Mills Oakley makes second major tax hire

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National law firm Mills Oakley is continuing to build momentum in the delivery of integrated legal services with the hire of respected tax partner **Marina Raulings** from Hall & Wilcox. This hire follows the recruitment of tax partner Andrew Spalding from Norton Rose Fulbright in December.

Mills Oakley CEO John Nerurker said that the move was another step forward in the firm's strategy to offer a holistic range of legal services: "Taxation advice is a natural complement to many of our key practice areas such as property, insurance and corporate," he said. "Marina's arrival is another important advance in our capability to advise clients on multiple aspects of the same transaction. Moreover, the addition of Marina and Andrew to our existing taxation practice means that we can offer market-leading indirect taxation expertise."

Marina has over 20 years' specialist tax experience advising Australian and international corporate and government entities and family groups on income tax, GST and state taxes in relation to transactions, investigations and appeals. She is recognised as a leading expert in the areas of stamp duty, land tax and payroll tax. Her expertise includes M&A, de-mergers, corporate restructures, IPOs, property transactions, trusts and securitisations.

Ms Raulings said that she was looking forward to working with Andrew Spalding to develop the MO taxation offering: "Andrew's precedent setting achievements in the areas of stamp duty and GST litigation are well known and it is exciting to join forces with Andrew and our colleagues in the Mills Oakley tax and private advisory practices," she said.

Marina commenced with Mills Oakley last week. Two members of Marina's team, Senior Associate Nicola Crowle and Graduate Keira Tweedie, also made the move to Mills Oakley.

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