

# Michael Shanahan

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Corporate and commercial law

Securities law

Private equity

Mergers, acquisitions and disposals



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## HOW CAN MICHAEL HELP YOU

Michael spent over four years in a major New Zealand commercial law firm working on a wide range of corporate and securities-based transactional and advisory work, including public securities offerings, property-based developments and investment schemes, private equity and funds, mergers, acquisitions and disposals and general corporate advisory.

More recently, Michael spent over two years in London working with leading international firms gaining transactional experience in private equity and funds, mergers, acquisitions and disposals, as well as corporate, commercial and general advisory work.

## SOME OF MICHAEL'S MAJOR PROJECTS

### Mergers, acquisitions and disposals, joint ventures and investments

- Advising Leasetech International Limited in relation to its acquisition of the equipment leasing business of Numeria Leasing Limited
- Acting for Canary Wharf Group on a joint venture with the Morgan Stanley Real Estate Fund relating to an office building development project in the City of London
- Advising Jucy Group Limited on its acquisition of Cruising Milford Sound Limited
- Advising a European private equity firm in relation to exit strategies on various of its New Zealand investments
- Assisting with the sale of a European investment banking and advisory firm, Stamford Partners, to an Icelandic investment bank
- Acting for Environmental Resources Management, an international environmental consultancy firm, and its Management in relation to a buy-out led by European private equity firm Bridgepoint
- Assisting a group of private investors with the acquisition of a group of Hotels in Mayfair, central London
- Advising Unilever Ventures N.V. (the European private investment arm of the Unilever Group) in relation to various investments in food and beverage companies
- Assisting and advising Duke Street Capital, a European private equity buy-out house, with various acquisitions in the European 'food-to-go' sector
- Advising AMP Capital Investors in relation to a joint-venture investment in a retirement village development project in Papamoa
- Acting for and advising the former owner of the BBQ Factory in relation to the

sale of the BBQ Factory business

- Major projects
- Advising a major investment fund bidder in relation to its due diligence of, and tender for, the Westhaven and Hobson West Marinas in Auckland
- Assisting a Macquarie bank with conception and development of a complex property owning partnership involving a securitisation and a public offer of participatory securities
- Preparing and advising on a heads of agreement for Ports of Auckland Limited relating to the provision of long-term rail freight services
- Providing New Zealand law advice to a major overseas mining company in relation to a proposed off-shore mining project
- Acting for a commercial property developer in relation to the acquisition, funding, development, tenancy and on-sale of a commercial building in downtown Auckland
- Assisting with the New Zealand establishment of Australian financial services provider, CrediFlex Pty Limited

#### Securities

- Advising Radius Asset Management Limited in relation to the establishment of a proportionate ownership scheme for a retirement village complex in Palmerston North
- Providing general securities law advice to both private and listed New Zealand and Australian companies in relation to securities offerings and related compliance matters
- Advising Ports of Auckland Limited on preparation of public offer documentation relating to marina securities offerings

#### General corporate, commercial and advisory

- Advising Radius Properties Limited and related entities in relation to various corporate, banking and general commercial matters
- Advising manufacturing firm, Burns and Ferrall, in relation to various corporate and commercial matters
- Advising the European Chemical Industries Association on the establishment and implementation of a global franchise operation to oversee and advise world-wide members of the chemicals industry on the implementation of the REACH (Registration, Evaluation and Authorisation of Chemicals) Regulations
- Advising the former owner of the BBQ Factory business in relation to general corporate, commercial and financial aspects of its operations, licensing and franchising, manufacturing and supply agreements and intellectual property-related aspects of its operations
- Advising and preparing advice for the former owners of a large block of land compulsorily acquired under historic public works legislation and the previous owners' rights under the Public Works Act 1981

#### WORK HISTORY

Partner, Anderson Creagh Lai (current)

Senior Associate, Anderson Creagh Lai July 2007 – March 2008

Solicitor, Mayer Brown International LLP (London) 2006 – 2007

Solicitor, SJ Berwin LLP (London) 2005 – 2006

Solicitor, Minter Ellison Rudd Watts 2001 – 2005