



KATHRYN THORNTON OF COUNSEL

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Kathryn specialises in complex corporate and commercial transactions, primarily in the telecommunications, media and technology industry.

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BACKGROUND

Kathryn graduated from the University of Technology, Sydney, with bachelor's degrees in law (First Class Honours and the University Medal) and international studies (majoring in Chinese), and a Graduate Certificate of Legal Practice.

She is admitted as a Solicitor in the Supreme Court of New South Wales (Australia) and the High Court of Australia, and is a registered foreign lawyer in Singapore. Kathryn speaks basic Mandarin.

KEY SERVICES

Corporate
Mergers & Acquisitions

KEY SECTORS

Technology, Media and Telecommunications
Fintech

EXPERIENCE

Kathryn advises companies on private M&A, joint ventures, investments, corporate structuring and general corporate and commercial matters. She also has particular expertise in commercial supply and outsourcing arrangements (both technology and business process).

She has advised on a number of strategic telecommunications infrastructure and regulatory projects and network roll-outs in the ASEAN region, Europe and North Africa.

Kathryn has worked in Australia, Myanmar, Singapore and the United Kingdom, and has extensive experience in emerging markets.

Having lived and worked in Myanmar between 2012 and 2015, Kathryn is a key member of the firm's Myanmar practice group and regularly advises clients on their strategic entry into, and investment in, Myanmar.

Kathryn's prior experience includes advising:

- a big four UK bank on its arrangements with a fintech startup for the development of a strategic cloud-based core-banking platform based on blockchain technology for retail banking products, including the acquisition of a minority stake in the fintech company and related shareholder arrangements
- a major international telecommunications operator on its successful bid for one of two mobile telecommunications licences in Myanmar, all legal aspects of its establishment and network roll-out in the country, a joint venture with a leading Myanmar bank for mobile payments, and the establishment of payment service providers in Southeast Asia
- a major international telecommunications operator on a joint venture in Europe and the associated disposal of spectrum and telecommunications infrastructure by the combined entity to, and network sharing arrangements with, a third operator as part of the merging parties' EU Commission merger commitments
- Standard Chartered Bank on critical IT outsourcing projects as part of its multi-billion dollar IT investment programme, including negotiations with leading IT infrastructure and service providers for hosted technology and operational managed service platforms, cloud-based infrastructure, software licensing and services arrangements for the Bank's critical and BAU systems
- a leading multinational information technology company on the establishment of a strategic joint venture with a large Chinese private equity investor for its converged infrastructure business in China. The project included the US\$2 billion sale of a majority stake in the joint venture entity and the negotiation of key technology and manufacturing contracts

