

David Lewis

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Overview

David has over 30 years' experience as a corporate lawyer specialising in mergers and acquisitions, company law and restructuring, as well as commercial and legal issues associated with buying and selling goods and services. He has particular expertise in regulatory and commercial issues relating to medicines, medical devices, clinical trials and primary healthcare.

David advises New Zealand entrepreneurs and large private companies as well as local subsidiaries of multinational companies. Those clients are involved in a wide range of businesses including the pharmaceuticals and medical devices, importing and distributing fast-moving consumer goods, manufacturing, retailing and investment.

David also has significant experience in overseas investment advice, shareholder disputes and corporate restructuring.

Experience

- **Medical:** Advice to overseas pharmaceutical companies on clinical trial agreements and indemnity arrangements in New Zealand.
- **Several retailers and FMCG companies:** Advised on promotional and advertising campaigns, including dealing with ASA complaints, and Commerce Commission investigations.
- **Multinational pharmaceutical companies:** Advised in contract negotiations with the Government funding agency (Pharmac) and issues in relation to Medsafe.
- **Investment company:** Advised on the successful sale of a nationwide retailer to a listed investment company.
- **International business medical:** Advised on the New Zealand leg of a multi-jurisdictional transaction disposing of New Zealand cardiology and endovascular business.
- **International business medical:** Advised on the New Zealand leg of a multi-jurisdictional transaction disposing of a business associated with neurosurgery procedures.

- **International business medical:** Advised on the New Zealand leg of multi-jurisdictional acquisition of an implant business.
- **Cannabis:** Advice on regulatory and commercial issues associated with cannabis products.

Recognition

- *The Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2019:* Recommended Lawyer

Activities and Affiliations

Served 10 years as the Honorary Consul for Uruguay in Auckland (ceased August 2019)

Areas of focus

Practices

- Corporate
- Mergers and Acquisitions

Industry sectors

- Life Sciences and Health Care

Education

- University of Auckland, Bachelor of Arts
- University of Auckland, Bachelor of Laws (Honours), LLB

Admissions and qualifications

- New Zealand, 1983