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## Lavan's Appointments and Promotions

Lavan is very pleased to announce the appointment of Amber Crosthwaite as a partner.

Recognised as a pre-eminent lawyer in Health & Aged Care, Amber is passionate about population ageing and disability, which present some of the greatest socio-economic challenges and opportunities of our time.

Amber works across the seniors living, aged care and disability sectors with a particular focus on regulatory compliance, sales and acquisitions and property development (including retirement villages, residential aged care facilities and Specialist Disability Accommodation).

*"Amber brings a values aligned, measured and commercial approach to the highly regulated and ever-evolving aged care, seniors living and disability sectors. Amber will be a valued source of advice for Lavan's clients who are navigating the complexities within these sectors and caring for vulnerable members of our community."*

Dean Hely, Managing Partner

Lavan is also pleased to announce the following recent appointments and promotions:

**Jennifer Keane** has joined Lavan as a special counsel in Lavan's Construction and Infrastructure team. Jennifer is a dispute resolution and litigation lawyer who specialises in construction, infrastructure and mining disputes. Jennifer has experience managing high profile domestic and international arbitrations and multi-jurisdictional Supreme Court disputes.

**Rebekah O'Brien** has joined Lavan as a special counsel in Lavan's Property & Leasing team. Rebekah's practice is a mixture of commercial, industrial and retail leasing, together with the leasing of Crown land. Rebekah works with a variety of leasing and managing agents, together with landlords and tenants of varying nature, in both the private and government spheres.

**Jasmine Sims** is promoted to the role of senior associate in Lavan's Litigation & Dispute Resolution team. Jasmine has been with Lavan since 2015 when she joined our Reconstruction, Recovery and Insolvency team. Jasmine moved to Lavan's Litigation & Dispute Resolution team in 2018 and practices in defamation, media law, general commercial litigation, corporate disputes, property disputes, securities litigation and insurance while also maintaining her corporate insolvency, bankruptcy and enforcement focus.

**Ben Tippett** has joined Lavan as a senior associate in Lavan's Corporate team. Ben specialises in private mergers and acquisitions and corporate law, with a particular focus on ASX listings. Ben is also experienced in banking regulatory and governance matters.

**Daniel Vivian** has joined Lavan as a senior associate in Lavan's Recovery, Reconstruction and Insolvency team. Daniel advises clients on a variety of litigation matters ranging from routine debt recovery to complex class actions. Daniel's clients have included high wealth individuals, ASX listed entities, liquidators and Commonwealth government departments.

**Jesse Way** has returned to Lavan as a senior associate in our Construction and Infrastructure team. Jesse began his career at Lavan before spending two years in London working for a leading construction and energy law firm. Jesse acts for parties in dispute resolution proceedings, including adjudication, domestic and international arbitration, expert determination, mediation, and litigation.

**Rachel Harkness** has joined Lavan as an associate in our Family Law team. Rachel practises in all areas of family law and has significant experience with complex financial matters involving international assets, corporate and trust, and taxation and accounting issues. Rachel advises and represents clients at all stages of their dispute including Financial Agreements and other forward planning arrangements, negotiation, mediation and litigation.

**Mary Roseingrave** has joined Lavan as an associate in Lavan's Family Law team. Mary provides advice and legal representation to clients in all aspects of family law including financial and child related matters, binding child support agreements, divorce applications and adoptions. In addition, Mary provides advice and representation to clients with respect to restraining order matters in the Magistrates Court.

**Zac Sharp** is promoted to the role of associate in Lavan's Recovery, Reconstruction and Insolvency team. Zac has experience in providing advice to insolvency practitioners, financiers and companies in relation to restructuring, corporate insolvency and distressed investments. Zac's experience also includes litigation in the superior courts in Western Australia.

**Jun Yang** has joined Lavan as an associate in Lavan's Corporate team. Jun has international experience having worked in Singapore and Beijing and specialises in ASX listed and capital market transactions.

"We congratulate these exceptional lawyers on their appointments and promotions. Their breadth of experience across a wide range of sectors enhances the depth of Lavan's service offering in all of our practice areas. We know they will be a trusted source of advice for our clients.

In what has been an unprecedented year with many challenges, these appointments are a reflection of the growth of our firm and the strength of the Western Australian economy. We feel very fortunate to be an independent firm in Western Australia, a state which has been a global leader in mitigating the impact of COVID-19," said Lavan's managing partner Dean Hely.

## **About Lavan**

Lavan is an independent Western Australian law firm. The firm has more than a 120-year history under the names Phillips Fox Perth, Lavan Solomon, Lavan & Walsh, Lavan Legal and Lavan. In November 2016 Lavan Legal became Lavan.

Lavan is a full service firm. We provide legal advice in the areas of aged care and retirement living, Asian investment, banking and finance, construction and infrastructure, corporate and commercial law, education, employment and safety, energy and infrastructure, family law, government, insolvency and reconstruction, intellectual property, liquor licensing and hospitality, media and defamation, mining and resources, oil and gas, planning and environment, property and leasing, sports, tax, wills and estates and private wealth. Our litigation team is one of the largest in Western Australia.

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