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Connell O'Neill is a Registered Foreign Lawyer (NSW) in Hong Kong and a partner of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP. He heads Gibson Dunn's Asia TMT and technology practices, providing strategic counsel across Asia Pacific and the Middle East. Leveraging his computer science background, he leads expertise in technology and digital infrastructure M&A, commercial transactions, and regulatory matters, covering towers, data centers, subsea cables, fiber, and satellite, alongside AI, data governance, cybersecurity, fintech, outsourcing, and technology transactions. He acts for major global companies on data-related matters, including product counseling and critical cybersecurity incident management.

Connell advised Miescor Infrastructure Development Corporation (MIDC) on its 2025 merger with PhilTower, forming a leading Philippine digital infrastructure provider. He represented e& on its US$2.2 billion divestment of a 40% stake in Khazna Data Center in 2025, guided PLDT on its 2024 network modernization with Amdocs' cloud-based OSS platform, and acted for Metro Pacific Tollways Corporation on its multi-lane free flow tolling program contracts with Egis in 2024.

He has been recognized by *Chambers and Partners*, *Legal 500*, and *IFLR1000*, and has been named an *ALB* top 15 TMT Lawyer, an *ALB* Super 50 TMT Lawyer, an *ALB* Hong Kong Rising Star, a *Euromoney* Rising Star (Technology), a *Lawdragon* 100 Leading AI & Legal Tech Advisor, and a Distinguished Advisor for Cybersecurity & Data Privacy by *Financier Magazine*. His team has been recognized as The Tech Capital's Digital Infrastructure Advisory Team of the Year. Clients note in *Chambers Greater China* that he is "an outstanding lawyer and we always know that we will get the best result when we brief him on our matters," and praise his team as "a strong group of lawyers, both at partner and associate levels - a world-class team." *Legal 500 Asia Pacific* highlights his team's "unique deep understanding and knowledge on acquisition, implementation, maintenance and managed services for technology."

Connell holds IT and law degrees from the Australian National University. He is admitted in Australia by the Law Societies of New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory.

Capabilities

Strategic Sourcing and Commercial Transactions
Artificial Intelligence
Betting and Gaming
Consumer Protection
Data Centers and Digital Infrastructure
Emerging Companies / Venture Capital
Intellectual Property
Media, Entertainment, and Technology
Mergers and Acquisitions
Privacy, Cybersecurity, and Data Innovation
Robotics
Tech and Innovation
Technology Transactions
Transportation and Space

Credentials

Education

The College of Law - Australia - 2008
Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice

Australian National University - 2007
Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) (Hons)

Australian National University - 2007
Bachelor of Information Technology

Admissions

Australia - Law Society of New South Wales

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