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## **WA LAW FIRMS MERGE TO CREATE LEADING BOUTIQUE COMMERCIAL LAW PRACTICE**

Established Western Australian law firms Pullinger Readhead Lucas and Michael Whyte & Co are pleased to announce they are merging on 1st July 2009 to become Allion Legal.

“This is an exciting development for two of WA’s most well-known and respected law firms as the merger will enable us to deliver a greater depth of expertise and better resources to our clients across the state,” managing partner of Allion Legal Mal Harford said.

The new practice will offer expert services across the resources, corporate, property and private client sectors as well as the finance and technology sectors.

The combined resources and depth of expertise brought to Allion Legal by both firms position the new company to become WA’s leading boutique commercial legal practice.

Allion Legal will be focused on building strong personal client relationships based on trust and approachability – a hallmark of both Pullinger Readhead Lucas and Michael Whyte & Co.

“Our existing clients will continue to receive expert legal counsel and trusted business advice, while the merger also affords us an opportunity to offer that service to more clients throughout the state.

“The extensive experience of Allion Legal’s senior management team will allow the company to build on the strong relationships and success of both firms”, Mr Harford said.

The principals of Allion Legal will include Mal Harford, Brian McCormack, Philip Pullinger, Craig Readhead, Philip Lucas and Peter Michael.

The merged firm will comprise 45 staff and will be located in West Perth.

Allion Legal will commence business on 1st July 2009.

“The new leadership team is excited by the potential the merger affords and remains committed to ensuring that Allion Legal delivers the highest quality commercial legal advice to our clients,” said Mr Harford.

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