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Lavan Legal announces new leaders in law

Lavan Legal is delighted to announce a series of senior promotions and appointments.

Jessica Patterson has been appointed as a partner in the Liquor, Events and Hospitality Team. Jessica specialises in liquor licensing, hospitality, events and related matters. Jessica's work primarily consists of advising prospective applicants and new business proponents, from the outset of their projects through to dealing with compliance matters and longer term operational issues. Jessica also advises existing industry operators, developers and landlords.

Managing partner Dean Hely said 'Jessica's promotion to partner is the culmination of her continuous efforts on behalf of her clients and the firm and a reflection of the many successful outcomes she has achieved for her clients.'

Liesl Ellies joins Lavan Legal's Corporate Services Team as an experienced senior associate. Liesl has over 10 years' experience in public and private mergers and acquisitions, primary and secondary equity capital raisings, corporate restructures, commercial drafting and negotiation, Corporations Act and ASX Listing Rule compliance, company meetings and corporate governance.

Bernard Walrut is promoted to the role of senior associate in Lavan Legal's Reconstruction, Recovery and Insolvency Team. Bernard regularly advises banks, insolvency practitioners and secured lenders on their rights and obligations. He has provided advice on a number of significant restructures and insolvency related disputes in Western Australia including, a scheme of amalgamation for a major international gold producer, the receivership of a significant waste management company with secured debts in excess of \$40 million and the liquidation of the Forge Group of Companies.

Also appointed in Lavan Legal's Reconstruction, Recovery and Insolvency Team, **Jeremy Haywood** has been promoted to associate. Jeremy commenced employment with Lavan Legal in 2011 and completed his articles in 2012 working predominantly on external administration, debt recovery and asset realisation matters. Jeremy has experience in a wide variety of commercial litigation and insolvency related disputes. He advises insolvency practitioners, financial institutions and creditors within the context of corporate insolvency, recovery and reconstruction matters.

Alex McGlue has been appointed as an associate in Lavan Legal's Planning and Environment Team. Alex specialises in planning, environment and land compensation law and regularly provides commercial advice on these matters and represents clients in appeal proceedings and deputations. Alex also carries significant experience in commercial property transactions, including the sales of hotels and shopping centres, dealing with all aspects from due diligence, to drafting contracts and overseeing settlement.

Lavan Legal's managing partner Dean Hely said, 'This is a significant achievement for our new partner, senior associate and associates. It is a reflection of their commitment to their clients and the firm. I would like to thank all of them for their hard work and focus during their time at Lavan Legal.'

We are also delighted to welcome Liesl Ellies. Liesl is a highly regarded corporate lawyer with significant public and private M&A experience. We are sure Liesl's experience and professionalism will prove invaluable to our clients.'

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 24 partners.

Lavan Legal is a full service firm. We have extensive experience providing legal advice in the areas of corporate and tax, banking and finance, construction, employment and workplace relations, environment, oil and gas, liquor and hospitality, litigation, infrastructure, media and defamation, mining and resources, property and planning, insolvency and reconstruction and tourism and sport.

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