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Lavan Legal announces its latest leaders in law

Lavan Legal is pleased to announce its appointments for July 2016.

Claire Petersen has been appointed as a partner in Lavan Legal's Reconstruction, Recovery and Insolvency team. Over 13 years and in three State jurisdictions, Claire has advised major financial institutions, accountants and directors on reconstruction and enforcement strategy and understands the issues unique to private and court ordered appointments. Claire is an experienced commercial litigator and advisor on complex and contentious matters.

Managing partner Dean Hely said "Claire is an integral member of the Reconstruction, Recovery and Insolvency team. Claire practises with professionalism, integrity, fairness and attention to detail and embodies the firm's values of integrity and commitment in all aspects of her personal and professional life."

Carmen Boothman joins Lavan Legal's Reconstruction, Recovery and Insolvency team as an associate. This appointment marks Carmen's return to Lavan Legal after relocating to Victoria in 2013 to take up a commercial position with CB&I on ExxonMobil's \$1 billion gas plant expansion project. Carmen acts for banks and insolvency practitioners in relation to impaired assets and provides advice on legal issues arising in all forms of external administration. Carmen has appeared in all State courts and the Federal Court of Australia on litigious matters, including liquidator actions and contested mortgage proceedings.

In Family Law, **Vince Bradley** has been appointed as an associate. Vince provides advice to clients in all areas of family law including divorce, parenting issues, property settlement, de facto matters, international jurisdiction disputes, spousal maintenance applications and child support issues. Vince has significant experience in Family Court proceedings and Full Court and Supreme Court appeals, however, he will use his negotiating and mediation skills and experience to resolve matters through these means to avoid the need for litigation.

Benn Wallace has been appointed as an associate in Lavan Legal's Construction and Infrastructure team. Benn is experienced in advising builders and contractors on their rights and obligations in construction disputes. Benn's litigation experience includes managing cases in the Supreme and District Courts, the Building Commission of Western Australia and the State Administrative Tribunal. Prior to joining the Construction and Infrastructure team, Benn was in Lavan Legal's Employment and Safety team assisting in industrial relations, equal opportunity and migration matters.

In Property, **Matthew Wilson** has been appointed as an associate. Matthew's work involves transactional property matters including the acquisition and disposal of assets, land subdivision and complex and iconic projects for the State Government and private sector. Matthew also has experience in commercial litigation and assists Lavan Legal's Planning team with the drafting of mediated agreements and settlements arising from planning disputes and proceedings.

Jennifer Woodford has been appointed as an associate in Lavan Legal's Litigation and Dispute Resolution team. Jennifer has acted for commercial clients on matters involving professional indemnity and directors' duties. Jennifer acted in the landmark contract case for the NWSG Venture partners in the High Court. She is currently acting in a significant dispute involving fiduciary duties. Jennifer regularly publishes articles in the Australian Insurance Law Bulletin.

Lavan Legal's managing partner Dean Hely said "This is a significant achievement for our new partner and associates. Each promotion is well deserved and a reflection of the practitioners' focus and commitment to professional growth and development."

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.

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, family law, 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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