

Private Client Services

Delivering Exceptional
Outcomes for Your Life,
Business and Legacy



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Providing forward-thinking
and authentic guidance to
help safeguard your wealth,
protect your family and build
your legacy



Who we assist

Business Owners and Entrepreneurs

We provide strategic legal advice to high-value family businesses and entrepreneurs in areas such as business structuring, transactions, intellectual property, private M&A, governance, and dispute resolution. As well as supporting your business operations, our team can also help plan for the future with succession planning, wealth preservation and estate structuring. With deep experience supporting commercial operations, we provide clear and practical guidance to help you drive growth and protect the interests of the business and safeguard your longterm financial security.

Family Offices

As your trusted legal advisors we can provide strategic advice regarding wealth management, governance, succession planning and family enterprise. Depending on the structure of your Family Office, we can either work seamlessly alongside your existing advisors or engage our extensive network to provide steadfast guidance and overcome challenges. Adopting a transparent, collaborative and forward-thinking approach, we align our legal strategies with your values to protect and grow your family's legacy for generations to come.

Individuals and Families

With decades of experience assisting high-net-worth individuals and families, we provide dependable advice at all stages of your life journey. We act as your trusted advisors in complex personal matters, from relationship breakdowns, children's matters and estate planning to private litigation, personal finance and investments as well as reputation management. Our team combines comprehensive legal knowledge with a close understanding of your personal circumstances. We provide clear and trustworthy advice that empowers you to make informed decisions, to protect your interests and secure peace of mind for you and your family's future.

Philanthropists and Not-For-Profits

We work with a wide range of individuals and organisations to structure and manage their charitable giving and investment strategies effectively. Our team of trusted advisors provide guidance on corporate structuring, trusts, governance and tax implications and have a proven track record in resolving complex issues, including ownership interests, estate disputes, funding agreements and shareholder negotiations. As longstanding supporters of philanthropy, we understand your challenges and take a strategic, solutions-focused approach to help simplify your giving and investment strategies, and maximise your impact.

Guiding you through
every step of the way
with clarity, structure
and confidence



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How we can help

You deserve support through every stage of your journey, whether your needs are commercial, personal or philanthropic. With legal advice tailored to your evolving needs, you gain steady guidance, clarity, and confidence.

Commercial Operations and Management

Commercial operations and management come with challenges, including complex contracts, compliance risks, and unexpected disputes. We work together to simplify the legal side of your business, protect your assets, manage risk, and support confident decision-making. With the right legal advice, your operations run more smoothly, securely, and with fewer surprises.

Personal Affairs

Personal affairs often involve sensitive and complex challenges. We help you navigate these with care and clarity, ensuring your rights are protected and your wishes respected. Whether you're planning for the future or facing a difficult life event, the right legal advice brings peace of mind, practical solutions, and the support you need to move forward with confidence.

Investment and Philanthropy

Investment and philanthropy involve important decisions that carry both opportunity and risk. Our advisors work with you to navigate legal and regulatory complexities, protect your interests, and align your actions with your goals and values. Whether you're growing your portfolio or giving back to causes that matter, the support of a trusted legal advisor provides clarity, structure, and confidence every step of the way.

“I've had the opportunity to work with various sections of HopgoodGanim Lawyers, including the tax section, estates section, and family law section. I must say that my experience with each of them has been nothing short of excellent. The team members have been attentive, communicative, and have consistently made me feel like a valued client.”

Global Oil Company Executive

Supporting your business
with practical guidance
on commercial operations
and management



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Commercial Operations and Management

Our approach to commercial operations and management combines practical guidance with proactive legal solutions, supporting entrepreneurship by helping you navigate risks, streamline processes, and protect your business so you can focus on growth with confidence.

Executive and personal employment

Whether you're a business owner, board member, or individual, we support you with practical guidance and tailored solutions that protect and empower your people.

Workplace policies, procedures and compliance

Employee performance management and IP protection

Employment disputes and investigations

General employment queries

Governance

We help you navigate governance issues by ensuring your business structures, board processes, and compliance frameworks are clear, effective, and aligned with your goals.

Establish Advisory Board or guidance

Strategy workshops and facilitation

Separate family and business matters

Risk appetite and framework development

Develop/review board charters

Board performance and committee reviews

Review CEO/MD performance and alignment

Private enterprise, business services and trusts

We help entrepreneurs and privately-owned businesses strengthen and grow by advising on the right structure and strategy, whether you're expanding, restructuring, acquiring, or managing key people issues.

Commercial contracts

Business sales, acquisitions and financing

Business and tax structuring

IP protection and management

Partnership and shareholder agreements

Technology, privacy and data protection

Providing strategic and
compassionate advice to
help manage your personal
affairs with confidence



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Personal Affairs

We provide practical, effective advice and compassionate legal support for personal affairs, helping you protect your interests, plan ahead, and navigate life's challenges with confidence, peace of mind, and a focus on family unity and harmony.

Guardianship and administration

We help you navigate guardianship and administration matters with compassion and clarity, providing peace of mind and protection for those who depend on you.

Appointment of a guardian or administrator

Relocation or living arrangement disputes

Contested guardianship and administration matters

Cross-border or international guardianship

Family provision claims

Third party family law matters

Wills, Estates and Succession

We offer careful, considered and precise estate planning and succession advice, ensuring your wishes are honored, your assets are protected, and your loved ones are cared for.

Wills and testamentary trusts

Superannuation

Estate probate and administration

Family loans and asset protection

Enduring Power of Attorney

QCAT proceedings

Elder law, health and aged care

Empathetic advice and practical advice to help you navigate elder law, health, and aged care legal issues with clarity.

Enduring Power of Attorney

Estate administration and probate

Elder abuse and protection

Health care directives

Aged care and retirement planning

Capacity and incapacity planning

Family agreements and succession planning

Superannuation and trust planning

Privacy, data protection and reputation management

We help you protect your privacy, manage data securely, and safeguard your reputation.

Non-disclosure agreements

Insolvency

Cyber advisory

Professional negligence and PI claims

Defamation

Intercine partnerships

Family and Relationship Law

Supporting you through complex and sensitive family law matters with expert, compassionate guidance.

Prenuptial and cohabitation agreements

Cross-border and international relationship agreements

Loan and gift arrangements

Financial and parenting disputes

Child maintenance trusts

Helping you navigate
investment and
philanthropy with
clarity and purpose



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Investment and Philanthropy

We offer clear, strategic advice and dedicated legal support for investment and philanthropy, helping you align your actions with your values to build financial prosperity, protect your wealth, and strengthen your community – making a meaningful impact with confidence and assurance.

Charity, Philanthropy & NFP

Whether you're setting up a new entity, managing governance, ensuring compliance, or structuring donations, we can help.

Succession and continuity planning	ACNC and regulatory obligations
Beneficiary nominations	Tax-efficient giving strategies
Family trust and private wealth structuring	Capital raising and impact investing strategies
Foundation charters and constitutions	

Superannuation

We provide clear, practical legal guidance to help you confidently manage all aspects of superannuation.

Self-Managed Superannuation Funds	Limited resource loans in superannuation funds
Binding Death Benefit Nominations	

Personal banking, finance and investment

We help you navigate personal banking and finance matters with confidence.

Corporate and business finance	Financial regulation and compliance
Project finance	

Taxation

Strategic, tailored tax advice to help you minimise risks, reduce costs, and make confident, commercially sound decisions.

Asset protection strategies	ATO compliance, audits and disputes
CGT rollovers	Governance frameworks for compliance and risk management
Distribution notices and resolutions	

Real property and contract reviews

We support your property goals across acquisitions, leasing, development, and management to protect and grow your investments.

Commercial and mixed-use development projects	Land tenure issues
Acquisition and disposal of assets in all property classes	Land development projects
Commercial leasing	

Private litigation and dispute resolution

We resolve disputes efficiently through practical legal solutions that protect your interests and keep your business moving forward.

Business related disputes

Insurance claims and policy disputes

Interneecine partnerships

Personal Solvency

If you are facing financial challenges, you can rely on our advice to navigate personal solvency and protect your future.

Corporate and business finance

Financial regulation and compliance

Project finance

We're ready to assist

Our Private Clients team offers an expansive array of services, providing comprehensive legal guidance that spans across diverse private and commercial matters. To get started, reach out to our Private Client sector leaders below or book a confidential consultation with our team.



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How we delivered exceptional outcomes for Dean Wanless and the Wanless Group



The Wanless Group is a family-owned and operated business that originated as an automotive and metal recycler in the Ipswich region in the late 1950s. Now an industry leader in waste management and recycling, the Wanless Group uses its experience in resource recovery to provide sustainable outcomes for businesses – to help protect the greater environment and deliver a cleaner future.

HopgoodGanim Lawyers first partnered with the Wanless Group in 1997 to assist with the purchase of multiple properties that would soon become their principal recycling site in Coopers Plains.

Today, we provide the Wanless Group with a range of tailored legal solutions to assist their operations, including mergers and acquisitions, employment services, tax advisory, commercial litigation, commercial contracts, property advisory, environment and planning matters, financing, IP and trademarks, as well as providing advice relating to workplace health and safety.

Across HopgoodGanim, the Wanless Group have been assisted by nine practice groups and over 25 lead practitioners, and together, we have enjoyed a 28-year partnership. HopgoodGanim recently assisted the Wanless Group in relation to the acquisition and sale of various waste transportation and logistics businesses throughout Australia, including the sale of some of the group's commercial and industrial waste operations in Queensland for over \$80 million, and the acquisition of several recycling businesses in NSW, Queensland and Victoria.

Outside of our commercial offering to the Wanless Group, our relationship has grown to include not only the broader group of Wanless companies, but the immediate Wanless family.

Our Private Clients team continue to assist the Wanless family with a range of private legal services, including estate and succession planning, private property purchases, leasing and sales, and tax advice in relation to the family's asset portfolio.

"We are proud to have worked alongside Dean, his family, and the wider Wanless Group for almost 30 years. It's a privilege to not only help them deliver a sustainable future for the wider community, but to help secure the future of their business and their family." said Tim Scanlan, Partner in our Private Enterprise practice and a leader of our Private Clients sector team.

"Having a holistic view of their business operations and family matters means that we can provide incredibly personalised and strategic advice to help them achieve exceptional outcomes in both of these areas. The Wanless' are genuine and forward-thinking, and we've been delighted to work with them for so many years."

HopgoodGanim are grateful to have shared a long-standing partnership with the Wanless Group and the Wanless family for more than half of our history.



Learn more about how we assist
Dean Wanless and the Wanless Group



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