

HERBERT SMITH FREEHILLS' LEADING EXPERTISE RECOGNISED IN AUSTRALIA

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The market-leading expertise of Herbert Smith Freehills' Australian partnership has been recognised in the latest edition of Best Lawyers, with the firm named 'Law Firm of the Year' in the Mergers and Acquisitions and Financial Institutions categories.

Demonstrating the firm's diverse range of experience and expertise, Herbert Smith Freehills also had more lawyers recognised in the following categories than any other firm in Australia:

- Aviation Law
- Class Action Litigation
- Corporate/Governance Practice
- Energy Law
- Equipment Finance Law
- Equity Capital Markets Law
- Financial Institutions
- Investment Law
- Investment Funds

- Leveraged Buyouts
- Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- Non-Profit/Charities Law
- Project Finance and Development Practice
- Transportation Law

In addition, an impressive 22 Herbert Smith Freehills lawyers were named a 'Lawyer of the Year' in their practice area and state (full list below). The recognition is particularly significant given that only one lawyer in each practice area per state is named a Lawyer of the Year.

[Sue Gilchrist](#), Herbert Smith Freehills' Regional Managing Partner, Asia and Australia said: "I congratulate all of the Herbert Smith Freehills partners and their teams whose hard work, outstanding technical skill and exceptional client service has contributed to our success.

"Our unwavering focus is on providing the best possible service for our clients. To achieve that we work hard to attract and retain the best and brightest legal minds in the country. We are honoured to receive this recognition, which highlights the significant talent and capability within the firm."

The 2017 edition of Best Lawyers is based on more than 700,000 peer evaluations of lawyers on the basis of professional expertise. The lawyers who received the most peer votes in their practice area and state are named 'Lawyers of the Year'.

The Best Lawyers 'Law Firm of the Year' awards are based on information gathered from the peer review and the number of Lawyers of the Year in each firm, along with Best Lawyers' own research into the firm's activity and reputation in a given practice area.

Herbert Smith Freehills' Best Lawyers 'Lawyers of the Year' were:

BRISBANE

- [Jay Leary](#) - [Mining Law](#)
- [Matthew FitzGerald](#) - [Mergers and Acquisitions Law](#)
- [Michael Back](#) - Real Property Law
- [Michael Coonan](#) - Occupational Health & Safety Law

MELBOURNE

- [Baden Furphy](#) - Corporate/Governance Practice
- [Brendan Quinn](#) - [Project Finance and Development Practice](#)
- Bronwyn Lincoln - International Arbitration
- [Mark Breheny](#) - Equipment Finance Law
- [Tim McEwen](#) - [Equity Capital Markets Law](#)

PERTH

- [David Gray](#) - [Equity Capital Markets Law](#)
- [Frank Poeta](#) - Real Property Law
- [Konrad de Kerloy](#) - [Insolvency and Reorganization Law](#)
- [Stuart Barrymore](#) - [Energy Law](#)

SYDNEY

- [Andrew Pike](#) - [Commercial Law](#)
- [Fiona Smedley](#) - [Investment Funds](#)
- [Graeme Johnson](#) - [Public Law](#)
- [Jason Betts](#) - [Class Action Litigation](#)
- [John Angus](#) - [Equipment Finance Law](#)
- [Paul Hughes](#) - [Competition Law](#)

- [Philippa Stone](#) - Financial Institutions
- [Tony Damian](#) - [Mergers and Acquisitions Law](#)
- [Tony van Merwyk](#) - [Planning and Environmental Law](#)

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