

Mills Oakley acquires top Melbourne litigation boutique

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Leading national firm Mills Oakley is enhancing its litigation capability with the acquisition of respected Melbourne boutique Patrick & Associates. The move will see principal **Ben Patrick** join Mills Oakley as a partner, bringing his team of six lawyers and support staff.

Patrick & Associates is a premier Melbourne specialist litigation firm advising on a broad range of commercial disputes including regulatory investigations and building & construction, property, professional negligence and insurance matters.

Mills Oakley CEO John Nerurker welcomed the Patrick & Associates team to the firm, commenting:

“When we first commenced discussions with Ben, we were one of several firms seeking to secure his signature. This came as no surprise given the current war for talent and the outstanding calibre of the Patrick & Associates team. We are proud that Ben chose to join Mills Oakley, adding further credentials to our Melbourne commercial litigation practice.”

Commenting on the move, Ben said:

“Mills Oakley has the breadth and resourcing to help service the increasingly sophisticated needs of my clients. We share the same conviction that deep, sector-specific expertise is essential for quality dispute resolution advice. Mills Oakley’s expertise in insolvency, property, construction and insurance disputes represents a particularly powerful value proposition for my clients.”

The Patrick & Associates team will commence at Mills Oakley on October 1.

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