



Christopher Wille

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OVERVIEW

Christopher Wille is a real estate partner in the Brisbane office. He has over 20 years' experience advising clients on all aspects of commercial, industrial and retail property including property transactions, development and leasing.

Christopher has particular experience advising owners and investors on corporate real estate acquisitions and disposals including titling and structuring advice, contracts, put and call option agreements, lease backs and other transaction documents. He also advises on strata title projects and distressed property transactions including mortgagee and receiver sales.

He manages the day-to-day leasing work for some of Australia's major property owners, managers and tenants on a range of issues including major, bulky goods and specialty leasing, redevelopments and disputes.

Christopher also has unique experience relevant to particular industries including airports, ports and the healthcare sector.

He is valued by his clients for being accessible, easy to work with and his commercial approach.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Prior to joining the firm, Christopher was a real estate partner at a large Australian law firm. He has also held senior positions in other major Australian law firms.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Recommended as a projects and infrastructure lawyer in the *Asia Pacific Legal 500*, 2013 editorial.
- Named one of Australia's best lawyers in the *Association of Corporate Counsel* for Legal Department Benchmarking Report 2010.

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Law Society of Queensland member
- Property Council of Australia member

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Christopher regularly speaks at legal and industry conferences on legal issues that affect the property sector.

EDUCATION

- LL.B., Bond University, 1996

ADMISSIONS

- High Court of Australia
- Supreme Court of Queensland

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP POWERED BY HUB

- 21 July 2020, COVID-19: Retail and Commercial Leasing Matrix (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 23 June 2020, COVID-19: Retail and Commercial Leasing Matrix (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 2 June 2020, COVID-19: (Australia) Queensland Regulations for Commercial Leases (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 29 April 2020, COVID-19: (Australia) New WA COVID-19 Laws Sets Wider Net for Impacted Landlords/Tenants (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 24 April 2020, COVID-19: (Australia) QLD Parliament Introduces Code of Conduct Enabling Act: COVID-19 Emergency Response Act 2020 (Qld) (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 14 April 2020, COVID-19: (Australia) National Code of Conduct – Commercial Tenancies (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 9 April 2020, COVID-19: (Australia) Top 10 Principles - National Code set to Mandate Principles for Commercial Rent Relief (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 1 April 2020, COVID-19: (Australia): PM Morrison Announces Moratorium Laws to Prevent Tenant Evictions (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 24 November 2016, Franchising Update (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 16 September 2016, Retail Shop Leases Amendment Act 2016 (Qld) Commencement Date Set (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 18 May 2016, Retail Shop Leases Amendment Bill 2015: The Highlights (*Alerts/Updates*)

NEWS & EVENTS

- 15 February 2016, K&L Gates Welcomes Brisbane Real Estate Partner (*Press Release*)

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Real Estate
- Distressed Real Estate
- Real Estate Finance

INDUSTRIES

- Consumer Products
- Resort, Hospitality, and Leisure

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Acting for developers on various commercial, residential and mixed use projects including: Greater Springfield Specialist Suites, a medical suites tower at Health City in Greater Springfield, a residential tower at the entrance of Portside Wharf Hamilton involving around 250 apartments and ground floor retail.
- Acting for a private Chinese investor in all aspects of the purchase of Daydream Island Resort & Spa, Whitsunday Islands including due diligence, structuring advice, stamp duty advice, business transfers, negotiation of transaction documents and assignment of Crown lease interests.
- Acting for Brisbane Airport Corporation in connection with the Domestic Terminal redevelopment project including major airline leasing.
- Acting for Springfield City Group in relation to leasing and property matters across Greater Springfield.
- Acting for the Port of Brisbane and other private port operators on tenure and leasing arrangements including long terms leases, State leasehold interests and planning matters.
- Acting for the developer in connection with Midtown Centre Project in Brisbane CBD. The project involves re-purposing two existing commercial towers of 26,000m² of commercial space and combining them into a single premium grade office tower of 42,000m².
- Acting for a Chinese investor in the due diligence of Norwell Valley between Brisbane and the Gold Coast comprising over 6,000ha of sugar cane farmland for development as a master planned city.
- Acting for the Port of Brisbane in connection with the delivery of the Brisbane International Cruise Terminal at Luggage Point. Work included advising in relation to advice on tenure matters including perpetual lease terms and various long term wet and dry lease and sublease interests and project co-ordination.