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Rebecca is the Chair and Senior Partner of our firm and continues to spend her time advising clients and leading transactions.

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BACKGROUND

Rebecca has First Class Honours in Law and a Bachelor of Commerce from the University of Western Australia and a Bachelor of Civil Law from the University of Oxford. She is a member of the Takeovers Panel.

LATEST INSIGHTS

KEY SERVICES

Corporate
Capital Markets

KEY SECTORS

Mining
Technology, Media and Telecommunications

EXPERIENCE

Rebecca has advised leading Australian and international clients on transactions across a range of industries.

Rebecca has been either winner or a finalist in the Australian “Dealmaker of the Year” awards every year since 2011, and is rated by all major directories as a leading M&A and Equity Capital Markets lawyer. Chambers Global describes Rebecca as “brilliant” and “acclaimed for her deft handling of ECM and M&A matters”.

Rebecca lectures at the University of Sydney on topics relating to securities regulation and continuous disclosure.

Rebecca's experience includes,

- advised TPG Telecom on its \$15 billion merger with Vodafone Hutchison Australia and spin out and ASX listing of Singaporean business Tuas Limited
- advised JCDecaux on its acquisition of APN Outdoor by scheme of arrangement
- advised Accor on its acquisition of Mantra by scheme of arrangement
- advised Broadspectrum Limited on its takeover by Spanish bidder Ferrovial
- advised Veda Group on its acquisition by scheme of arrangement by US bidder Equifax
- advised IVE Group on its initial public offering
- advised Seven West Media on a range of transactions across equity capital markets and mergers & acquisitions
- advised Seven Group Holdings on its hard-fought successful acquisition of Nexus Energy – pioneering the “Deed of Company Arrangement Takeover”
- Advised David Jones on its takeover by scheme of arrangement by South African bidder Woolworths
- advised on the restructuring of Centro Properties Group which was completed in December 2011, including five interconditional schemes of arrangement and a \$9.4 billion sale of US property assets to a Blackstone fund – widely viewed as the most complex restructuring in Australia’s corporate history. This won M&A Deal of the year at the Capital CFO Awards 2012 and Australian Insolvency & Restructuring Deal of the Year Award at the 2012 ALB Australasian Law Awards
- advised Wesfarmers Limited on its sale of its Australian and NZ insurance underwriting division to IAG Limited
- advised Fairfax Digital on its competitive sale process, and ultimately the negotiated sale of, its online holiday rental business, Stayz Pty Limited
- advised Fairfax Media on the sale of the Southern Star Television and Production business to Endemol
- advised Fairfax Media in selling its controlling interest in Trade Me (New Zealand’s equivalent of eBay), in two tranches, for approximately \$777 million. Rebecca formerly advised on Fairfax Media’s acquisition then subsequent initial public offering of Trade Me
- advised on Seven Group Holdings’ media merger with West Australian Newspapers to create Seven West Media, and Seven’s merger with WesTrac by scheme of arrangement

- selected by Freehills to act as its deal lawyer in the negotiation of its own merger with Herbert Smith LLP
- advised on the back-to-back acquisition by Fairfax and Macquarie Media of Southern Cross Broadcasting
- advised Burns Philp on its hostile bid for Goodman Fielder and Centro on its hostile bid for AMP Shopping Centre Trust (both involved Takeovers Panel proceedings)
- acted as Rinker's defence in relation to the A\$17 billion hostile bid by Cemex, including Takeovers Panel proceedings against the bidder
- acted on the Metcash hostile bid (including hostile demerger) for Foodland and the Wesfarmers hostile bid for Howard Smith