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Overview

Paul is a partner in our Real Estate Team. He is a specialist in commercial property and construction law.

Paul has over 30 years' legal experience advising private businesses, government agencies and public entities on a broad range of property matters. These include all aspects of leasing, property management disputes, ownership structures, design build and lease agreements, ground leases, construction and development agreements. Paul has advised on earthquake prone building issues, including exit policies for clients with large property portfolios, and property related health and safety obligations.

Paul also has considerable experience providing front-end advice on a broad range of construction contracts, associated consultancy agreements and early contractor involvement agreements.

With his particular focus on acting for and advising government agencies, Paul has a deep understanding of the drivers and considerations that apply in that sector, which are often markedly different from those that apply in the private sector.

Experience

- **NZ Transport Agency:** Advising on all property-related matters in relation to its national property portfolio of in excess of 4,000 properties, including leasing and licensing of those properties, acquisition, and access agreements, advising on Public Works Act issues including "offer back" obligations and obligations, disposal or transfer for another public work, easements and encumbrances.
- **Confidential client:** Advising the Singaporean owner on all leasing and development agreements in relation to its multi-tenanted mixed office, retail, food court, childcare and fitness use complex of buildings in Wellington.
- **New Zealand Post:** Advice in relation to its Seismic Risk Policy regarding the seismic performance of owned/occupied properties nationwide and devising with them an exit strategy for the highest risk properties.
- **Ministry of Education (Education Infrastructure Services):** Advising on a review and updating of its template construction contract documentation, and negotiating construction contracts and associated

documents for numerous school projects.

- **Airways Corporation of New Zealand:** Advising and negotiating the construction contract for the iconic new control tower at Wellington Airport.

Activities and Affiliations

Memberships

- New Zealand Law Society

Prior and Present Employment

- Dentons Kensington Swan (formerly Kensington Swan), 2018–present
- Chapman Tripp, 2006–2018
- Property developer, 2001–2006
- Charles Russell Speechlys LLP, 1998–2001
- Fladgate LLP, 1988–1998

Areas of focus

Practices

- Real Estate

Industry sectors

- Government
- Infrastructure and PPP

Education

- London University, 1983, Bachelor of Laws, LLB

Admissions and qualifications

- Barrister, High Court Of England and Wales, 1988
- Barrister, High Court of New Zealand, 2006