



Mills Oakley makes 21 senior promotions

July 1, 2019

National law firm Mills Oakley is making 21 promotions to mark the start of the new financial year.

These promotions include three new Partners, seven new Special Counsel and eleven Senior Associates – all elevated under Mills Oakley’s transparent promotions system.

“Rewarding excellence is an essential part of our firm culture,” said Mills Oakley CEO John Nerurker. “We do not have quotas or other arbitrary restrictions on how many people can be promoted each year. We are very clear that reward follows performance, as night follows day.”

The three new partners are located in the Melbourne, Brisbane and Perth offices.

Chris Bishop is a member of the Brisbane Government & Administrative Law team. He brings a wealth of experience in advising Commonwealth Officers and Departments on merits and judicial review litigation, the development and implementation of government policy initiatives and sound decision making procedures.

Prior to joining Mills Oakley, Mr Bishop was a Deputy General Counsel in the Department of Human Services and his expertise in the highly sensitive and complex area of child support is well recognised. Chris regularly appears as solicitor advocate on behalf of the Commonwealth in appeals on a question of law to the Federal Court and Federal Circuit Court and merits review applications to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal.

Nirupa Manoharan is a member of both the Perth and Melbourne Commercial Disputes & Insolvency teams. She is an expert in restructuring, litigious and advisory insolvency, securities law, contractual and financial disputes.

Nirupa has extensive experience prosecuting claims under the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth), advising on issues relating to the *Personal Property Securities Act 2009* (Cth) and undertaking debt and asset recovery. Her clients include financial institutions, insolvency practitioners, creditors, corporations and their directors. Nirupa started her career working in the area of Restructuring and Insolvency at international law firms in the UK, before moving to Melbourne in 2011 and Perth in 2018.

Troy Palmer is a member of the Melbourne Private Advisory team. He is one of the very few Law Institute Accredited Specialists in Wills and Estates and has extensive experience in estate planning, estate litigation, deceased estates, succession and elder law.

Mr Palmer has a particular focus on intergenerational wealth transfer and protection and advises individuals and family groups. He is known for implementing robust solutions and documentation to complex estate planning scenarios and is alive to the emotion and sensitivities that attach to this area of law. Complementing this part of his practice is the estate litigation component which includes challenges to wills, disputes between executors and power of attorney issues.

Details of other promotions, effective July 1, appear on the next page.

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Full list of senior promotions

PARTNERS

NAME	TEAM	LOCATION
Chris Bishop	Government & Administrative Law	Brisbane
Nirupa Manoharan	Commercial Disputes & Insolvency	Perth
Troy Palmer	Private Advisory	Melbourne

SPECIAL COUNSEL

NAME	TEAM	LOCATION
Jamie Arandt	Commercial Disputes & Insolvency	Melbourne
Michelle Fisher	Insurance	Perth
Jacqueline McStay	M&A / Corporate Advisory	Sydney
Carly Mirza-Price	Family Law	Sydney
Nicola Murphy	Toxic Torts	Sydney
Adrian Papaiani	Insurance	Sydney
Mitchell Spurge	Property	Perth

SENIOR ASSOCIATES

NAME	TEAM	LOCATION
Cameron Adair	Commercial Disputes & Insolvency	Sydney
Isabella Barnes	Finance	Melbourne
Sindri Bergsson	Insurance	Sydney
Thomas Blanch	Toxic Torts	Sydney
Dean Brayley	Commercial Disputes & Insolvency	Melbourne
Lana Hulse	Family Law	Melbourne
Trang Le Huy	Insurance	Brisbane
Belinda Randazzo	Commercial Disputes & Insolvency	Melbourne
Nathan Timmins	Insurance	Melbourne
Lisa Watkins	Insurance	Perth
Ada Wong	Government & Administrative Law	Sydney