

### Appointment announcement, effective 1 July 2008

The partners of Arnold Bloch Leibler are pleased to announce that on 1 July 2008 **Kishanie Wijewickrama** and **Lisa Ashcroft** were admitted as partners of the firm. Also effective on 1 July, **Danuta Czuchwicki** and **Simonne Einfeld** were appointed as special counsel, and **Christina Hunt**, **Lachlan Blake**, **Jorja Cleeland**, **Caroline Goulden**, **Matthew Lees**, **Genevieve Sexton** and **Lucy Kirwan** became senior associates.

#### Partners:

**Kishanie Wijewickrama** specialises in workplace advisory and has considerable experience in employment and workplace relations law. Kishanie's practice focuses on providing strategic advice regarding all facets of workforce structure and contractual arrangements. She has acted for many public and private companies on matters involving equal opportunity and discrimination, workcover and workforce change, and is a highly regarded speaker on employment issues.

**Lisa Ashcroft** practises in commercial and corporate law with a focus on mergers, acquisitions and corporate law advice. Lisa has acted for a broad spectrum of companies and businesses in relation to mergers and demergers, acquisitions and capital reorganisations. Lisa also provides advice on corporate governance, ASX requirements and capital management techniques. Her experience includes a secondment to the Australian Securities and Investment Commission.

#### Special Counsel:

**Danuta Czuchwicki** specialises in property and development with a particular focus on commercial property transactions. She has acted for many major property developers, institutional investors and banks, together with local and state government and education institutions on commercial, retail and mixed-use properties. Danuta joined the firm in 2007.

**Simonne Einfeld** practises in property & development with particular focus on property and infrastructure, specialising in the sales and acquisitions of large-scale developments. She is the author of *Strata Titles*, the community titles and strata development sections of the Lawbook Company's loose-leaf service. Simonne joined the firm's Sydney office in 2008.

#### Senior Associates:

**Christina Hunt** practises in property law with a particular focus on leasing for corporate clients. She possesses diverse experience, having acted for a broad spectrum of companies and private individuals in relation to commercial and property matters, including business acquisitions, restructures, commercial contracts and arrangements. Christina joined the firm in 2007.

**Lachlan Blake** practices in general litigation and dispute resolution, primarily in the Supreme, Federal and appellate Courts. He offers skill and experience in general and commercial disputes, trade practices claims and property disputes. In 2003, Lachlan was admitted to practice as a barrister and solicitor of the Supreme Court of Victoria and the High Court of Australia. He joined the firm in 2007.



**Jorja Cleeland** practises in commercial and corporate law with a particular focus on public and private capital raisings, floats, takeovers, business acquisitions and corporate law guidance, including *Corporations Act* and ASX listing rule advice. Jorja has diverse corporate experience, having acted for a broad spectrum of public corporations and privately held businesses. She joined the firm in 2003.

**Caroline Goulden** practises in general litigation and dispute resolution, primarily in the Supreme, Federal and appellate Courts. She has represented clients from a broad range of industries, including property development, primary production, mining and hotels. Her pro bono work, involves providing advice on defamation, immigration and administrative law. Caroline joined the firm in 2003.

**Matthew Lees** is a commercial litigator who advises on a wide range of disputes for public and private companies across a variety of industries. In the area of trade practices, he acts for companies being investigated or prosecuted by the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission. A published author on contract law, equity and trade practices, Matthew joined the firm in 2003.

**Genevieve Sexton** practises in commercial and banking and finance law, with a strong emphasis on debt and equity financing transactions. She has acted for financiers and borrowers, major corporations and family groups in a diverse range of matters, including project finance, property development finance and joint ventures. Genevieve joined the firm in 2003.

**Lucy Kirwan** is a member of the litigation & dispute resolution and reconstruction & insolvency practice. Lucy has acted for public and private companies and high-net-worth individuals in complex and hard commercial litigation, regulatory investigations and related litigation. She has co-authored conference papers and submissions to Federal Government inquiries. Lucy joined the firm in 2003.

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

**Kishanie Wijewickrama**, partner, *workplace advisory, Melbourne*

**Lisa Ashcroft**, partner, *commercial & corporate, Melbourne*

**Danuta Czuchwicku**, special counsel, *property & development, Melbourne*

**Simonne Einfeld**, special counsel, *property & development, Sydney*

**Christina Hunt**, senior associate, *property & development, Melbourne*

**Lachlan Blake**, senior associate, *litigation & dispute resolution, Melbourne*

**Jorja Cleeland**, senior associate, *commercial & corporate, Melbourne*

**Caroline Goulden** senior associate, *litigation & dispute resolution, Melbourne*

**Matthew Lees**, senior associate, *litigation & dispute resolution, Melbourne*

**Genevieve Sexton**, senior associate, *banking & finance, Melbourne*

**Lucy Kirwan**, senior associate, *litigation & dispute resolution, 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.