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Ashley joined McGrathNicol in November 2006 and is a partner in Transaction Services. Prior to this Ashley worked at Ernst & Young for 12 years specialising in Transaction Services. Ashley has extensive experience domestically and internationally advising both private equity and corporate clients.

Ashley's experience includes acquisition due diligence, sell side assistance and pre-sale due diligence, pre lending due diligence, deal and negotiation support, forecast assessment and evaluation, transaction project management and post deal integration. Ashley has worked in the US and NZ across a broad range of industries.

Experience

Industry Sector Experience

Ashley's transaction services experience covers industries such as professional services, manufacturing, retail and distribution, hotel gaming and leisure, financial services, construction, software, technology, and transportation services. Examples include:

Acquisition due diligence:

- Financial services sector acquisition of a A\$2.3bn loan book and related back office;
- Funds management sector public company carve out;
- JPMorgan Partners acquisition of WACO INT for ~A\$1.1bn;
- Gresham PE's acquisition of Pacific Print Group for ~A\$200m (NZ);
- Gresham PE's acquisition of Noel Leeming Group for ~A\$140m (NZ);
- Newbridge Capital's takeover bid for ALH for ~A\$1.1bn; and

Pre-sale due diligence:

- Financial services sector, planned sale of a A\$5bn+ wholesale mortgage business;
- AMP and Catalyst PE's sale of Olex Cables for A\$515m;
- Catalyst and Advent PE's sale of Taverner Hotel Group for A\$383m;
- Vivendi Universal during the merger of their subsidiary Vivendi Universal Entertainment to NBC, a subsidiary of General Electrics ~US\$13bn (US);
- Auscap Closure Systems sale to Hastings PE for >A\$50m; and
- SIRVA Inc sale of their Records Management business for >A\$30m;

Qualifications

Member, Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia
 Bachelor of Commerce, Deakin University Geelong