

Matthew Geary

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Overview

Matthew has acted for a wide range of institutional clients, investment managers and developers in relation to acquisitions, developments and disposals of various types of property. Matthew also has significant experience acting on the leasing of property assets (including commercial, industrial and retail assets as well as more specialised asset types such as wind, solar farms and hi-tech industrial).

In addition, Matthew has worked together with our insolvency group on the work out and disposal of numerous distressed property assets, hotel businesses and farms for some of Australia's largest financial institutions.

Experience

- **Large institutional Australian property company:** Acting for in relation to the sale of the assets of a wholesale property fund.
- **AMP:** Exercising responsibility for commercial leasing matters including for premium and A grade office assets and the provision of strategic advice to asset managers and others in relation to leasing and development issues.
- **GPT:** Acting on the sale of regional shopping centre and providing strategic advice in relation to the redevelopment of an iconic Australian office building.
- **Mirvac:** Handling development leasing for retail centres including Tramsheds, Harold Park and Greenwood Plaza, North Sydney, and advising on strategic considerations and issues related to sitting and future tenants.
- **Developers and landowners:** Acting for clients in relation to site acquisition issues and control of renewable energy projects in central western NSW.
- **Major asset manager:** Acting for client on the leasing and subsequent sale of a retail shopping centre and associated commercial office tower in south western Sydney.
- **Industrial company:** Acting for a major listed Australian industrial company on the redevelopment of a key CBD fringe industrial site for mixed use commercial and residential including complex titling issues.

- **APN Funds Management:** Acting on the acquisition, redevelopment and leasing of Lidcombe Power Centre.
- **Propertylink:** Exercising responsibility for regular industrial and commercial leasing matters including in respect of Macquarie Park and North Ryde office park and laboratory sites.

Insights

- "Real Estate and Renewable Energy Projects: Due diligence for developers", Dentons Client Alert, 21 August 2019
- "Property Transactions meet the Digital Revolution: things to think about before mandatory changes on 1 July", Dentons Client Alert, 25 June 2019
- "M&A in the renewable energy sector in Australia: What you should consider", Dentons Client Alert, 20 June 2019
- "Company Title Conversion", Dentons Client Alert, 26 April 2018
- "Proposed Amendments to the Retail Leases Act introduced into NSW Parliament", Dentons Client Alert, 12 January 2017

Activities and Affiliations

Memberships

- Member, Strata Communities Australia.
- Member, Law Society NSW.

Areas of focus

Practices

- Real Estate
- Commercial Development
- Real Estate Leasing Occupation and Operation
- Residential and Condominium Development

Industry sectors

- Forest Products and Agribusiness
- Wind
- Solar
- Renewable Energy
- Hotels and Leisure

Education

- University of Newcastle, Bachelor of Arts
- University of Newcastle, Bachelor of Laws, Geoff Thomas Memorial Prize
- College of Law, Graduate Diploma of Legal Practice

Admissions and qualifications

- NSW, 2006

Languages

- English