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Mills Oakley makes key insurance hire in Sydney

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Leading national law firm Mills Oakley is continuing to invest in its insurance capability with the hire of partner **Stefan Sudweeks** in Sydney.

Internationally recognised for his expertise in professional indemnity and D&O liability insurance in leading directories such as Chambers and Partners, Stefan was previously with Jackson McDonald in Perth and was instrumental in establishing the Sydney office of that firm.

Stefan specialises in indemnity advice work in all areas of insurance, including liability and errors and omissions. A commercial litigator with over 25 years' experience, he acts for a wide range of professions including solicitors, barristers, financial advisors, engineers, estate agents, surveyors, valuers and accountants.

Stefan has held positions on industry groups such as the Australian Insurance Law Association (AILA) and the committee advising the Solicitor General on the harmonisation of proportionate liability legislation. He has also published a number of papers on topical insurance issues.

Commenting on this hire, Mills Oakley CEO John Nerurker observed that Stefan brought deep market connections to the firm:

"We were particularly impressed by Stefan's success in relocating to Sydney. In our experience, such a relocation rarely succeeds without complete and unequivocal support from clients and our due diligence has certainly confirmed the consummate respect which Stefan enjoys in both Sydney and Perth," he said.

Commenting on his decision to join Mills Oakley, Stefan added:

"Offering a deep national footprint and a reputation in the insurance sector for excellence, Mills Oakley provides an ideal platform for me to grow and diversify my practice. I appreciate the opportunity to work alongside Daren Curry and the very well-respected Mills Oakley national insurance team."

Stefan commenced with Mills Oakley on Monday.

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