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Equity Trustees Senior Legal Counsel recognised in 13th Victorian Legal Awards

Equity Trustees Senior Legal Counsel, Mercia Chapman, was recognised for her outstanding contribution to the legal profession in the <u>Law Institute of Victoria's 13th Victorian Legal Awards</u> honouring the talent, commitment and outstanding achievements of the legal profession this year.

Ms Chapman is one of the most experienced trust and estates lawyers in the country with more than 20 years' specialist experience in trustee companies and the application of law in the areas of wills and deceased estates, trusts and charity law. She is also the Deputy Chairman of the Victorian Branch of the International Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners.

She joined Equity Trustees in 2014 when the company acquired ANZ Trustees, where Mercia had been Senior Legal Counsel for more than 20 years. Prior to ANZ Trustees, Ms Chapman was a member of the Victorian Bar.

"I warmly congratulate Mercia on behalf of the Board and everyone at Equity Trustees. This recognition of her commitment and dedication to the law and her profession is well deserved," said Mick O'Brien, Managing Director, Equity Trustees.

"I know many legal practitioners, especially in Victoria, have benefited from presentations and legal updates from Mercia over the years. Her knowledge of the case law and precedents in this area are second to none.

"She is a true professional; expert in her area, and warm and generous in her approach to clients. Equity Trustees is fortunate to have Mercia working with us. She is most deserving of this recognition as one of the 'Leaders in the law' that these Awards seek to highlight," he concluded.

Equity Trustees was established in 1888 for the purpose of providing independent and impartial Trustee and Executor services to help families throughout Australia protect their wealth. As Australia's leading specialist trustee company, we offer a diverse range of services to individuals, families and corporate clients including asset management, estate planning, philanthropic services and Responsible Entity (RE) services for fund managers.

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