dla partners
ACCOUNTANTS & ADVISORS

We are known for providing practical solutions that help our clients to grow their businesses and enjoy personal prosperity.

We do this by delivering trusted and relevant professional services through our 3 core pillars:

- Tax & Compliance
- Business Advisory
- Wealth Creation & Super

Our clients can expect DLA to work with them to understand their business and deliver outcomes that will improve performance and provide the clarity and confidence necessary for effective decision making.

About DLA Partners

Established in 1988, DLA Partners has forged an excellent reputation of providing expert technical and industry specific advice to a broad range of businesses.

We aim to make a positive difference to the lives of our clients and are known for providing valued advice through a suite of trusted and relevant professional services. You can expect us to work with you to create practical and innovative solutions that improve your business.

We will strive to deliver on those commitments to our clients by:

- Determining your requirements
- Being available when you need us
- Utilising leading edge technology
- Developing practical and innovative business solutions
- Being an employer of choice to attract and hold talented and engaged team members

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Our Services

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Business Services

We ensure that your compliance requirements are met, and put you back in control of your business. We look for ways to improve your business and timely use of information to identify opportunities and make better financial and business decisions.

Tax, Accounting and Advice

Urgently need the right tax and accounting advice? DLA Partners can provide you with up-to-date advice on all your tax and accounting matters.

Cloud & Business Advisory

We understand the benefits and pitfalls of selecting the right software for any business. Our focus is on putting clients in control of their business from anywhere at anytime so they know exactly what is going on.

Cloud Integration

We are able to provide an assessment of software, an implementation plan and the support our clients expect. This ensures smooth transitions and brings the focus back to our clients allowing them to run their businesses more efficiently and effectively.

Growth Services

We can help you identify opportunities and make more informed financial and business decisions. We focus on assisting our clients reach their business and personal goals. Whether it is Self-Managed Super, Wealth Creation or Asset Protection, we have the ability and contacts to assist our clients.

Self-Managed Super Funds

Do you have or would you like to set up a self-managed superannuation fund? For every step of the way, our team has the skills required to help you manage your superannuation funds.

DAVID LEDDY
MANAGING DIRECTOR

The founder and managing director of DLA Partners, David is an innovator who applies his experience of more than 35 years to problem-solving, and at times trouble-shooting, to deliver outcomes that commonly bridge his clients' substantial business and private affairs.

David draws on significant experience and specialised knowledge for effective tax management, asset protection, superannuation strategies and SMSF advice, business valuation, sales and acquisition and ultimately, financial leadership that underpins business success and growth.

CREDENTIALS

- Bachelor of Business (Accountancy & Corporate Law)
- CPA (Certified Public Accountant) – member since 1987
- Association of Taxation & Management Accountants (ATMA)
- Institute of Corporate Managers, Secretaries & Administrators (ACIM)
- Commissioner for Declarations
- Tax Practitioners Board – Registered Agent
- Brisbane North Chamber of Commerce
- Governance Institute of Australia
- Bond University Mediation Certificate
- AAMC Training Group – Advice in Self-Managed Superannuation and Superannuation

DEBBIE REED
DIRECTOR

Debbie Reed is a well-respected accountant and business advisor, and a champion for privately owned businesses.Debbie understands that most people wish to simplify their lives. Many financial and tax matters are complicated, so Debbie's goal is to handle the complexity for her clients so that they don't have to.

Understanding that business and personal affairs commonly overlap, Debbie provides valuable guidance relating to appropriate structures for asset protection, SMSF and retirement planning and personal tax. Skilled in delivering advice on more sensitive matters, Debbie supports and represents her clients' financial best interests in matters that range from divorce property settlements to planning their estates.

CREDENTIALS

- Bachelor of Commerce
- Chartered Accountant
- Chartered Tax Advisor
- Registered Tax Agent
- Limited authority – Licenced to Provide Financial Advice in the SMSF area
- Justice of the Peace (Commissioner for Declarations)

TERRY EDWARDS
DIRECTOR

Terry Edwards is a successful, highly regarded business consultant with over 25 years of local and global business and accounting experience. His technical expertise encompasses designing and implementing business strategies, tailoring ownership structures, resolving disputes and managing large projects in addition to personal taxation and compliance matters.

Terry's clients include privately owned businesses, Australian subsidiaries of foreign entities, high wealth individuals, employees and professionals. They count on him for valuable insights and steady leadership, valuing both his determination and consistent focus on solutions. His input also extends to providing access to a network of aligned professionals with whom he has long associations and whom he trusts deeply for their ability to add value for his clients.

CREDENTIALS

- Bachelor of Commerce
- Chartered Accountant
- Registered Tax Agent
- Licensed to provide Financial Advice in the SMSF area

DAVID BUCHANAN
DIRECTOR

David Buchanan is a professional and trusted adviser for high wealth individuals, family business owners, professional service providers, high income earning professionals and Australian subsidiaries of foreign entities. Whilst their fields of endeavour range from mechanical and construction through to legal, medical, and beyond, all of David's clients appreciate access to a proactive partner — one who unlocks opportunities and adds significant value to their professional and personal pursuits.

David enjoys working with clients through the entire lifecycle of their businesses. Known and respected as a skilful strategist, he excels at breaking complex tasks into incremental timelines that are responsive to client needs.

CREDENTIALS

- Bachelor of Business
- Chartered Accountant
- Chartered Tax Adviser
- Registered Tax Agent
- RG146 Self-Managed Superannuation Certificate

SUSAN MACKENZIE-SMITH
GENERAL MANAGER

Sue is a a results-driven strategic thinker with expertise spanning the not-for-profit space, state government and private practice. Sue's Queensland Government experience included many years in industry development across the sectors of information technology, manufacturing, food and wine and tourism. This expanded to small business development and management in some of Queensland's regional State Development Centres.

As General Manager, Sue is responsible for the internal functions of DLA, and setting in place systems and processes that will enable the firm to thrive as an accounting firm of the future.

SIMON CREASE
SENIOR MANAGER

After 10 years in the Private Client Services Division of PricewaterhouseCoopers, Simon joined DLA Partners as a senior manager in 2008. He was admitted as a Chartered Accountant in 2002 and has a Bachelor of Commerce (Honours) and Bachelor of Law. Simon specialises in providing top-level accounting and taxation advice to privately-owned business and family groups.

JOHAN VENTER
SENIOR MANAGER

DLA Partners welcomed Johan to the management team in 2010. He has over 20 years experience dealing in Australian and International accounting and audit practices, and is a qualified Chartered Accountant.
At DLA, Johan works across many industries and specialises in working with clients in manufacturing, retail, medical practices, lawyers and family-owned small businesses.

NEILL REILLY
SENIOR MANAGER

Neill's knowledge and expertise has been gained from a career that includes working for large, medium and small accounting firms and private property development companies in Australia, along with accounting firms specialising in hedge funds in New York.
Neill has strong experience in a number of industries including automotive, medical, retail, wholesale, distribution, manufacturing, construction, real estate and property development, trade and professional services.

LAUREN KANE
SENIOR MANAGER

Lauren joined DLA Partners in May 2006 having spent nine years working with Pitcher Partners (formerly Douglas Heck and Burrell) as Manager, Specialist Taxation and Business Services. She has a Bachelor of Business majoring in Accounting, Business Law and Taxation, and is a member of The Tax Institute.
At DLA Partners Lauren specialises in taxation compliance and business services. She is a valued member of the DLA Partners' management team.

DUNCAN MCHUGH
MANAGER

Duncan joined DLA Partners in January 2007, starting as a graduate accountant and progressing to manager in 2012. Duncan holds a Bachelor of Commerce (Accountancy), a Graduate Diploma in Financial Management and was admitted as a Chartered Accountant in 2010.
Duncan specialises in Small to Medium Business Accounting and Advice, Fringe Benefits Tax and Capital Gains Tax.

BRADLEY DEAN
MANAGER - BUSINESS ADVISORY

With a background in accounting, broad commercial experience, and 15 years as a business owner, Bradley has a unique perspective of the daily demands that clients face in the interaction of their business and personal lives. Bradley's diverse strategic and operational experience has provided a clear understanding of the resourcefulness and skills required to operate a successful business.

Bradley's areas of specialisation include business establishment, purchase and sale transactions, strategic planning and business operations and development. Bradley holds a degree in Financial Administration, is currently studying towards his Master of Accounting and is a member of CPA Australia.