



Mills Oakley boosts Perth workplace relations team

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Leading independent law firm Mills Oakley is expanding its workplace relations capability in Perth with the hire of partner **Samantha Maddern** from Norton Rose Fulbright.

Ms Maddern has 30 years' workplace relations experience across a variety of roles in human resources and private practice, including many years at Corrs Chambers Westgarth and Herbert Smith Freehills. Most recently, she led the Perth workplace relations team at Norton Rose, advising a broad range of clients with a particular focus on the oil & gas, mining and tertiary education sectors.

Samantha's principal areas of practice involve providing strategic advice on organisational change and restructuring, assisting clients with contentious and non-contentious enterprise bargaining and advising on all aspects of executive hiring and firing. She also advises and represents clients in response to adverse action, discrimination, unfair dismissal, sexual harassment, bullying and breach of contract claims and provides legal and commercial advice on employment-related issues arising from mergers and acquisitions, sales, receiverships and liquidations.

Mills Oakley CEO John Nerurker observed that the arrival of Samantha marked the start of a new phase of growth for the Perth Workplace Relations team:

"Under the leadership of partner Daniel White, the team has become one of the foremost practices of its kind in Perth. Now, the addition of another senior partner in Samantha provides the opportunity to reach new clients while leveraging the considerable synergies which Samantha already brings to our existing practice," he said.

Commenting on her decision to join Mills Oakley, Samantha added:

"The Mills Oakley vision of growth through collaboration strongly appealed to me. I am excited to be joining the firm and to be working alongside Daniel White, who is well known and respected in many of my own client sectors."

Samantha commences with the firm on 5 October.

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