

**Media release**  
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## **Appointment announcement**

The partners of Arnold Bloch Leibler are delighted to announce that on 1 July 2010, **John Mengolian** will become a partner of the firm. Also effective on 1 July, **Reagan Thackwray, Teresa Ward, Jason Blankfield, Kate O'Brien, Christine Fler, Shaun Cartoon, Nancy Collins** and **David Shafer** will become senior associates. Congratulations to John, Reagan, Teresa, Jason, Kate, Christine, Shaun, Nancy, and David on their well-deserved appointments.

A brief biography for each is provided below.

### **Partners:**

**John Mengolian** practises in commercial litigation with a particular emphasis on property development and property-related litigation, and building and construction disputes. He has acted for a variety of clients, including commercial and residential property developers, builders and landowners. John was admitted to practice in Victoria in 2002, joined Arnold Bloch Leibler in 2005 and was appointed a senior associate in 2007.

### **Senior Associates:**

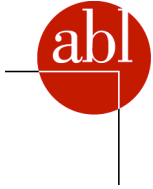
**Reagan Thackwray** is a member of the firm's property & development group. His practice focuses on the acquisition, disposal, leasing and funding of properties and portfolios, advising a wide range of private, corporate and institutional clients. Prior to joining Arnold Bloch Leibler in 2010, Reagan was a senior associate with the commercial property team of Linklaters in London, where he practised for five years. Before moving to London, he was with the commercial property team of Russell McVeagh, Auckland. He was admitted to practice in Auckland in 2001.

**Teresa Ward** practises in commercial litigation with a particular focus on large commercial and competition law disputes for public and private companies. Prior to joining Arnold Bloch Leibler in 2010, Teresa worked at Allens Arthur Robinson and for Nokia in the UK as its Intellectual Property Rights Litigation Counsel (global), dealing with large commercial, patent and competition disputes. Teresa was admitted to the Supreme Court of Victoria and the Federal Court of Australia in 2002. She is also admitted to practice in England and Wales.

**Jason Blankfield** practises in general commercial litigation and dispute resolution, focusing on property-related litigation, building and construction disputes and insolvency. Jason has represented public and private companies from a broad range of industries, in particular commercial and residential property developers, builders and landowners. Jason was admitted to practice in 2006 and joined Arnold Bloch Leibler in 2007.

**Kate O'Brien** is a member of the litigation & dispute resolution group and acts in a range of matters, including contract disputes, property-related disputes, general commercial litigation and construction litigation. Kate joined Arnold Bloch Leibler in 2005 as an articled clerk and was admitted to practice in 2006.

**Christine Fler** is a member of the firm's commercial practice and principally advises private clients, including companies, individuals and professional services firms. Christine's practice focuses on mergers and acquisitions, business restructures and equity holder arrangements. She also works with private clients in relation to succession planning and asset protection advice. Christine joined Arnold Bloch Leibler as an articled clerk in 2005 and was admitted to practice in Victoria in 2006.



**Shaun Cartoon** is a member of Arnold Bloch Leibler's taxation department and his practice focuses on income tax, GST, tax litigation and audits. He primarily provides advice for high-net-wealth individuals. Shaun joined the firm as an articled clerk in 2006 and was admitted to the Supreme Court of Victoria in 2007.

**Nancy Collins** practises in Arnold Bloch Leibler's litigation team and has a particular focus on wills and trusts disputes, as well as a broad range of experience in general commercial litigation. She predominately acts for individuals and private companies. Nancy joined the firm in 2006 as an articled clerk and was admitted to practice in Victoria in 2007.

**David Shafer** practises in the firm's commercial & corporate and public companies groups, acting for a range of public and private clients. His particular focus is on mergers and acquisitions and capital raisings. David joined Arnold Bloch Leibler as an articled clerk and was admitted to practice in Victoria in 2007. He is currently completing his studies to become a Chartered Financial Analyst.

#### **Summary of appointments:**

**John Mengolian**, partner, *litigation & dispute resolution, Melbourne*

**Reagan Thackwray**, senior associate, *property & development, Melbourne*

**Teresa Ward**, senior associate, *litigation & dispute resolution, Melbourne*

**Jason Blankfield**, senior associate, *litigation & dispute resolution, Melbourne*

**Kate O'Brien**, senior associate, *litigation & dispute resolution, Melbourne*

**Christine Flear**, senior associate, *commercial & private clients, Melbourne*

**Shaun Cartoon**, senior associate, *taxation, Melbourne*

**Nancy Collins**, senior associate, *litigation & dispute resolution, Melbourne*

**David Shafer**, senior associate, *commercial & corporate, Melbourne*

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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.