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Herbert Smith Freehills is pleased to announce the appointment of [Ruth Stringer](#) to its market-leading Australian financial services team. Ruth, who joined the firm as a consultant, commenced her new role in Sydney on 2 September 2019.

Ruth is an experienced financial services lawyer with expertise in superannuation, funds management, life insurance and financial planning. Throughout her varied career, which spans more than 30 years, she has worked at a number of law firms and also acted as in-house counsel within several leading financial services institutions. Most recently, Ruth was a Senior Specialist in the Australian Securities and Investments Commission's (ASIC) superannuation team.

Prior to joining ASIC, Ruth was a partner at King & Wood Mallesons between 2014 and 2019, and a partner at Ashurst between 2007 and 2012. Before Ashurst, she was General Counsel of MLC.

Ruth was also a member of the Comprehensive Income Products for Retirement (CIPR) Framework Advisory Group, which was formed to advise the federal Treasury on aspects of the legislative framework for new retirement income products.

Herbert Smith Freehills' financial services partner [Michael Vrisakis](#) said: "We are extremely pleased to welcome Ruth to the firm.

"The role of the trusted adviser in the regulatory space has never been more important. The ability of law firms to connect with boards on strategic advice is paramount and Ruth epitomises this skill set. The extensive policy and governance expertise that she has garnered working across private practice, in-house counsel and at a regulator, together with the universal respect she enjoys in the industry, make her an invaluable addition to our team and a huge asset to our clients."

Ruth commented: "I am delighted to have joined the Herbert Smith Freehills team. I have long respected the firm and its innovative approach to its financial services practice.

"The team covers all facets of the industry, from banking and insurance to superannuation and financial planning, with the scale and depth to advise on transactions, regulatory interactions, remediation programs and everything in between."

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