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## **Maurice Blackburn Principal appointed as Fair Work Australia Commissioner**

Anne Gooley, Principal of Maurice Blackburn's Industrial and Employment Law team in Melbourne, has been appointed as a Commissioner with Fair Work Australia.

Deputy Prime Minister Julia Gillard announced Ms Gooley's appointment on Tuesday 15 December.

Maurice Blackburn chief executive Greg Tucker said Ms Gooley would be greatly missed at the firm.

"Over the last eleven years, Anne has contributed to the fabric of the firm in many ways through her work with unions and other clients, her mentoring of staff, the Women's Law Section and her leadership in the public interest law program that she has run," Mr Tucker said.

"She has embodied what we, at Maurice Blackburn, stand for.

"The firm wishes Ms Gooley well in her new position."

Ms Gooley will start her new position on 1 January 2010.

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