

Arnold Bloch Leibler

Lawyers and Advisers



Philip Chester, BEc LLB

Partner

- property and development
- project and property finance
- reconstruction and insolvency
- commercial and corporate

Philip Chester has a wide range of experience and expertise in banking and finance and property and development. He regularly advises on major commercial property and finance transactions.

A tenacious negotiator who pursues the best possible commercial result for his clients, Philip has acted for major banking groups, financial institutions, commercial borrowers, family businesses, partnerships and property developers.

Philip has been a partner of Arnold Bloch Leibler since 1991. In addition to his commercial practice, Philip has provided pro bono legal advice to many community organisations and institutions. He is also the President of the Zionist Federation of Australia. In 2003, Philip was awarded the Centenary Medal in recognition of his service to the Jewish community.

Practice focus

Philip is a member of the banking & finance, property & development and commercial & corporate groups. His practice focuses on the following areas:

- banking and finance, including acting for many banking and finance institutions in large property and corporate lending transactions, as well as acting for large commercial borrowers;
- commercial property, including sales and acquisitions advice, due diligence reviews, portfolio management advice to trustees, responsible entities, custodians and property syndicates;
- project and structured finance, negotiating mezzanine debt and venture capital arrangements, documenting large commercial transactions and negotiating workouts;
- reconstruction and insolvency, advising receivers, managers and voluntary administrators on complex insolvency issues; and
- commercial advice, including the sale and acquisition of major businesses, private business restructuring, succession planning, partnership, joint venture, financial and commercial agreements.

Major assignments

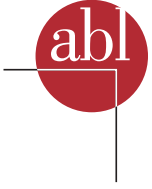
Philip has acted in a range of commercial property, finance and insolvency matters, including:

- Ashington Capital: in relation to the restructure of the Ashington Trust portfolio, which incorporates major hotel and development properties in Victoria, New South Wales and Queensland, including advising four major superannuation funds on their interests in these trusts;
- Timbercorp: acting for the receivers and managers in relation to the sale of certain agricultural assets associated with the administration;
- Centro: acting for the US debt providers and hedge funds in relation to the workout of the Centro Group;
- ANZ Banking Group: in relation to its debt exposure to the Babcock & Brown Group;
- various financial institutions: in relation to numerous finance and syndication agreements;
- mezzanine mortgage funds: in relation to the creation of such funds and preparing all relevant finance and security documentation for loans to be made by the funds;
- receivers of a major retirement village business: advising in relation to all agents of the receivership of the business;
- a major mortgage origination business: in relation to the negotiation of finance supply agreements; and
- various professional partnerships, including medical, legal and accounting practices.

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