

Appointment announcement, effective 1 July 2007

The partners of Arnold Bloch Leibler are pleased to announce that on 1 July 2007 **Sam Dollard** and **Lily Tell** will be admitted as partners of the firm. Also effective on 1 July, **Katie Drinkwater**, **John Mengolian**, **Melanie Alderton**, **Justin Vaatstra**, **Ashley Lewis**, **Sue Kee** and **Leigh De Jong** will become senior associates.

A brief biography for each of the new partners and senior associates follows.

Partners:

Sam Dollard is a commercial litigator whose practice covers a wide range of commercial transactions. Sam has acted in the UK as well as in Australia for clients from industries including property development, mining, manufacturing, telecommunications and retailing, and has been involved in ASIC investigations, and in proceedings involving allegations of white-collar crime.

Lily Tell practises in property law, in particular sales, acquisitions and joint venture transactions related to large-scale commercial property developments. She has considerable experience acting in property development and leasing transactions for major landowners, commercial property developers and corporations. Lily has also been active in the native title, and planning and environment areas, and has extensive experience advising clients on land access issues. She is a member of the Law Institute of Victoria's Property Committee and Property Dispute Resolution Committee.

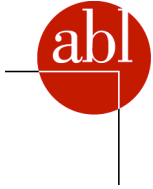
Senior Associates:

Katie Drinkwater practises in property & development at Arnold Bloch Leibler's Sydney office, focusing on sales, acquisitions and commercial leasing. Katie acts for major landowners, commercial property developers and corporations in property development and leasing transactions. Katie was admitted to practice in 2000. She spent two years practising in England before joining Arnold Bloch Leibler in 2006.

John Mengolian practises in commercial litigation with a particular emphasis on property development and property-related litigation, and building and construction disputes. John acts for a variety of clients, including commercial and residential property developers, builders and land owners. John was admitted to practice in Victoria in 2002 and joined the firm in 2005.

Melanie Alderton practises in property law with a particular focus on commercial leasing, and sales and acquisitions of commercial and retail properties. She provides advice on property development transactions, and drafting and negotiating leases, contracts of sale and related sale and acquisition documents. Melanie joined Arnold Bloch Leibler in 2004.

Justin Vaatstra's practice focuses on corporate insolvency, intellectual property and general commercial litigation. Justin regularly advises insolvency practitioners and stakeholders in corporate insolvencies. He also has experience in resolving copyright, trade mark, design, and passing off and *Trade Practices Act* Section 52 disputes. Justin completed a Master of Laws at The University of Melbourne in 2005 in the areas of intellectual property and commercial law.



Ashley Lewis practises in commercial and corporate law, principally advising private clients. His main areas of focus are general commercial transactions, including private and public mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures and group restructures, stamp duty and land tax advice, and estate planning for high-net-worth individuals. Ashley joined Arnold Bloch Leibler as an articled clerk in 2002 and was admitted to practice in 2003.

Sue Kee is a member of the litigation & dispute resolution practice, and has acted for major Australian corporations, private individuals, and statutory and government authorities. She has acted in a wide variety of jurisdictions. Sue joined Arnold Bloch Leibler in 2004 and prior to that was a research associate at the Federal Court. She is a general commentary author for Lexis Nexis' Native Title Service.

Leigh De Jong practises in the banking & finance and commercial & corporate groups at Arnold Bloch Leibler's Sydney office, with a focus on project, property, acquisition and structured finance, and general commercial transactions. Leigh joined the firm as an articled clerk in 2003 and was admitted to practice in 2004.

Summary of appointments:

Sam Dollard, partner, *litigation & dispute resolution, Melbourne*

Lily Tell, partner, *property & development, Melbourne*

Katie Drinkwater, senior associate, *property & development, Sydney*

John Mengolian, senior associate, *litigation & dispute resolution, Melbourne*

Melanie Alderton, senior associate, *property & development, Melbourne*

Justin Vaatstra, senior associate, *litigation & dispute resolution, Melbourne*

Ashley Lewis, senior associate, *commercial & corporate, Melbourne*

Sue Kee, senior associate, *litigation & dispute resolution, Melbourne*

Leigh De Jong, senior associate, *banking & finance, Sydney*

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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.