

George Bassil

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OVERVIEW

George Bassil is a special counsel based in Sydney, advising on Australian and international corporate and finance tax. His practice spans advisory, transactional and tax controversy work.

George advises on the domestic and cross-border tax aspects of inbound and outbound investment, public and private M&A, and corporate and trust restructures. He also has significant experience in fund establishment and investment, acting for managed funds. In finance, he advises on debt capital markets and on corporate, structured and project financings.

His clients include ASX-listed and unlisted corporates, private equity sponsors, Australian and offshore funds, and superannuation and financial services institutions. He also works across projects and real estate.

George also has experience advising high net worth individuals and family offices on a wide range of Australian and cross-border tax matters. This includes structuring and establishing private investment vehicles and funds, advising on philanthropic and charitable giving.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Prior to joining K&L Gates, George worked as a senior associate in the tax team at an Australian law firm in Sydney, advising on mergers and acquisitions, financing transactions, fund establishment and investment, real estate matters, and tax controversy and litigation. He also gained experience in corporate tax matters while working at a Big Four accounting firm.

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- The Tax Institute member
- Law Society of New South Wales
- Chartered Accountants Australia & New Zealand

EDUCATION

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- Bachelor of Laws and Commerce, Macquarie University, 2016

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Tax

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Advised and provided transaction assistance to an American private equity firm in relation to a strategic investment.
- Advised and provided transaction assistance in respect of the sale of an Australian business to a New Zealand conglomerate.
- Advised a jewellery company in relation to a recent investment by private equity.
- Advised a cybersecurity company in relation to its acquisition by American private equity.
- Advised a Japanese financial services group in relation to its role as arranger and financier in relation to a number of bilateral and syndicated real estate financings.
- Advised a food manufacturing supplier in relation to its sale to a Danish joint venture.
- Advised a fintech venture capital fund in relation to the launch of Oceania's first fit-for-purpose fintech fund.
- Advised an interactive entertainment company going private.
- Advised a medical technology company in relation to its IPO.
- Advised a property investment company in relation to various refinancing and development projects across Australia.