives experience includes acting for GrainCorp on the world's first grain production hedge and acting for energy companies on electricity interruption hedges and virtual gas tolling contracts.

Louise's sustainable finance credentials include acting on a number of sustainability bond issuances and frameworks, acting on the development of a range of green and ESG deposits, green repos and other innovative ESG fixed income products, advising on sustainability-linked derivatives and derivatives over environmental credits, and advising on ACCU financings.

Louise matches legal expertise with commercial acumen, a solutions orientation and a proven ability to work collaboratively. Louise has a strong profile in the Australian capital markets and is an active member of several leading industry groups including as Chair of the Corporate Bond Reform Working Group.

She is also a prominent thought leader, having served as the lead author of the Australian chapters of The Banking Regulation Review and ICLG Derivatives.

Louise has been recognised in the 2024 *Chambers Global* and in the *IFLR1000* 2024 as a highly regarded individual for debt capital markets. Additionally, she is listed by *Best Lawyers Australia* for Banking and Finance, Derivatives, Structured Finance, and Debt Capital Markets.

“Louise is a machine. She is always happy to jump on calls and is a very energetic lawyer. She really understands our business as well as the commercial pressures.”

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Anthony is a Partner in Sydney and the **Banking and Finance** Group Lead for Australia and Papua New Guinea. He has significant experience acting for domestic and foreign financiers and sponsors on a range of financing matters in London and Sydney. This experience, together with his in-house work at the London branch of Société Générale, ensures Anthony brings commercial and tailored advice to his clients.

Anthony has developed a particular focus on data financing, project finance, real estate lending and restructuring advising local and international financiers and sponsors on social and affordable housing PPPs, industrial and commercial developments, mining, offtake arrangements and renewable projects covering battery storage, wind farms and solar assets.



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Nicola is a **Banking and Finance** lawyer with over 14 years' experience in property and development finance, data financing, corporate finance, acquisition finance, residential and commercial development, public private partnerships (PPP) and project finance.

She has extensive experience acting for major banks and non-bank lenders on a variety of matters including acquisitions. She has acted for a range of sponsors on PPP transactions including the Cross River Rail PPP in QLD, and Central West Orana Renewable Energy Zone project in NSW.

Nicola works with clients in a wide range of industries including energy, banking, real estate, construction, transportation and infrastructure.



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Jennifer is a Partner in Sydney and Practice Group Lead of the **Real Estate** team in Australia. She specialises in sales and acquisitions of retail, commercial, and industrial property, and complex leasing. Jennifer is highly regarded for her considered but practical approach.

She is consistently recognised as a leading property lawyer in *The Legal 500 Asia Pacific* and has been named one of Australia's *Best Lawyers* in Real Property and Leasing Law since 2012. In 2020 and 2024, she was awarded 'Lawyer of the Year' for Leasing Law.



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John is an experienced **Corporate** and projects lawyer who worked in China and South East Asia for more than 10 years, based out of Beijing, Hong Kong and Singapore. He practices principally in mergers & acquisitions and foreign investment structures, with a strong focus in the energy and resources sector.

John has advised on large scale M&A transactions in fin tech, new tech and renewable energy generation, as well as on major development projects, throughout Australia and Asia. This includes data centres and bitcoin mining operations, stand alone or co located with power projects.



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Sue is a **Tax** Partner based in the Melbourne office. Sue has more than 30 years' experience in advising on federal and state taxes. Sue has extensive experience in tax dispute management, tax audits, alternative dispute resolution and tax litigation. She also provides front-end advice including tax support to transactions and advising on structures.

Sue's experience spans all industries, with significant experience in energy and resources, high-technology, funds management, securitisation, build-to-rent, and the property sector.

Sue is recognised for working collaboratively with clients to find solutions supported by technical assessment that ensure that commercial objectives can be met.



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Matt is an experienced infrastructure, energy and major projects **Constructions** partner in our Melbourne office. Matt focusses on the development and delivery of complex large-scale projects in the technology, health, biotechnology, transportation, education, energy, water and property sectors.

Matt has extensive experience in project structuring, project management, procurement and delivery strategy, risk analysis, and drafting and negotiating all forms of development and construction related agreements, including public private partnerships, ITC contracts, alliances, EPC, ECI, managing contractor, construction management, O&M and traditional procurement models.

Matt has acted for all types of market participants in Australia and internationally, with particular expertise advising government on infrastructure, construction and services procurement.



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Marcus is a Partner in the **Construction** group at Dentons Australia, renowned for his excellent service and advice to his clients. He manages building, construction, engineering, and infrastructure contracts for public and private sector clients.

Marcus has extensive experience in litigation and dispute resolution, including adjudication and judicial appeals. He is well-versed in the Building and Construction Industry Security of Payment Legislation.

Marcus handles both contentious and non-contentious matters and has broad experience with building and construction insolvency. He was nominated as one of Australia's *Best Lawyers* in Construction/Infrastructure Law in 2023 and 2024.



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Ourania is a Partner in the **Construction** group who is highly experienced in all forms of dispute resolution including litigation, arbitration, security of payment applications, expert determination and mediation.

Her litigation experience encompasses a broad range of contentious matters relating to large-scaled industrial, commercial and residential developments, infrastructure including the Snowy Hydro Scheme and telecommunication towers across Australia, energy disputes involving contamination, fuel and petrol stations, acting in a substantial class action for a major developer, advising on disputes for a major car hire company, and all forms of complex real estate and contract disputes across Australia and in the High Court of Australia.

Ourania is recognised as one of Australia's *Best Lawyers* in the 2026 Edition for Construction/Infrastructure Law.



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Stephanie is a Partner in the **Planning, Environment and Government** Group in Sydney.

She advises on complex development, property, and environmental matters, leveraging her detailed-oriented background as an Associate to a Federal Court Judge. Stephanie handles planning issues, including heritage and environmental concerns, for various land uses.

She regularly appears in judicial review and merit appeal proceedings in the Land and Environment Court of NSW, and deals with compulsory acquisition and easement issues, sometimes involving Supreme Court proceedings. Additionally, she advises on land valuation, native vegetation, contamination, coastal development, liquor licensing, and regulatory investigations.

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