



## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **ANZIIF and TurksLegal Launch 2009 Claims Scholarship for General Insurance Professionals**

Specialist insurance law firm, TurksLegal, together with the Australian & New Zealand Institute of Insurance and Finance (ANZIIF), are pleased to launch the 2009 ANZIIF TurksLegal Claims Scholarship.

In its second year, the Scholarship aims to provide career development opportunities for claims professionals working within Australia's general insurance industry.

"We are delighted to be collaborating with ANZIIF again this year to promote excellence among claims professionals in the general insurance industry through the Scholarship," said Mr Paul Angus, head of TurksLegal's general insurance practice.

"The Scholarship formalises the close working relationship we have with the general insurance industry. It recognises the expertise of claims professionals in the sector and promotes knowledge sharing and best practice within the industry", said Mr Angus.

Mr Nigel Day from Lumley Insurance was awarded the Scholarship last year and attended the 2009 Claims Conference & Insurance Services Expo in Seattle, Washington (USA), which provided him with the opportunity to network with claims professionals from around the world.

"Attending the conference was an exciting opportunity for me. It was interesting to note that many issues and concerns dealt with by claims professionals in Australia are common to claims professionals in other parts of the world," said Mr Day.

ANZIIF Chief Executive Officer, Ms Joan Fitzpatrick, commented that in its second year the Scholarship provides ANZIIF members with the opportunity to further develop their expertise and gain insights from an international perspective.

"As a leading provider of education, training and professional development services to the insurance and financial services industry in Australia, New Zealand and the Asia Pacific region, ANZIIF is committed to providing opportunities for members that develop their expertise."

“The Scholarship recognises the high calibre of talent we have in the general insurance industry and provides the opportunity for members to attend an overseas conference to gain exposure to international developments within the industry.”

The 2009 ANZIIF TurksLegal Claims Scholarship winner will be awarded with an overseas package to the value of AU\$8,000 including return travel, accommodation, spending money and registration to the 2010 Claims Conference & Insurance Services Expo, to be held in San Antonio, Texas, USA, on 21-24 March 2010.

The 2009 judging panel features Mr Angus, Ms Fitzpatrick and other leaders from the insurance industry including Mr Nick Kirk (Chief Executive Officer, Calliden), Mr Chris Rodd (Technical Counsel, CGU & AILA President), Mr John Nagle (Chief Operating Officer, Lumley) and Mr Peter Riddell (Partner, TurksLegal).

Entries for the 2009 ANZIIF TurksLegal Claims Scholarship open on 12 August and close 30 October 2009. The winner will be announced in December 2009.

For further details about the scholarship please visit [www.turkslegal.com.au](http://www.turkslegal.com.au)

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### **About TurksLegal**

TurksLegal is a specialist law firm with offices in Sydney and Melbourne.

Established in 1981, the firm acts for a number of financial institutions, insurance companies, government departments, corporations, small to medium employers and individuals.

It provides a comprehensive range of legal services in practice areas that include:

- Insurance & Financial Services
- Commercial Disputes & Insolvency
- Workers Compensation
- Business & Property
- Workplace Relations

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### **About the Australian and New Zealand Institute of Insurance and Finance (ANZIIF)**

The Australian and New Zealand Institute of Insurance and Finance is the leading provider of education, training and professional development services to the insurance and financial services industry in Australia, New Zealand and the Asia Pacific region.

The Institute's commitment to providing relevant, high quality qualifications and education programs is underpinned by its role in partnering the industry and its members in the pursuit of professional excellence and business success.

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