

Tom Farinelli

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OVERVIEW

Tom is a lawyer in the Sydney corporate group focusing on mergers and acquisitions, venture capital investments and general corporate advisory work.

He has experience assisting buyers and sellers of businesses across a range of sectors including technology, energy and financial services. He has also acted on venture capital financings for both emerging and growth companies, as well as for venture capital funds.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Tom completed a seasonal clerkship and graduate program at K&L Gates, where he worked on matters for clients in a variety of industries and sectors. Subsequently, Tom worked as a Competition and Consumer Lawyer, where he worked with clients in industries including retail, technology, and property and construction. He advised on compliance with the Australian Consumer Law and competition laws, and assisted with responding to regulatory investigations and reviewing businesses' consumer law compliance programs.

EDUCATION

- Bachelor of Laws , University of Technology, Sydney, 2021 *(Honours I)*
- Bachelor of Science (Biotechnology), University of Technology, Sydney, 2021

ADMISSIONS

- Supreme Court of New South Wales

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP *POWERED BY HUB*

- 17 January 2024, Australian Unfair Contract Terms Laws and International Business: High Court Finds Global Contract Subject to Australian Laws and Class Action Waiver Clause to be Unfair

- 10 November 2023, Expanded Unfair Contract Terms Regime Has Commenced - Are You Compliant?
- 20 July 2023, The ACCC's Eight Commandments for Environmental and Sustainability Claims and Avoiding Greenwashing and Breaches of the Australian Consumer Law
- 28 March 2023, Pricing and Selling of Essential Services, Greenwashing, Unfair Contract Terms, Among the ACCC's 2023-24 Compliance and Enforcement Priorities

NEWS & EVENTS

- 7 July 2026, K&L Gates Advises Centuria Capital Group on AU$450 Million Capital Raising and Joint Venture Acquisition
- 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

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Mergers and Acquisitions

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Acted for a consumer electronics business in its sale to an international buyer.
- Acted for an electricity retailer in its acquisition of a business that sells electricity usage monitors.
- Acted for the sellers on the sale of a real estate-focused digital product and service company to a private equity investor.
- Advised a large retailer on compliance with the unfair contract terms regime, including providing related Australian consumer law advice.