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Meridian Lawyers appoints CEO

Meridian Lawyers is delighted to announce the appointment of **Gerard Milne** as its new CEO, effective 2 September 2019.

Gerard joins Meridian in this newly created role. With a background of more than 20 years' commercial experience across Australia and international markets, Gerard has held a number of senior leadership roles for high performing global and Australian professional services firms.

Announcing Gerard's appointment, Meridian's Managing Director **Paul Baker** said: "Gerard is an exceptional leader. His track record in business operations, expansion and driving strategy is impressive. The Meridian Board, our shareholders, Principals and our staff are excited to welcome him aboard.

Gerard was chosen in a competitive selection process from a pool of strong candidates. His commercial acumen coupled with his focus on collaborative solutions, innovation and diversity make him a stand out talent".

Reflecting on his appointment, Gerard said: "I am humbled and delighted to have been selected to be part of such a collegiate team focused on providing exemplary client service. I am excited to be a part of Meridian's business at a time where the business is growing rapidly and I am passionate about helping it to achieve its strategic objectives."

Paul Baker said, "We identified a key opportunity in a CEO being appointed, to help drive our strategic direction. Gerard aligns well with our values and has a proven track record in managing teams and driving growth. He is a great addition to our team. I am confident Gerard's skills and experience in the professional services industry will enable Meridian to continue to provide outstanding services to our clients as he executes our strategy."

Gerard's appointment marks a new chapter in Meridian's 15 year history. The business has grown rapidly since its inception in 2004 with Paul Baker, its Managing Director, at the helm.

"The inclusion of Gerard as CEO, as part of our leadership team, enables me to refocus my energies on the areas where I believe I can provide the greatest value to the business. In particular, in ensuring our service delivery model is aligned with what our clients need to succeed in the future and targeting new opportunities for growth."

About Meridian Lawyers

Meridian Lawyers provides focused legal advice in insurance law, corporate and commercial law, workplace relations and safety, commercial litigation and dispute resolution and health law.

Meridian has grown significantly since its inception in 2004 and numbers more than 130 staff with 20 Principals in offices located in Sydney, Newcastle, Melbourne, Brisbane and Perth.

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