



## Mary-Louise Rahaley

### Chief Operating Officer

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## Expertise and Experience

Mary-Louise Rahaley has over 15 years of experience in senior management roles in law firms in Australia, Hong Kong and the United States. As LKs' Chief Operating Officer, Mary-Louise supports the firm's Principals in all aspects of the firm's management, with an emphasis on executing special projects to enhance the firm's practice of law and client service capability.

Mary-Louise joined LK in April 2015 from New York litigation boutique Chaffetz Lindsey established by five partners from Clifford Chance where she was that firm's Executive Director. In this role, Mary-Louise had overall responsibility for all aspects of the firm's operations, including human resources, business development, finance, premises and technology.

Mary-Louise had previously worked with the firm's founding partners during her time in the New York office of Clifford Chance where she led the firm's business development efforts for the United States and global litigation groups. Prior to that, Mary-Louise worked in Clifford Chance's Hong Kong office for five years where she was the Business Manager for the firm's Asia Litigation practice.

In between Clifford Chance and Chaffetz Lindsey, Mary-Louise was the Head of Business Development at (then) Mallesons Stephen Jaques where she led a team of sixteen across six offices, and spent several months in the firm's Hong Kong office prior to its merger with China's King & Wood.

Having worked in large and specialist firms around the world, Mary-Louise has developed a deep understanding of the global legal marketplace, trends in legal practice and expectations of clients and talent.

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## Qualifications

- Bachelor of Arts, University of Adelaide (1993)
- Bachelor of Laws, University of Adelaide (1999)