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Moray & Agnew Bolsters Northern Horizons

Moray & Agnew continues to ramp up its thriving national insurance practice securing high-ranking insurance law experts, Anthony Henley and Alison Ryder in its Brisbane office.

Henley and Ryder join the firm as partners and bring their team of four including senior associates Christine Houston, Nicola Ellis, Jordan Farr and lawyer Erin Irvine.

These latest senior hires closely follow the appointments in Melbourne of regulatory compliance and risk management partner Mikaela Reynoldson and insurance specialists Michael Martin partner and Nigel Kemp special counsel.

2009 has been the firm's strongest year of growth with 22 senior appointments and promotions nationally, including nine new partners, four special counsel and nine senior associates.

Michael Pitt, Moray & Agnew's national managing partner said, "Moray & Agnew has always been strong in Sydney. This year our strategy was to match that strength in our offices in Melbourne and Brisbane. Henley and Ryder fulfilled that strategy perfectly. We are very excited to have them on board in Brisbane. They are a natural fit and bring many synergies with our existing insurer clients. Additionally, their skills will strengthen the firm's capabilities for large self-insurers including the federal government, telecommunications and manufacturing sectors."

Both Henley and Ryder come with strong insurance expertise.

For 17 years **Henley** has specialised in complex professional indemnity matters and health law. He has defended multi million dollar economic loss claims against a broad range of professionals including brokers, valuers, real estate agents, lawyers, financial planners, accountants, surveyors and engineers. As well, Henley has drafted and advised on professional indemnity policy wordings.

Within health law he has acted in a wide range of medical malpractice claims for general practitioners and specialists and has considerable experience in coronial inquests, commissions of inquiry and disciplinary matters.

Ryder meanwhile possesses extensive public liability, workers compensation, asbestos and other toxic tort litigation experience gained in defending leading Australian corporations, major insurers, federal government departments and various statutory authorities over 13 years.

Both said they were delighted to be joining such an established national insurance firm, in particular one with such a focus and extensive track record in high end insurance work, including policy advice, product development for insurers and multi-party liability and class actions.

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“We – and our teams – were very much attracted to Moray & Agnew’s cohesive culture, its ongoing commitment to the insurance industry and its vision for building its insurance capability even further. We look forward to working with the partners to realise this ambition.”

Michael Pitt said “It’s been good to have this growth both north and south. The insurance market continues to consolidate and to be a real player in this market you have to be able to fully commit Australia-wide. We’re demonstrating that capability to our clients.”

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About Moray & Agnew

Moray & Agnew was established in 1968 and has offices in Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Canberra and Newcastle. The firm has over 300 staff, including 60 partners and 130 lawyers.

The firm provides comprehensive insurance services to its clients across all key areas including regulatory compliance, risk management, policy wordings, claims management and litigation.

Moray & Agnew’s client base includes major Australian insurers as well as boutique insurers, brokers, underwriting agencies, government agencies and blue-chip corporations.

Additionally, the firm acts for insurers from the United Kingdom, United States and continental Europe on matters arising in Australia and throughout the South Pacific.