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media release

Arnold Bloch Leibler solicitor, Kate Healy, wins Young Property Lawyer of the Year Award November 2004

Kate Healy, a senior associate in our property & development practice, has won the Young Property Lawyer of the Year Award for Victoria. The Australian Young Lawyer Awards are conducted annually by the Australian Property Lawyers Committee of the Law Council of Australia.

Nominees for the Award must be under 36 years of age and demonstrate excellence in the provision of property law legal services to clients, academic and practical abilities and a contribution to the field and practice of property law.

Kate joined Arnold Bloch Leibler in February 2003 and was appointed a senior associate in July 2004. She practises in property and development law with a strong emphasis on construction and property financing and structuring projects. Acting for major Australian and offshore project financiers and commercial property developers, Kate is experienced in drafting and negotiating commercial and mixed-use development contracts. Kate also has considerable experience acting for both borrowers and lenders in project, structured and mezzanine financing transactions.

Ken Grey, head of Arnold Bloch Leibler's property & development practice, says of Kate: *"She brings a strong commercial focus to legal practice and combines a sound grasp of legal principles, an understanding of property and development issues and outstanding client service skills. A particular strength is Kate's breadth of understanding of all of the 'life-cycle' issues relevant to developers and investors in real estate transactions."*

Kate plays an active role in the development of junior lawyers within the property and development group. She is also involved in the Future Directions Group of the Property Council of Australia.

Kate has also provided pro bono advice to the Aboriginal Housing Board of Victoria in relation to its on-going provision of accommodation services to Victoria's indigenous community, and is currently assisting The Foundation for Young Australians.

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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