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## Arnold Bloch Leibler with multiple wins at the Australasian Legal Business Deal of the Year Awards

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Arnold Bloch Leibler won three Awards at the Australian Legal Business Deal of the Year Awards, held in Melbourne on 29 April 2005: Overall, the firm received 12 nominations and was successful in the Construction, Media & Entertainment and International Deal of the Year categories:

### **Construction Deal of the Year**

- Mitcham-Frankston Tollway project

### **Infrastructure Deal of the Year (2 nominations)**

- Alinta's A\$1.69bn acquisition of Duke Energy's Australian/NZ
- Mitcham-Frankston Tollway project

### **Energy & Resources Deal of the Year**

- Alinta's A\$1.69bn acquisition of Duke Energy's Australian/NZ assets

### **Media & Entertainment Deal of the Year**

- News Corporation's reincorporation in the United States

### **Technology Deal of the Year**

- Longreach Group/Australian Electronic Manufacturing Services merger

### **Project Finance Deal of the Year**

- Mitcham-Frankston Tollway project

### **Debt (and Equity Linked) Deal of the Year**

- Mitcham-Frankston Tollway project

### **M&A Deal of the Year**

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### **International Deal of the Year**

- News Corporation's reincorporation in the United States

Arnold Bloch Leibler was successful in the Construction, Media & Entertainment and International Deal of the Year categories.

Organised by *Australasian Legal Business Magazine*, the Awards recognise outstanding professional achievement and the best legal work of the year, as judged by a panel of senior in-house counsel and other consumers of legal services.

Each of the law firms who acted on behalf of a party to the winning Deals received acknowledgement for their role in the transaction.

Deals were assessed on: the financial value of the deal and the quantity of legal work involved; the degree to which advanced legal and financial techniques and structures were applied; the degree to which the deal spanned jurisdictions, practice areas, parties and industries and the extent to which the deal involved groundbreaking, original legal techniques and structures.

After the winners were announced Arnold Bloch Leibler's Managing Partner, Henry Lanzer, said: "While these Awards acknowledge our achievements over the past year, they also highlight the remarkable endeavours of the clients with whom we have been privileged to work. Their vision, entrepreneurship and drive preceded our involvement in these projects. We are grateful for the opportunities with which they have presented us."

Henry also noted "This result also reflects the fact that Arnold Bloch Leibler is consistently involved in landmark legal matters and that the firm is very much at the top of the game. The vast majority of the other finalists are significantly larger than us, yet this has been no barrier to our firm attracting clients and work of the highest calibre."

#### **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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