

Stephen Anderson

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Corporate and commercial law
Mergers and acquisitions
Securities law
Competition law



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HOW CAN STEPHEN HELP YOU?

Stephen's reputation arises from his depth of experience across a range of corporate and commercial law areas.

In recent years, he has acted for clients in a range of industries including gas, electricity, glass, airlines, insurance, health, superannuation, stockbroking, salt, magazine publishing, pharmaceuticals, meat and hides, manufacturing, retail, professional engineering, telecoms, IT, liquor and entertainment.

In those transactions Stephen was involved in both direct and strategic advice relative to project implementation, due diligence and agreement negotiation and structuring, together with related advice in the relevant regulatory environment including Securities Act, Commerce Act, and NZX Listing Rules.

Stephen was listed in the 2000 edition of Chambers Global – the World's Leading Lawyers – 2000-2001 one of the leading individual lawyers in New Zealand in the company/commercial/M&A category.

SOME OF STEPHEN'S MAJOR PROJECTS

- Advised (in co-adviser role with a major law firm) on the New Zealand law aspects of BG's proposed acquisition of Origin Energy in Australia
- Advised vendor interests in sale of Simply You business to APN
- Advised Rosetta Resorts Fund LLC on New Zealand investments
- Advised Aotearoa Credit Union on corporate and related matters
- Advised MediMedia (NZ) Limited (now CMP Medica NZ Limited) on its acquisition of Adis International
- Advised Red Rooster NZ Ltd on the negotiation of its master New Zealand franchise agreement
- Advised private equity investor in capitalisation of Telemetry Research Limited
- Advised investor in the capitalisation of the LandCo Group of Companies
- Advised Vodafone NZ in respect of its Woosh! investment

[MAJOR PROJECTS CONTINUED...]

- Senior partner in a team advising United Networks Limited on a range of matters including:
 - the sale of its entire business (gas, electricity and telecommunications) to three different regional purchasers after extensive due diligence, followed by full takeover bid by Vector
 - the sell down of its 51% interest in Horizon Energy Distribution Limited
 - its acquisition of Orion Gas Network in the North Island
 - the outsourcing of its maintenance and minor capital works to Siemens Energy Services
 - its corporate and asset restructuring (as Power New Zealand Limited) following the Electricity Industry Reform Act 1998
 - the establishment and operations of its broadband communications network project
- Advised Owens Illinois on the New Zealand aspects of its worldwide acquisition of glass interests of BTR/ACI Australia
- Advised e-Partners (News Corporation and Softbank) on the sale of its majority stake in e-Ventures to Heatley interests
- Advised Force Corporation on various matters including:
 - its cinema joint venture restructure with Hoyts and Village Roadshow
 - its merger proposal with i-hug
 - the takeover by SkyCity – acquisition of 51% interest from Francis Securities
 - its recapitalisation by rights issue of convertible notes
 - its reverse takeover Ascot Management Limited
- Advised News Limited on the New Zealand law aspects of the sale of Ansett Australia to Air New Zealand
- Advised Pepsico Inc, as lead partner in a team, on the sale of New Zealand KFC and Pizza Hutt stores into Restaurant Brands New Zealand Limited float as listed company, and managed the legal aspects including prospectus preparation and due diligence for vendor

WORK HISTORY

Partner, Anderson Creagh Lai (current)

Consultant, Minter Ellison Rudd Watts (2005 – 2006)

Commercial Barrister (July 2002 – 2005)

Partner, Chapman Tripp (predecessor firm) (1980 – 2002)

Partner, Simpson Coates Clapshaw
(predecessor firm to Simpson Grierson) (1974 – 1980)

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