

Chris Parke

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Overview

Chris is a partner in our Corporate and Commercial team. He has extensive experience in all aspects of corporate and commercial law and specialises in advising clients on mergers and acquisitions. He also works closely with our Construction team on the commercial aspects of large infrastructure projects.

Chris assists both New Zealand and overseas clients to buy and sell businesses, form joint ventures, and raise capital. He assists with all stages of these transactions from due diligence, through to documentation and advising on regulatory processes. He also advises clients on a range of commercial arrangements, such as supply agreements, distribution contracts and licensing agreements. He works closely with in-house counsel, owners and c-suite executives.

Chris's work with infrastructure clients includes advising on aspects of each of the public private partnership (PPP) projects undertaken in New Zealand. He also helps infrastructure companies establish joint ventures, and advises them on the corporate structures they need to set up to deliver large infrastructure projects.

Chris is pragmatic and understands the commercial imperatives that drive clients. He helps clients strike a deal that meets their commercial aims while managing their risk.

Experience

- **Garmin:** Advised on its acquisition of the business assets and shares of Fusion Electronics Limited. As a result, Garmin entered the New Zealand marine, aviation and automotive technology market.
- **Confidential client:** Advised a New Zealand technology company on a suite of distribution agreements to distribute its products in various overseas jurisdictions, including Brazil, China and the USA.
- **George Weston Foods:** Advised on a range of corporate, commercial and transactional issues over the past 15 years.
- **Pact Group:** Advised on its acquisition of T&G Global's crate-hire unit 'Fruit Case Co', including the company's assets, brands and trademarks.

Recognition

- *The Legal 500 Asia Pacific* 2019 and 2021: Recognised as Recommended Individual for Corporate and M&A.
- *The Chambers Asia Pacific* 2020 and 2021: Ranked Lawyer.
- *IFLR 1000* 2019: Awarded as Notable Practitioner.

Insights

- Co-author, "Reform of the overseas investment rules – second phase," *Kensington Swan Newsflash*, April 17, 2019

Activities and Affiliations

Prior and Present Employment

- Dentons Kensington Swan (formerly Kensington Swan), 1997-Present

Areas of focus

Practices

- Overseas Investment

Industry sectors

- Japan Business

Education

- University of Auckland, 1995, LLB

Admissions and qualifications

- New Zealand, 1995