

Arnold Bloch Leibler

Lawyers and Advisers



Ben Mahoney, BCom LLB LLM (Monash)

Partner

- banking and finance
- commercial and corporate
- property and development
- management investment schemes and financial services law
- restructuring and workouts

Ben Mahoney practises in commercial, and banking and finance law and focuses on large debt and equity financing and restructuring transactions. He has acted for major corporations, funds, entrepreneurs and family groups in a range of finance, capital raising, property development, restructuring and insolvency, and general commercial matters, including joint ventures, shareholder arrangements, business acquisitions and restructuring advice.

Ben joined Arnold Bloch Leibler in 1998 and was admitted to practice in 1999. A year later, he returned to Monash University to complete a Master of Laws (Banking and Finance). In 2002 and 2003, Ben worked in the finance and capital markets group of Mourant du Feu & Jeune, a Jersey-based commercial law firm specialising in international finance and commercial law. On returning to Arnold Bloch Leibler in 2003, Ben was appointed as a senior associate. He became a partner in 2006.

Practice focus

Ben's practice focuses on the following areas:

- banking and finance transactions, including negotiating and drafting large debt and equity financing transactions, capital raising, property development finance, project finance, mezzanine finance and intercreditor negotiating;
- managed investment scheme and financial services law;
- general commercial and corporate transactions, including joint ventures, shareholder arrangements, business acquisitions and restructuring advice; and
- large solvent and insolvent restructuring and workout transactions.

Major assignments

Ben has acted for major corporations, entrepreneurs and family groups in a range of general commercial matters, including:

- Alinta Energy: acting for the senior secured lenders in relation to insolvency planning for the Alinta trust and creditors' scheme;
- Centro Properties Group: acting for the unsecured noteholders in the initial corporate restructuring;
- Korda Mentha: acting for the receivers of the Record Realty Group;
- Orchard Group: in relation to the acquisition of Woolworth's \$850 million portfolio of regional distribution centres and numerous other financings;

- Visy Group: in relation to several \$500m+ acquisition and project multi-currency, multi-option syndicated finance transactions;
- ANZ Banking Group: in relation to corporate debt facilities, operating lease facilities, aircraft loan agreements and property finance transactions;
- APN Property Group: in relation to the establishment of several \$100m+ wholesale development funds and associated debt facilities.
- Becton Property Group: in relation to:
 - acting for the foundation owners in relation to Becton's listing;
 - capital raisings by Becton Investment Management Limited and Becton Developments Limited; and
 - the financing of many high-profile residential, retail, office, industrial and hotel development projects and acquisitions;
- Babcock & Brown: in relation to corporate transactions and refinancing;
- MAB Corporation: in relation to senior and mezzanine debt funding arrangements for residential developments in Melbourne's Docklands precinct and MAB industrial park developments.

Ben has also acted for a range of international financial institutions in an offshore environment (Jersey, Channel Islands) in relation to:

- regulatory capital raising;
- credit default swap structures;
- receivables financing conduits; and
- secured, guaranteed and/or credit-linked note programmes.

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