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Professor Allan Fels AO appointment 1 August 2004

Arnold Bloch Leibler is delighted to announce that Professor Allan Fels AO, Dean of the Australia and New Zealand School of Government and former Chairman of the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC), has joined the firm as a consultant.

Under Professor Fels' leadership, the ACCC was transformed into an energetic, proactive and high-profile regulator of competition policy that played an enormous role in the shaping of Australia's business landscape. He left the ACCC in June 2003.

Professor Fels' vast knowledge of administrative and trade practices law will be of great benefit to all our clients. He will provide general consultation to the firm, including to Arnold Bloch Leibler's trade practices group, but will not be directly involved in submissions to, or appearances before, the ACCC until 2005. Professor Fels has also expressed a desire to contribute to the firm's public interest law practice.

He will be at the firm on a part-time capacity and will continue in his role as Dean of the Australian and New Zealand School of Government.

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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