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Practice Leader
Land Use & Management
Commercial Projects



What drives my work is the opportunity to partner with clients, helping to shape and propel their significant projects to success.



A leading corporate and commercial lawyer who specialises in transactions and commercial arrangements in the mining, resources and renewables sector.

Introduction

Charles has a vast range of experience in helping clients with structuring, financing and implementing major projects in the mining, resources and renewables sectors.

Charles has practiced in top tier firms in Australia and was a partner for more than 10 years in major UK international law firms. He has acted on domestic matters as well as cross border transactions on in-bound and out-bound foreign investment. Before joining AJ&Co Lawyers, Charles was an in-house lawyer with an international mining company.

Expertise

- acquisitions and disposal of project interests and assets
- investor arrangements, joint-ventures, farm-ins and royalty arrangements
- major project agreements including supply, offtake, sales and marketing, and operation and management agreements
- corporate governance and ASX listing rule obligations
- land access, cultural heritage and environmental offsets

Experience

Recent transactions of note include:

- advising an ASX listed company on establishing a high purity alumina refinery from start-up to \$700m market cap
- acting on a farm-in agreement for a private coal company with major Japanese trading house and subsequent investment by a US private equity fund
- representing an ASX listed lithium miner on various Canadian asset acquisitions and capital raisings
- acting on the sale and acquisition of joint venture interests for listed and unlisted companies in coal, gold and copper mining ventures
- acting on the acquisition of an oil and petroleum product trading company with operations in six countries
- acting on the sale of \$800m direct reduction iron plant
- advising an investment consortium selling a substantial interest in a listed power generator
- acting on the sale of a \$600m pipeline consortium
- advising a joint venture establishing a gypsum quarry and associated wallboard factory
- establishing an oilfield services company with operations in four countries
- acting on the financing of an antimony and gold processing plant
- acting on numerous power and water projects in structuring and acquiring interests
- representing the founders establishing a US\$100m steel pipe mill
- acting for listed and unlisted mining companies in tenement acquisitions in Australia and internationally for coal, lithium, copper, gold, zinc and other critical and industrial minerals and metals

Qualifications

- Solicitor – Supreme Court of Queensland
- Bachelor of Laws (Honours), Victoria University of Wellington
- Master of Business, University of Technology Sydney
- Master of Science (Distinction), University of Sussex



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