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Educational and research institutions have their own unique set of challenging issues. Finlaysons understands that the commercial and regulatory environment is complex and “red tape” is difficult to unravel. That is why we have a dedicated team to assist your institutions to understand, comply and flourish in a demanding legal environment.

#### **Our Expertise Includes:**

##### **Commercial agreements**

- Drafting and negotiating constitutions, shareholders agreements, participants agreements, Commonwealth and State government funding agreements.

##### **Dispute resolution**

- Acting in disputes regarding the control and treatment of research funding.
- Advising on Auditor-General investigations regarding the expenditure of public funds.

##### **Employment**

- Advising on secondment arrangements.
- Drafting employment contracts in a wide range of industry sectors.

##### **Intellectual property**

- Drafting and negotiating IP licences and commercialisation agreements.
- Advising multinational research-based entities on patent strategies and enforcement.

##### **Property and infrastructure**

- Negotiating and drafting major design and construction contracts.
- Advising on acquisitions, disposals, divisions and approval processes (including in respect of shopping centres and office buildings).
- Due diligence on property acquisitions and disposals.

##### **Taxation**

- Advising on taxation requirements (including CGT, GST and income tax) for not-for-profit organisations.
- Advising companies limited by guarantee on eligibility for various payroll and Commonwealth tax concessions (including DGR and tax exempt status).

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We work in partnership with you to develop a long-term and productive working relationship that is built on mutual trust and respect. Clients come to us because of our reputation; they stay because of the experience.

### Finlaysons' Practice Areas

#### Industry Areas

- Agribusiness
- Banking and Finance
- Defence
- Education and Research
- Energy
- Family Business & Private Wealth Management
- Health
- Insurance
- Property and Development
- Resources
- Wine

#### Specialty Areas

- China
- Corporate
- Environment, Climate Change and Planning
- Intellectual Property
- Planning
- Risk and Dispute Management
- Tax and Revenue
- Wills, Estates and Succession Planning
- Workplace Relations and Safety

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