



**MEDIA RELEASE**

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## **LAVAN APPOINTMENTS IN JANUARY 2018**

Lavan is pleased to announce the following appointments:

**Tamica D’Uva** has been appointed as a special counsel in Lavan’s Construction and Infrastructure team. Tamica has extensive experience representing parties in large scale commercial construction and infrastructure projects throughout Australia with a particular focus on Western Australian based construction projects. She works with global and publicly listed companies on all stages of a project from planning and development, negotiation, through to completion and dispute resolution.

**Lorraine Madden** has been appointed as a special counsel in Lavan’s Litigation and Dispute Resolution team. Lorraine specialises in commercial litigation and acts for large and small companies as well as partnerships. Lorraine also advises private clients in relation to wealth protection including estate planning, drafting of wills and representing clients in trust and estate disputes.

**Anka Burns** joins Lavan as a special counsel in Lavan’s Property and Leasing team. Anka acts for a wide range of private clients, syndicates and statutory authorities on property acquisitions and disposals, due diligence and leasing. She facilitates transactions for commercial, industrial, hospitality, off-the-plan strata, greenfield subdivision and agricultural properties. Anka’s practical experience and knowledge gained in the local government and real estate sectors provides her with a genuine understanding of her clients’ commercial expectations.

Lavan’s managing partner **Dean Hely** said, “Congratulations Tamica, Lorraine and Anka. Your appointments as special counsel are a reflection of your leadership in your practice areas and experience and skill as practitioners.”

**Carmen Boothman** has been promoted to senior associate in Lavan’s Reconstruction, Recovery and Insolvency team. Carmen provides commercially driven and strategically focused advice to insolvency practitioners, banks and other stakeholders in relation to all forms of external administration and informal restructuring. Carmen has appeared in all state courts and the Federal Court of Australia on litigious matters, including large scale liquidator actions and contested banking litigation.

**Alec Weston** has been appointed as a senior associate in Lavan’s Liquor Licensing, Hospitality and Events team. Alec advises clients in Western Australia’s hospitality industry in relation to all aspects of liquor licensing including leasing, planning and probity requirements. He has extensive experience preparing and obtaining liquor licence applications on behalf of prospective licensees.

In Lavan’s Property and Leasing team **Ching Yee Tan** becomes an associate. Ching Yee practises in the area of commercial property specialising in strata developments and subdivisions. Ching Yee also regularly handles acquisitions, disposals and other matters related to land transactions.

In Lavan's Construction and Infrastructure team, **Jesse Way** becomes an associate. Jesse practises in all areas of construction law with a particular emphasis on construction disputes. Jesse's clients include principals, contractors, builders and owners. He has recently acted for contractors in disputes on the Perth Stadium project, the Perth Children's Hospital and major LNG projects in Western Australia and the Northern Territory.

Lavan's managing partner **Dean Hely** said, "Lavan is proud to announce these appointments. They recognise each lawyer's dedication, hard work and commitment to our clients, the community and to Lavan."

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### **About Lavan**

Lavan is an independent Western Australian law firm. Prior to its launch on 3 April 2006, Lavan had a 120-year history under the names Phillips Fox Perth, Lavan Solomon, Lavan & Walsh and Lavan Legal.

Lavan is a full service firm with 26 partners and 158 staff. We provide legal advice in employment and safety, banking and finance, construction and infrastructure, corporate and commercial law, family law, oil and gas, liquor and hospitality, insolvency and reconstruction, media and defamation, mining and resources, native title, planning and environment, property and leasing, tax and tourism and sport. Our litigation team is one of the largest in Western Australia.

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