

## **Arnold Bloch Leibler welcomes new head of Workplace Advisory practice**

Arnold Bloch Leibler has announced that, from 1 October 2007, Henry Skene joined the firm as a Melbourne-based partner and head of Arnold Bloch Leibler's Workplace Advisory practice.

Henry joined the firm from Freehills, with over ten years' experience in workplace relations.

He specialises in workplace relations strategy, with particular emphasis on delivering value through workplace reform, and has acted in many of the largest and most complex matters in this field.

Arnold Bloch Leibler's Managing Partner, Henry Lanzer, said Henry's expertise would further enhance the practice.

"We believe that Henry Skene will bring a range of skills to our workplace advisory practice, as we continue to offer the full range of workplace-related advice with a focus on strategic planning for the long-term.

"Most importantly, we believe our clients will benefit from Henry's expertise during this period of uncertainty in workplace relations."

Henry has experience across a range of industries, including building and construction, telecommunications, retail, manufacturing and energy, and has acted for various public sector bodies in relation to compliance issues and workplace reform.

Speaking about current trends in workplace relations, Henry said employers were recognising that long-term strategic planning was critical in achieving commercial outcomes.

"Employers confront complex regulation, an ever-present prospect of change and a tightening labour market. A workplace relations strategy that is soundly aligned to overall business objectives is a critical aspect of business planning for all existing and new operations. Workplace arrangements that engage the workforce and deliver the most out of the operating environment, will maximise effectiveness and value."

Henry's team includes senior associate Kishanie Wijewickrama, and lawyer Greg Uffelmann. Other team members include Arnold Bloch Leibler partner and tax specialist, Nicole Gordon, and litigator Kirsten Frew.

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### **About Arnold Bloch Leibler**

Arnold Bloch Leibler is a leading commercial law firm with offices in Melbourne and Sydney. 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, environmental and cultural issues to more than 100 charitable and not-for-profit organisations.

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.

