



## Mills Oakley hires head of leading humanitarian firm

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National law firm Mills Oakley has announced that high profile Salvos Legal and Salvos Humanitarian managing partner **Luke Geary** will shortly join the firm in a senior Not-for-Profit (NFP) role.

Luke has a long association with Mills Oakley, having previously been a partner in the MO Sydney office before leaving to establish the Salvos Legal firms at the end of 2009. Since then, Luke has worked with Mills Oakley to develop the Mills Oakley/ Salvos Legal partnership, which provides pro bono telephone advice for members of the community who live in remote areas or are unable to attend a legal aid centre owing to mobility issues.

Mills Oakley CEO John Nerurker said that he was delighted to welcome Luke back to the firm and noted that MO had recently extended its partnership with Salvos Legal for a further two years. "Today, we are not only welcoming Luke back into the fold - we are also playing our part in ensuring the continuation of Luke's pioneering work at Salvos Legal," he said.

Having recently been named one of Australia's Best Lawyers for Non-Profit/Charities Law in the *2017/2018 Best Lawyers* list for the second consecutive year, Luke has also been recognised as one of the 10 Most Innovative Lawyers in the *Financial Times Asia-Pacific Innovative Lawyers 2016 Awards*. He was included in Pro Bono Australia's '*Impact 25*' list of the most influential people in the Australian social sector in 2015.

Luke will shortly relocate to Queensland and lead a newly established NFP team as a partner in the Brisbane office. He will be working closely with the existing Sydney NFP team, led by partner Vera Visevic, which services leading NFP organisations including charities, religious organisations, community groups and professional associations.

Specialising in corporate and commercial law, Luke has particular expertise in acting for federal and state government agencies, ASX200 listed companies, impact financiers and non-profit and religious institutions Australia-wide. Examples of work Luke has performed for this diverse client base includes providing advice on socially responsible procurement practices, innovative social impact banking products, the NDIS rollout and the provision of employment and training programs for refugees.

Luke will recommence with Mills Oakley on 20 November.

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