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Ashley joined McGrathNicol in November 2006 and is a Partner in the Transaction Services group. Prior to joining McGrathNicol, Ashley worked with Ernst & Young for 12 years. Ashley has specialised in Transaction Services for the past 8 years, with extensive experience domestically and internationally for both private equity and corporate clients.

Ashley's extensive 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.

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#### *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:

- 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;
- SIRVA Inc sale of their Records Management business for >A\$30m;
- acquisition due diligence;
- 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 the Noel Leeming Group for ~A\$140m (NZ);
- Newbridge Capital's takeover bid for ALH for ~A\$1.1bn; and
- Swander Pace Capital's acquisition of Reef Sandles ~US\$50m (US).

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#### *Qualifications*

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