



BUDDLE FINDLAY PROFILE

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EXPERTISE

Emma has experience across a range of corporate, commercial and financial law fields, including capital raising, start-up ventures, commercial contracts, company administration and compliance, equity and debt capital markets and financial sector regulation.

EXPERIENCE

- Co-founder of the Walnut Exchange, leading the team on all legal, regulatory and governance requirements.
- Providing general corporate advice to start-up and growth companies as investment advisor at the Ākina Foundation, including advice in connection with company formation, charity formation and ongoing corporate compliance and governance
- Advising the Ākina Foundation on the creation of the Impact Enterprise Fund, including forming a joint venture with New Ground Capital
- Assisting with capital raising for early-stage companies, including capital strategy, drafting deal documentation and compliance with the Financial Markets Conduct Act 2013
- Reviewing and drafting a range of commercial agreements both as an external and internal adviser.
- Drafting and advising on various commercial documents including director certificates, shareholder and director resolutions, company constitutions and shareholder agreements
- Assisting with advice to ANZ, BNZ, Westpac and Kiwibank on regulatory capital issues
- Assisting with advice on bond issuances including retail and wholesale issuances and issuances under covered bond programmes
- Assisting with advising financial institutions on regulatory matters, including compliance with AML/CFT Act, RBNZ Act, Credit Contract and Consumer Finance Act and Financial Advisers Act.

AFFILIATIONS/MEMBERSHIPS

- Member, New Zealand Law Society

QUALIFICATIONS

- LLB(Hons)/BA in French Language and Literature, Victoria University of Wellington
 - Admitted New Zealand, 2013.
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