

Grope Hamilton Lawyers NEW BRANDING

When you aspire to be Adelaide's leading boutique commercial law firm, you need a progressive outlook and an innovative approach.

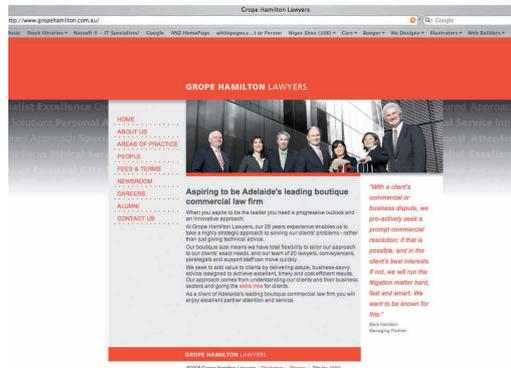
ere at Grope Hamilton Lawyers, our 25 years experience enables us to take a highly strategic approach to solving our clients' problems - rather than just giving technical advice. Certainly our 20 lawyers, conveyancers, paralegals and support staff are renowned for their flexibility and insightful approach to their work. However it was about time our branding lived up to our commercial, technical and creative legal savvy.

It was time for a makeover in the image department and we were pleased to recently launch our bright and contemporary new branding, (see back page).

Our bold new red-based livery reflects our progressive, innovative approach and can be seen in all our communications.

Our valuable new resource

Our extensive new website is a veritable smorgasbord of information about Grope Hamilton Lawyers, our staff and our many areas of expertise.



The Newsroom however is our true engine-room, an extensive resource for our clients, colleagues and peers to keep abreast of legal issues that may affect business or personal matters. The Newsroom also contains:

Insights and Alerts

Here we apply our deep understanding of the legal world to keep you updated with alerts, articles and papers so you make more informed decisions.

Media

Features news and press releases from Grope Hamilton Lawyers. Media outlets seeking informed comments and analysis of business, political or social issues find we can add value and depth to stories.

Client Success

Where we proudly boast about our clients' achievements, successes and accomplishments.

Events

Our place to have fun and for our Team to celebrate get together with clients.

Our Inaugural Newsletter

Welcome to Legally Red - the inaugural Grope Hamilton Lawyers newsletter.

Make sure you receive your copy so you can:

- Keep abreast of legal updates and alerts that may affect your business or personal matters.
- Be informed of interesting events and issues at Grope Hamilton Lawyers, as well as in Adelaide, across Australia and around the world.
- Read about other Grope Hamilton Lawyers client successes.

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Michael Hourigan's Career In Brief



Meet our very own 'Action Jackson'

Grope Hamilton Lawyers client and SA footy legend Neville Roberts describes developing his business interests with Michael Hourigan as an "Action Jackson" experience.

As Managing Director of N&H Distributors, Neville loves Michael Hourigan's enthusiasm, business acumen and can-do attitude.

"Discussing business with Michael is like an "Action Jackson" experience. He takes the initiative, makes calls, follows up and adds another layer to the endeavour within hours," says Neville.

"When I met him, Michael impressed me with his lateral approach within Adelaide's business community and how different from the stereotypical lawyer he is."

Having spent many years working in the USA and with his extensive contact base, Michael now assists Australian businesses with high level support in the USA from financiers, law firms and business and community leaders.

So naturally Michael is helping open up this potentially enormous market for N&H's innovative 'instant' housing product.

"Not only did Michael open doors into local and federal government for us, but he introduced me to business associates in the USA," reports Neville.

- Former Crown Prosecutor with SA Dept of Public Prosecutions
- Senior war crimes investigator in Africa with the UN Rwanda Crimes Tribunal
- Collaborated with Australian human rights lawyer Geoffrey Robertson QC to bring the first ever claim for compensation against the UN by victims of genocide
- Special legal counsel for a member of the US Congress in Washington DC
- Trial lawyer with leading plaintiff's firm in Atlanta, specialising in racial lawsuits, medical malpractice and wrongful death
- Continues to work with lawyers in the US on a range of commercial and litigation matters and assists businesses in Australia looking to enter US markets.

"He has a wide range of experiences in law, life and business, which have been magnified with his international background. He never stops," says Neville.

N&H aims to get a foothold into the US market where a true need for the product was highlighted during the recent cyclone season. Here in Australia, the product which is transported as a standard 40 foot container to a site and installed in only four hours, is perfectly suited to the mining industry and remote indigenous housing.

Grope Hamilton Lawyers goes Wild

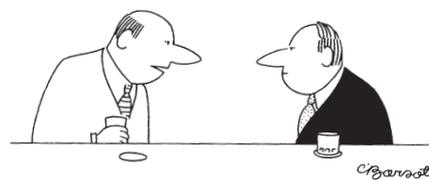


Boutique local organic wine producer Wildfox is hunting overseas markets with the help of Grope Hamilton Lawyer Michael Hourigan.

Virginia winegrower and winemaker Terry Markou has asked us to assist him to take his unique 100% organic wines to the world.

Market access for Australian liquor, spirits and wines into the USA is a complicated affair but our hard, smart work and patience pays off. Through our network of US law firms Terry has now trademarked the brand and we are liaising with a US based specialist wine attorney to target markets that are exporter/vendor friendly.

Terry acknowledges Michael Hourigan has given his company their edge. "Mike's ten years in the US has helped him establish friends and contacts that open doors your normal aussie lawyer cannot. Due to his genuine and warm hearted nature the friends and contacts he has made are real, so I feel this will be the start of a success story," says Terry.



"I consider myself a passionate man, but, of course, a lawyer first"

From The New Yorker Book of Lawyer Cartoons

[CELEBRATING OUR CLIENTS' SUCCESS]



Brompton Redevelopment Project goes to market

Success for our client Land Management Corporation. Their strategy to find a private sector buyer to contract to buy, remediate and sell the land for residential use has been successful. (The land, previously used for brick factories, was dotted with contamination caused by clay pug holes.)

The Brompton Redevelopment's first residential allotments have been recently released by the purchasing corporation for sale. Mark Hamilton handled all the legal work for the Land Management Corporation project, working closely with General Manager of Projects, Mr Warwick Stuart.



Cheers to Howard Vineyard

A toast to our client Howard Vineyard on winning a trophy at the 2008 Hyatt/Advertiser SA Wine of the Year Awards for their 2005 'Amos' Cabernet Franc.

Boasted a very proud Ian Northcott, "The Cabernet Franc has been consistently in the top 5-10% of its category in wine shows but we haven't pushed through Silver before. Our customers love it!"

Mark Hamilton and Sarah Flavel are currently carrying out some licensing work for the winery.

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Beachouse future secured

Children and brides-to-be of Adelaide rejoice! Grope Hamilton Lawyers has played an integral role in securing the future of Glenelg's Beachouse amusement park.

As chief legal advisor to the Beachouse operator the Rimington Group, Mark Hamilton with his team of Peter Grope, John Danvers, Sarah Flavel and Jim Bidstrup, worked hard, smart and fast to achieve an excellent outcome for all parties, ensuring this popular tourist attraction's future is secured through the freehold property sale to well-known South Australian property group, the Taplin Group of Companies.

Mark reports the sale and 40 year business lease-back to the Rimington Group was a totally seamless transition with all event bookings proceeding as planned, as is the new 25m high, \$1.8 million single-arm ferris wheel, the first of its kind in Australia.

Rimington Group's Peter Rimington had high praise for Mark. "He's very in tune with business. He's more than a lawyer - he's an economist. Clear, decisive and focussed. He's the best guy you could have on your team. And he's a pleasure to work with - I really mean that," says Peter.

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OUR LITTLE SPOT WHERE WE
LET OUR CLIENTS SPEAK FOR US!

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Mark Hamilton's strategy was innovative and effective. The way Mark approached our particular dispute was to create enough doubt in the mind of the receiver of the distributor that they tended to take Mark's advice over that of their own lawyers.”

Peter Schulz

Proprietor, Turkey Flat Vineyards, Barossa Valley

Inspirational client

Client Trish Carey's 1200km walk starts a journey of amazing tenacity and results.

Many of Grope Hamilton Lawyer's clients give us such insight and inspiration. Like Kaylene Leopold's client, Trish Carey. Her amazing walk from Adelaide to Canberra has set her firmly on her path to raise awareness of Marfan syndrome.

Following the tragic death of her Daughter Lisa in 2004 of aortic dissection, a complication of Marfan syndrome, it became Trish's mission to establish a national non-profit health organisation - the Australian Marfan Foundation - to raise funds for research and to improve medical care and support.

While Trish has had to bring medical negligence proceedings against an South Australian hospital both on her behalf and that of her grandson, the foundation has given her - and will give others - a positive outlook and is a fine example of some good coming out of an unfortunate personal tragedy.

Launching into the Red

Grope Hamilton Lawyers celebrated the launch of our creative new branding at uber stylish wine bar, The Apothecary 1878 on Friday 22 August.

More than 135 team members and guests revelled in the Red theme reflecting the bold new branding of Adelaide's most creative boutique commercial law firm. The red wine flowed and red eyes ensued the morning after, from those who kicked on, allegedly seen at the Casino, The Botanic and other places in the wee small hours.



L to R: Mark Hall (PPB SA), Arturo Dal Cin (Murray Chambers) with John Danvers, Tonia Karagiannis, Daniella Di Girolamo (Grope Hamilton Lawyers)



Sandy Weir and Jeni Branolt (Grope Hamilton Lawyers)



Kym Weir (Pitt Capital Partners) and Michael Basedow (Pitcher Partners).



Alex Lazarevich (Anthony Mason Chambers) with Kaylene Leopold and Daniella Di Girolamo (Grope Hamilton Lawyers) and Martyn Luck (OAMPS Insurance Brokers).



Cathy Faulkner (Bentleys MRI Adelaide) with Grope Hamilton Lawyers staff; Lyndee Lamshed, Daniella Di Girolamo, Nathan White, Stuart Burns, Sandy Weir, Jeni Branolt and Teri Sorrenson.



Simon Lambert (McGees Property), Neil Oakes (Perks Chartered Accountants) and Bob Brooke (McGees Property)

Calling all alumni

In one form or another, we've been around since 1983. Over that period, many great people have worked hard for the firm, as well as played hard, as many photographs in our possession attest!



Final fling party of Johnson Lawyers 1990, L to R: Andrew Brown, Therese DeGennaro, Chris Hartford.

Now we've established an "alumni" to keep in contact with former colleagues. So if you've worked with us, please register with Nathan White at nwhite@gropehamiltonlawyers.com.au. And if you know the whereabouts of anyone else, give us any details you have, so we can chase them up.

Any photographs, whether embarrassing or not, will be posted in the password secured alumni photo album.



One of our lawyers, Daniella DiGirolamo, is on a five month overseas holiday. We're missing her but loving her postcards:

"Hey all! I'm on the bus to Austria. Last night was Oktoberfest in Munich and it was crazy. Ran into some Aussies (as you do everywhere) and had a great time. So far we've done Amsterdam, Berlin, Dresden, Prague and Munich. Berlin and Prague are my favourites - Prague so beautiful and Berlin really interesting. Munich was also cool but I can't really judge because all I saw was Oktoberfest (not that I'm complaining!)."

Daniella xx