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## **REBECCA MASLEN-STANNAGE**

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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

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## 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