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Morrison shines on Alliance

Senior Brisbane lawyer Simon Morrison takes over as national president of the Australian Lawyers Alliance on 1 July.

Mr Morrison has been with the Alliance for ten years and in 1995 he became a partner at Shine Lawyers after joining the firm in 1988.

Mr Morrison said he plans to use his presidency to build on the organisation's broadened base as an association of "rights-based lawyers".

"Now that the Lawyers Alliance also covers fields such as criminal, immigration, human rights and industrial law, it is a great opportunity to forge ties with lawyers practising in those fields that can benefit from a strong voice on rights-based issues," he said.

However, Mr Morrison will still be focussed on the Alliance's traditional ground of personal injury law.

"Given the incredible profit of insurers, and the strong messages from parts of the judiciary, it is time for governments around the country to roll back excessive tort reforms that are denying people fair access to compensation for the negligence of others," he said.

Mr Morrison holds a Bachelor of Laws and is a Queensland Law Society accredited specialist in personal injury law, admitted to practice in Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria and Tasmania.

He has significant experience in the area of mass tort litigation, spearheading claims including:-

- Mater Hospital food poisoning litigation
- Sir David Longland's Prison Officer assault claims
- Neerkol Orphanage abuse claims
- McDonalds consumer class action
- Brisbane Grammar Abuse litigation

He has particular expertise in the field of workers' compensation and is an acknowledged leader at both a state and national level.

He has given evidence at numerous government inquiries, has assisted in drafting legislation, sits on a number of workers' compensation committees and is a regular speaker at national and state conferences in this field.

Note: Photo available on request

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