

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Lavan Legal grows its family**

The partners of Lavan Legal are pleased to announce the firm's decision to establish a Family Law practice and to appoint Framy Anne Browne, a highly regarded and very experienced family law practitioner, as the lead partner of its Family Law practice.

Lavan Legal is in a unique position to service the needs of clients in relation to family law disputes. By combining Framy's skills and expertise with the skills and experience of practitioners in the firm's related practice areas including corporate and commercial law, tax, wills and estates, planning and property, Lavan Legal will provide a full service approach to family law matters.

Framy was first admitted as a lawyer in 2005 in the Supreme Court of New South Wales. Framy has also been admitted in the High Court of Australia and in the Supreme Court of Western Australia. Since her admission, Framy has practised exclusively in the area of family law.

Framy grew up in Sydney and graduated from Macquarie University with a combined Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws degree. Framy completed her Master of Applied Law (Family Law) at the College of Law in Sydney. Prior to joining Lavan Legal, Framy was a partner at Paterson & Dowding Family Lawyers for six years. Before moving to Perth in 2009, Framy was a solicitor at Watts McCray Family Lawyers in Sydney.

Framy has extensive experience with matters of considerable commercial and factual complexity, including matters involving asset tracing, unravelling complex financial arrangements, partnerships, superannuation, companies and trusts. She has represented clients in matters involving international proceedings in the United States of America, the United Kingdom and Hong Kong. Framy also has broad experience in child related matters, and has represented clients living in Australia and overseas in matters involving international law and relocation.

Managing partner Dean Hely said, 'We are very proud to announce the establishment of Lavan Legal's Family Law practice and the appointment of Framy Anne Browne as the lead partner of the practice. Family law is becoming increasingly complex and having someone with Framy's expertise and energy building a family law team at Lavan Legal is exciting for Lavan Legal and for the Western Australian business community. Family law is no longer a stand alone issue and Framy will work closely with our corporate, property and tax teams to provide a seamless service for clients.'

Family Law partner Framy said, 'I am delighted to be appointed as a partner at Lavan Legal. The family law practice will sit uniquely within a multi-faceted law firm. At Lavan Legal we will be able to provide our family law clients with in-house expertise across many areas which could have a bearing on their family law matter including property law, tax law, wills and estates, business law, commercial law and insolvency. The experience of the partners and staff at

Lavan Legal in advising on other areas of law will be of considerable benefit to our family law clients, particularly in matters involving considerable commercial and factual complexity.'

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### **About Lavan Legal**

Lavan Legal is an independent Western Australian law firm. Since its launch on 3 April 2006, Lavan Legal has built a reputation as one of the most innovative legal services firms in Australia. Prior to 2006, the firm had a 120-year history under the names Phillips Fox Perth, Lavan Solomon and Lavan & Walsh. Lavan Legal has 25 partners.

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