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KLM Solicitors welcomes new Senior Associate ahead of CBD office opening

Brisbane-based criminal and family law specialist KLM Solicitors has welcomed Shaun Kolo as a Senior Associate and announced plans to open its fourth office, to be located in the Brisbane CBD.

Mr Kolo's appointment follows a move by former Senior Associate Shannon Bownds, who takes up a new role as National Assistant Registrar for the Family Court, based in Brisbane.

KLM Solicitors Founder and Principal Solicitor Kelli Martin said Ms Bownds' appointment was a natural progression for the experienced family lawyer, given her commitment to access to justice.

"I'm excited to see one of our talented team members move into a role that will be central to improving the day-to-day workings of the Family Court," Ms Martin said.

"I am also very pleased to welcome Shaun Kolo to our team. I've been impressed by his commitment to clients and his courtroom experience. I think he will be a great addition to our team."

Mr Kolo has over seven years of experience as a solicitor in the Supreme Court of Queensland and the High Court of Australia and has practiced in the areas of family law, domestic violence, child protection law and criminal law.

"I am delighted to be joining KLM Solicitors and look forward to being part of a close and supportive team," said Mr Kolo.

"My court experience has shown me the importance of gaining a deeper understanding of my clients' needs and the importance of communicating and explaining how the courts work and what it all means."

Mr Kolo will practice primarily in Family Law at KLM's Nundah office until the firm's new CBD premises open in the next few months.

KLM Solicitors has grown from a two-person operation to a team of 24 with a high retention rate, strong culture and a deep commitment to social justice.

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Ms Bownds said that while she was sad to leave the firm, she was excited by her new role with the Family Court and the opportunity to be part of the court reform process.

“The Family Court has been implementing a lot of changes over the past year which will benefit the community and litigants,” Ms Bownds said. “The opportunity to be involved in these changes from the court side was something I just couldn’t pass up.”

The changes to the Family Court are expected to result in matters moving more swiftly through the court system and more alternative dispute resolution pathways.

Ms Martin said KLM Solicitors was looking forward to a successful year, with further growth and expansion on the horizon.

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