

MEDIA RELEASE

On the 1st of June 2010, Lovegrove & Lord Lawyers de-merged. The two new firms now are Lovegrove Solicitors and Lord Commercial Lawyers.

The three construction law partners and special counsel have migrated to Lovegrove Solicitors which will now primarily focus on construction law, dispute resolution and law reform.

Kim Lovegrove says that the new boutique law firm Lovegrove Solicitors will be fashioned to provide pre-eminent expertise in areas tailored to the seniority and expertise of the legal team.

The firm, although head quartered in Melbourne also has a presence in NSW and the ACT. What is unusual about three of the senior practitioners namely Kim Lovegrove, Miro Djuric and Justin Cotton is that they have cross-jurisdictional expertise having acted for many clients for many years in the three jurisdictions.

Their edge emanates from the fact that Kim Lovegrove has an extensive background in construction law reform dating back to the National Model Building Act in the early 90's to being principal legal advisor on the Building Act 1993 in Victoria, and his retainer to advise the NSW government on reforms to the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act in NSW in the late 90s.

His having been involved in the fashioning of building regulation in this country has enabled these lawyers always to be one step ahead.

Lovegrove will continue to seek out law reform consultancy both locally and abroad. He will also practise in high end construction law matters and practitioner advocacy. He is also establishing a NZ practice based in Melbourne that will concentrate on construction law.

Justin Cotton, another partner, heads up practitioner advocacy and along with Miro Djuric, special counsel, acts for insurers and practitioners in both civil and disciplinary jurisdictions. Cotton and Djuric will be appearing cross-jurisdictionally in these areas.

John Perry, partner, will maintain his pre-eminence in the field of dispute resolution with particular emphasis on the resolution of residential building disputes. Miro Djuric, who has been practising with Lovegrove for nearly 9 years, a lawyer with a European and Australian law degree, will concentrate on his forte area of work: management of the resolution of major building disputes and cross-jurisdictional practitioner advocacy.

The law firm will also be doing work in Africa for a major multi-national client on a probity and contractual review retainer. A hallmark of the firm will also be its ongoing commitment to fund the deployment of a full-time lawyer at the HIV NGO "Hope For Children" in Ethiopia.