

Matthew Johnson

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Biography

Matthew brings a wealth of experience in the area of mergers and acquisitions and securities law. He advises on a wide range of domestic and cross-border transactional and corporate advisory matters. He is also the Global Head of Mining at Hogan Lovells and sits within the Corporate & Finance practice group.

Matthew has experience advising bidders and target companies in respect of M&A (takeovers and schemes of arrangement) of publicly listed companies, unlisted entities and business/asset acquisitions and divestments, advising companies and investors on domestic and international equity and debt capital raisings, including IPOs, dual listings, share placements, rights issues, convertible notes and other securities. He advises on a range of corporate matters, including commercial and contractual matters, corporate governance and regulatory compliance issues.

He has a depth of international experience, and advises both foreign bidders and investors, and Australian targets and issuer companies, leading to his significant in-depth knowledge in the application of Australian foreign investment policy and legislation, including Australian Foreign Investment Review Board process, decisions and settlement of conditions. Matthew is also the only Western Australian member of the national FIRB committee of the Law Council of Australia.



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Languages

English
French
German

Matthew is named in Best Lawyers List in Equity Capital Markets, Mergers and Acquisitions, Corporate Governance, Corporate, Commercial, Natural Resources and Mining categories.

Matthew is rated as an Acritas Star – independently rated lawyer.

Representative experience

Oracle Corporation on its \$1.6 billion acquisition of Aconex Limited through a scheme of arrangement.

Swissport International Inc acquisition of Aerocare and its subsidiary companies, Skycare, Carbridge, and EasyCart from Archer Capital and Aerocare management.

RFC Ambrian and Numis Securities on the underwriting and management of the A\$100 million fundraising undertaken by Base Resources.

Elastagen Pty Ltd in relation to its sale to Allergan plc for up to US\$260 million.

Simble Solutions, an energy management software company, on its IPO and simultaneous listing on ASX.

pSivida Corp. on its acquisition of Icon Bioscience Inc. and its debt and equity raising of up to US\$80.5 million, and ASX delisting.

Wolf Minerals Limited on its equity and debt facility with Resource Capital Fund VI L.P. and entry into standstill and restructure agreements with senior lenders.

Peninsula Energy Limited on its underwritten equity and debt project development funding and associated accelerated entitlement offer, placements, and convertible loan arrangements with major shareholders.

Grange Resources Limited on the development of the A\$4 billion Southdown Magnetite Project, including

Practices

Capital Markets

Commercial

Corporate Governance

Infrastructure, Energy, Resources, and Projects

Mergers and Acquisitions

Private Equity

Securities and Public Company Advisory

Areas of focus

Mining and Resources: Mining

Education and admissions

Education

B.A. (Hons), Kingston University

The University of Law, Guildford

Memberships

Law Society Of England And Wales

Law Society Of Western Australia

Law Society Of New South Wales

Australian Institute Of Company Directors

Law Council Of Australia – Business Law Section

Law Council Of Australia – Foreign Investment

advising on its joint venture arrangements, financing project development and structuring.

Grange Resources Limited on its merger with Australian Bulk Minerals, and on its underwritten non-renounceable entitlement offer and placements to substantial shareholders.

Noble Group on various equity investments in Australia, including the recapitalisations and merger of Cockatoo Coal Limited and Blackwood Corporation Limited.

Noble Group in connection with its successful takeover bid for iron ore miner Territory Resources Limited.

Anvil Mining on the \$1.3 billion takeover by Minmetals Resources Limited.

Extract Resources Limited on the \$2.2 billion takeover bid by Taurus Mineral Limited, an entity owned by CGNPC Uranium Resources Co and the China-Africa Development Fund.

Otto Energy Limited on its divestment of 100 per cent of its interest in the Galoc oil field to Nido Petroleum Limited.

Barings on the unitranche financing to The Riverside Company for its acquisition of Energy Exemplar.

Awards and rankings

- Commercial Law, *Best Lawyers (Australia)*, 2014-2021
- Corporate / Governance Practice, *Best Lawyers (Australia)*, 2014-2021
- Corporate Law, *Best Lawyers (Australia)*, 2014-2021
- Equity Capital Markets Law, *Best Lawyers (Australia)*, 2014-2021
- Mergers and Acquisitions Law, *Best Lawyers (Australia)*, 2014-2021

Court admissions

England and Wales

Supreme Court of New South Wales

Supreme Court of Western Australia

- Mining Law, *Best Lawyers (Australia)*, 2014-2021
- Natural Resources Law, *Best Lawyers (Australia)*, 2014-2021
- Acritas Star, *Acritas Stars Independently Rated Lawyers*, 2018-2019

Latest thinking and events

- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - The Future of Mining | Sustainability
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - Doing Business in Australia | Australia's foreign investment approval (FIRB) regime
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - Indonesian mining bill passed into law, poses new challenges and opportunities *Infrastructure, Energy, Resources, and Projects Alert*
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - Implications of COVID-19 on the Western Australian Mining Industry
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - Implications of COVID-19 on the Australian Mining Industry
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - Space Mining: The Australian Perspective