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# media release

## New Partner and Senior Associate Appointments

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The partners of Arnold Bloch Leibler are pleased to announce that effective 1 July 2004 **Georgina Ward** and **Alex King** will be admitted as partners of the firm, and **Kate Healy**, **Vanessa Flax** and **Sabra Easterday** will be appointed senior associates. The firm also recently welcomed **Kate Thompson** as a senior associate in our Sydney office.

A brief biography for each of the new partners and senior associates follows.

### PARTNERS

**Georgina Ward** practises in property law and is the founding member of Arnold Bloch Leibler's Sydney property & development practice. Her experience spans the full range of property related issues, including acquisitions, sales, development, leasing, due diligence and GST issues. An accomplished speaker, Georgina has presented at industry seminars on GST and property issues and is a member of the Commercial Office Committee of the Property Council of Australia (NSW division).

**Alex King** has been with the firm since graduating from Monash University in 1996 and was appointed a senior associate in 2000. He is a member of the Melbourne litigation & dispute resolution practice and focuses on commercial and contractual disputes, professional negligence and corporations matters. Alex enjoys a broad client base, which includes individuals, family-based businesses, publicly listed companies, large institutions and government bodies.

### SENIOR ASSOCIATES

**Kate Thompson** joined Arnold Bloch Leibler's Sydney corporate & commercial department from Carnegie Wylie & Co, a boutique corporate advisory and private equity house. She has broad experience in many aspects of commercial practice, including mergers and acquisitions, takeovers, joint ventures, capital raisings and the sale and purchase of businesses.

**Kate Healy** practises in property and development law, with a strong emphasis on construction and property financing and structuring projects. She is skilled in drafting and negotiating commercial and mixed-use development contracts, and has considerable experience acting for both borrowers and lenders in project, structured and mezzanine financing transactions. Kate joined Arnold Bloch Leibler in 2003 and was formerly with New Zealand law firm, Bell Gully.

**Vanessa Flax** is a member of Arnold Bloch Leibler's property & development practice. She was admitted as an attorney in South Africa prior to emigrating to Australia in 1997. Vanessa completed a year of study at the University of Melbourne to qualify for admission to practice in Victoria. She then joined the firm in 2000, where her practice focuses on commercial and retail leasing.

**Sabra Easterday** practises in commercial & corporate law with a particular focus on mergers and acquisitions and corporate law advice. She also advises on financial services and market regulation compliance for a range of financial advisers and accountants. Sabra commenced her legal career with Blake Dawson Waldron in Perth, before transferring to Melbourne in 2000. She joined Arnold Bloch Leibler in 2001.

### **Summary of appointments**

**Georgina Ward**, partner  
property & development, Sydney

**Alex King**, partner  
litigation & dispute resolution, Melbourne

**Kate Thompson**, senior associate  
corporate & commercial, Sydney

**Kate Healy**, senior associate  
property & development, Melbourne

**Vanessa Flax**, senior associate  
property & development, Melbourne

**Sabra Easterday**, senior associate  
commercial & corporate, Melbourne

### **About Arnold Bloch Leibler**

Arnold Bloch Leibler is a leading commercial law firm with offices in Melbourne and Sydney. A multiple winner at the Australian Law Awards, including winner of the 2004 Law Firm of the Year (for practices with 25 to 100 solicitors), the firm represents a wide range of individuals and corporate clients, including high-net-worth individuals and entrepreneurs, large family businesses and blue-chip corporations. Arnold Bloch Leibler also has a dedicated pro bono practice providing advice on social and environmental issues.

Arnold Bloch Leibler is particularly known for its expertise in commercial law, litigation and dispute resolution, taxation and property. The firm also has an expanding presence in trade practices law. In these areas, the firm has been involved in many landmark matters and transactions.

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