

Jacob Blakely

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OVERVIEW

Jacob Blakely is a corporate and commercial lawyer with over 20 years' experience in private practice and funds management in Australia and New Zealand. His focus is on M&A, acquisitions and disposals of businesses, venture capital, restructures, corporate governance and providing general counsel advice on commercial and corporations law.

Jacob has extensive experience advising clients in a broad range of sectors, including technology, financial services, health, energy and manufacturing.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Prior to joining K&L Gates, Jacob worked in the corporate teams at leading New Zealand and Australian commercial law firms, including the Auckland office of Russell McVeagh. He has also previously worked in funds management at Macquarie Bank and AMP Capital in Sydney.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Listed by *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in Australia*™
  - Commercial Law, 2026
  - Mergers and Acquisitions Law, 2023-2026

EDUCATION

- Graduate Diploma in Management, Australian Graduate School of Management, 2013
- LL.B./B.Com., University of Canterbury, 2003
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ADMISSIONS

- High Court of New Zealand
- Supreme Court of New South Wales

NEWS & EVENTS

- 10 September 2026, K&L Gates Advises Cyient on the US$218 Million Acquisition of TAO Digital
- 7 July 2026, K&L Gates Advises Centuria Capital Group on AU$450 Million Capital Raising and Joint Venture Acquisition
- 4 September 2025, K&L Gates Advises Fredon Industries on AU$200 Million Strategic Acquisition by NRW Holdings
- 8 April 2025, K&L Gates Advises Fat Zebra on Acquisition of SecurePay From Australia Post

OTHER MEDIA MENTIONS

- Mentioned, "K&L Gates Advises Centuria Capital Group on AU$450 Million Capital Raising and Joint Venture Acquisition", *Europe Says*, 7 July 2026
- Mentioned, Canva scoops up Leonardo.AI with advice from top globals (Excerpt), *Australasian Lawyer*, 15 August 2024

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Corporate Governance
- Emerging Growth and Venture Capital
- Private Equity Transactions

INDUSTRIES

- Financial Services
- Private Equity

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Advised Telstra Limited, a subsidiary of Telstra Group Limited (ASX: TLS), an Australian telecommunications company, on the sale of Alliance Automation Pty Ltd to Verbrec Limited (ASX: VBC).

- Acted for certain minority shareholders in the Fredon Group companies in relation to the AU$245 million sale of Fredon Industries Pty Ltd to NRW Holdings Limited (ASX: NWH) and the related pre-sale restructuring of the interests of the shareholders in the group of companies of which Fredon Industries is the ultimate holding company.
- Acted for VetPartners Australia on its acquisition of the Pet Chemist business from Mad Paws.
- Acted for VC-backed Leonardo.ai on its cross-border acquisition by Canva, Inc.
- Advised Fat Zebra, an Australia-based provider of digital payment solutions across Australia, on its successful acquisition of all of the shares in SecurePay Pty Ltd from Australia Post. SecurePay is one of Australia's original online payments providers, with a 20-year track record and more than 35,000 businesses using its services.
- Advised Fat Zebra on its acquisition of all of the shares in Adatree Pty Ltd, a Sydney, Australia-based accredited data recipient transforming data solutions within the Consumer Data Right framework.
- Advised Fat Zebra Pty Ltd on the investment by Five V Capital to acquire a significant non-controlling shareholding in Fat Zebra from an exiting co-founder and the issuance of convertible redeemable preference shares in the capital of Fat Zebra to various fund entities managed by Five V.
- Advised a digital health software products, solutions, and platforms company on its AU$350 million acquisition of a leading medical practice management software company.
- Acted for VC-backed proptech ActivePipe on its sale to MoxiWorks, a US PE-backed buyer.
- Advised Human Financial Pty Ltd on its acquisition of all of the shares in ClearView Financial Management Limited.
- Advised Tecala, an Australia-based technology services provider on a capital raising.
- Advised a global manufacturer of wind turbines on its acquisition and divestment of a wind farm project in central Queensland, with an expected capacity of 340MW once developed.
- Acted for Gernis Holdings Pty Ltd ATF Gernis Trust in relation to the sale of all of the shares in 4Cabling Pty Ltd to New South Wales-based private equity firm Five V Capital. 4Cabling is one of Australia's leading providers of ethernet cables, server racks, and electrical accessories.
- Advised a leading global technology company on the sale of its electric motor and generator servicing business in Victoria.
- Advised a global broadcast group on its acquisition of a Sydney-based provider of live studio and production services.
- Advised an Australian company on the sale of its aerial surveying aircraft fleet.
- Advised a US company on the sale of its tower crane sales and rental business in Australia and New Zealand.
- Advised the sellers on the sale of a group of radiology and diagnostic imaging practices in Sydney.

- Advised a global building materials business on its acquisition of a manufacturer and supplier of specialist concrete joint products in New South Wales.