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THE NATIONAL FIRM WITH LOCAL KNOW-HOW

A leading Canberra litigation law firm is merging with Australia's best known law firm to provide a new scale of legal service for Canberra residents, businesses and unions.

Gary Robb & Associates, a highly successful local firm which has operated in Canberra for more than 20 years, is merging with Slater & Gordon, a national law firm which was formed in 1935 and has operated in Canberra since February 2003.

From October 3, the combined firm will be known as Slater & Gordon incorporating the practice of Gary Robb & Associates.

Gary Robb & Associates is a firm which primarily practises personal injury law, commercial law, property transactions, industrial and employment law, and probate and wills.

Partners Gary Robb and Gerard Rees have welcomed the merger and the benefits it will bring the firm's existing clients and staff.

"Our core values of good client relationships and quality legal advice will remain unaffected by this change," Mr Robb said. "We will continue to provide practical, affordable advice for our clients.

"But the merger with a high-profile firm like Slater & Gordon will bring additional expertise and resources to Canberra clients through our membership of a successful national network.

"The merger will significantly enhance the high level of service that our clients already enjoy and have come to expect."

Slater & Gordon Managing Director Andrew Grech says the merger with Gary Robb & Associates will enhance the firm's existing operations in all mainland States.

"Slater & Gordon has an unparalleled list of union clients throughout Australia," he said.

"To this we now welcome the CFMEU (ACT) Branch; FSU (NSW/ACT Branch); SDA (NSW Branch); CEPU (Electrical & Plumbing Division, NSW); ASU and (USU) NSW; APESMA (ACT Branch); and NUW (NSW Branch – ACT Division).

"The merger demonstrates Slater & Gordon's commitment to Canberra.

"We see the merger as mutually beneficial for all concerned."