

# HopgoodGanim Lawyers announces Managing Partner transition

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Seasoned law practitioner Bruce Humphrys will be stepping down as Managing Partner at HopgoodGanim Lawyers after more than 20 years in the role championing the successful growth and corporate strategy of the mid-tier firm.

From 1 July 2023, Bruce will transition to an advisory role, focusing on client and referrer relationships, and enabling him to give back to the industry by mentoring the next generation of talent.

Bruce joined HopgoodGanim in 1979 and has led the firm as Managing Partner since 2001, building a strong and multi-faceted growth agenda including strategic mergers and development in key practices and increasing the firm's revenue six-fold over the past two decades.

"It has been a privilege to guide HopgoodGanim to a position of strength and prosperity, and I am looking forward to continuing to support the firm in an advisory capacity moving forward," Mr Humphrys said.

"A change in responsibility and intensity will also afford me some time to pursue other interests and passions.

"I'm a strong believer in giving the next generation of leaders the same opportunities I was afforded more than 20 years ago, and now is the right time to transition to a new leader who will successfully guide the firm into the future and continue our growth focus."

Luke Mountford, one of HopgoodGanim's most experienced corporate and commercial lawyers, will transition into the role of Managing Partner, having successfully led the firm's Private Enterprise practice since 2009.

In the last year, Luke has led his team to execute a number of significant private transactions valued at more than \$1 billion, including advising Halcyon on the sale of its lifestyle communities business to Stockland for \$620 million, and the owners of Seachange Group on the sale of its land lease communities business to Ingenia for \$270 million.

In his new role, Luke will continue servicing clients, while also focusing on the next evolution of the firm to ensure continued growth.

"I am looking forward to taking the next step in my career, while continuing to work with my valued clients and friends of the firm," Mr Mountford said.

"On behalf of our Partners and staff, I would like to thank Bruce for his more than 40 years of service and commitment to delivering exceptional legal and commercial outcomes. He has grown the business to a 300-strong workforce that offers quality legal services across Australia and internationally.

"We would not be where we are today without Bruce's expertise and experience."

In addition to his role as a Partner of HopgoodGanim, Luke sits on the Board of One Harvest and is the

Chair of the QUT Law Founders Scholarship Committee, which administers scholarships that offer financial support to first-year disadvantaged law students.

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