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Mills Oakley makes 55 promotions

20 June, 2023

Leading national law firm Mills Oakley will welcome FY2024 with 55 promotions, including three new partners.

The new partners are Brisbane-based corporate partner **Scott Coulthart**, Sydney-based property partner **Matthew Barry** and Sydney-based insurance partner **Nikki Cassar**. The round also includes 13 special counsel appointments and 14 senior associate appointments.

Commenting on these promotions, Mills Oakley CEO John Nerurker said:

“A robust round of promotions is a key indicator of a healthy, meritocratic firm. Reaching partnership is a particularly significant milestone for Scott, Matthew and Nikki and thoroughly deserved.”

Mr Nerurker added:

“Our newly promoted lawyers exemplify the unique combination of detailed industry expertise and innovative thinking which gives leading practitioners a distinctive edge. We are delighted to acknowledge and reward their hard work.”

Further details on our new promotions are provided overleaf. All promotions are effective July 1, 2023.

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2023 Promotions – Partner Bios



Matthew Barry

Matthew is a real estate expert with more than 20 years' experience.

Matthew specialises in a range of property and construction related matters, from acquisitions and disposals through to development of commercial, industrial and mixed-use development sites, having acted for government authorities, state owned corporations, institutional investors and private clients.

Matthew is well regarded for providing practical and strategic legal advice on a wide range of development work. He has a deep understanding of the approval and construction phases of development work having worked very closely with clients to settle applications, construction access licences and construction contracts.



Nikki Cassar

Nikki has over 15 years' specialist experience in the areas of public liability and professional negligence claims.

She advises on policy wording, indemnity, liability, damages, risk allocation and alternative dispute resolution. Nikki is committed to providing commercial advice and mitigating damages.

Nikki's clients include NSW Councils, local government insurance schemes, commercial property managers and local public liability insurers.

Nikki represents her clients in most jurisdictions throughout New South Wales, Queensland, Victoria, South Australia, Western Australia and the High Court of Australia.



Scott Coulthart

Scott has a wealth of experience in the creative, technology and big data industries and regularly advises leading companies in those industries about protection and commercialisation of their products, data and intellectual property.

He brings specific industry experience and expertise on technology and data related contracts and contracts in the entertainment industry (music, film, TV, radio and online).

Scott is known for cutting through complexity and providing easily digestible and practical advice. His clients include technology companies, data licensing companies, health services providers, scientific research and education institutes and film production companies.



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Promotions to Special Counsel, effective July 1

Adrienne Fraser	Commercial Disputes & Insolvency, Brisbane
Ada Wong	Public Law, Sydney
Alex Myers	Commercial Disputes & Insolvency, Melbourne
Alison Malek	Commercial Disputes & Insolvency, Sydney
Alissa Harnath	Commercial Disputes & Insolvency, Melbourne
Ben Salon	Planning and Environment, Sydney
Dean Brayley	Commercial Disputes & Insolvency, Melbourne
Henry Holland	Insurance, Sydney
Nathan Timmins	Insurance, Melbourne
Som Leung	Workplace Relations, Employment and Safety, Melbourne
Tanya Murugan	Insurance, Melbourne
Thomas Blanch	Toxic Torts, Sydney
Tom Doherty	Insurance, Melbourne

Promotions to Senior Associate, effective July 1

Alexander Kingsbury	Planning and Environment, Sydney
Andrew Greenhalgh	Commercial Disputes & Insolvency, Brisbane
Carolyn Tran	Building & Construction, Melbourne
Enoch Hui	Insurance, Sydney
Jonathan Gillard	Insurance, Melbourne
Jonathan Green	NFPs, Human Rights & Social Impact, Melbourne
Lyn McSweeney	Property, Sydney
Maria Civisic	Insurance, Melbourne
Mitchell Dunk	Insurance, Brisbane
Nik Angelakis	Commercial Disputes & Insolvency, Melbourne
Philippa Peel	Building, Construction & Infrastructure, Brisbane
Rebecca Browder	Property, Perth
Sam Dekker	Workplace Relations, Employment and Safety, Brisbane
Samantha Lo	Property, Melbourne



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Promotions to Associate, effective July 1

Amy Green	Commercial Disputes & Insolvency, Melbourne
Will Constable	Banking & Finance, Melbourne
Serena Tong	Commercial Disputes & Insolvency, Sydney
Nicole Mouyat	Competition, Regulatory & Risk, Sydney
Henry Shaw	Corporate Advisory, Melbourne
Cleo Ioannou	Corporate Advisory, Sydney
Antonia Marran	Family Law, Sydney
Edward Cope	Insurance, Brisbane
Holly White	Insurance, Melbourne
Nadia El-Hissi	Insurance, Melbourne
Emma Clarence	Insurance, Perth
Lorna Anderson	Insurance, Sydney
Mark Mackay	Insurance, Sydney
Russell Buckley	Planning and Environment, Brisbane
Caitlin Cleary	Planning and Environment, Sydney
Kate Garnock	Planning and Environment, Sydney
Grace Hobbs	Property, Brisbane
Selina Mao	Property, Sydney
James Pattinson	Public Law, Sydney
Amberley Speak	Workplace Relations, Employment and Safety, Perth
Bryn de Bes	Workplace Relations, Employment and Safety, Perth
Jessica Elakis	Workplace Relations, Employment and Safety, Sydney