

## **Announcement**

Bywaters Timms and Rouse Lawyers are pleased to announce the merger of the two firms from 1 December 2015.

The alignment of core values was seen as critical to the partners of both firms. The merger will benefit the clients of both firms as the core values of excellent service, practical advice with top tier results and true value for clients will continue to be the cornerstones of the merged practice moving forward.

The merger is a strategic alliance between the two firms who have synergy of key practice areas such as commercial, franchising, property and estate planning.

For Bywaters Timms clients it will mean availability of expanded services including a dedicated estate planning section, employment law and litigation departments.

The combined firm will have 14 lawyers and 22 staff in total including a number of specialist practice group leaders. The merged firm will be known as Rouse Lawyers incorporating Bywaters Timms for about 6 months when the name will revert to Rouse Lawyers.  
<http://www.rouselawyers.com.au>

The merged firm will be able to provide clients with the following specialist legal services:

- Franchising;
- Corporate / Commercial;
- Commercial Litigation & Insolvency;
- Property;
- Intellectual Property;
- Estate Planning;
- Technology and Privacy;
- Tax and Superannuation;
- Employment Law.

All existing Bywaters Timms personnel will relocate to Rouse Lawyer's premises at 4/92 Commercial Rd, Newstead QLD 4006 from 30 November 2015. Emails, phone numbers and fax numbers will continue. The postal address will change to Locked Bag 22, Fortitude Valley BC 4006.

Clients with current files will be contacted shortly to arrange transition of the file to the new firm.

This is an exciting time for both firms and we look forward to continuing to be an essential part of your team into the future providing you timely, up to date legal advice.

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