

Arnold Bloch Leibler

Lawyers and Advisers



Ross Paterson, BCom LLB (Hons) (Melb)

Partner

- mergers and acquisitions
- joint ventures
- capital raisings, and corporate and trust structuring
- wealth management, including estate and trust disputes
- corporations law

Ross Paterson practises in commercial and corporate, principally advising private clients. His major areas of work involve mergers and acquisitions and, in particular, business and company acquisitions and sales, and joint ventures.

In addition, combining his commercial, corporate and taxation practices, Ross offers strategic business succession, wealth management and succession advice to a broad spectrum of clients, from small to medium business owners to some of Australia's wealthiest individuals and family groups.

Ross graduated from the University of Melbourne with an honours degree in law and a degree in commerce with an accounting major. He joined Arnold Bloch Leibler in 1982 and became a partner in 1990.

Practice focus

Ross is a member of the commercial & corporate and private client practices. His practice focuses on the following areas:

- mergers and acquisitions, including due diligence and regulatory approvals, and preparation of acquisition and restructure documentation through to completion;
- stakeholder agreements, including partnership, shareholder and joint venture agreements; advising professional practices, including accounting, law and financial advisory firms;
- corporate restructuring, including both equity and debt raisings;
- wealth management, including business succession planning, asset protection, and succession planning; and
- estate, trust and family disputes.

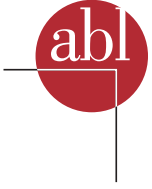
Major assignments

Ross has acted for major Australian corporations, high-net-worth individuals, family groups and private clients in a range of commercial, wealth management and taxation matters, including:

- Low Family Investments: in relation to the sale of fashion retailer Witchery to Gresham Private Equity, and the acquisition of the House retail business;
- The Royal Society: in relation to a dispute concerning the largest bequest received by the Society in its 350-year history;
- Daniel Besen: the sale of the Saba fashion retail business to the Apparel Group and the sale of his interest in Boost Juice to Riverside;
- Slater & Gordon: acting in its landmark listing on the ASX—the first law firm in the world to offer shares to the public and list on a recognised exchange;
- Slater & Gordon: in relation to the acquisition of numerous legal practices, including Trilby Misso and Keddies;
- GMK: in relation to its merger with Centric to form GMK Centric and the subsequent reacquisition of the accounting practice back from Centric; and
- BDO: in relation to the merger of the BDO practices in Melbourne and Sydney.

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