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FOUR MORE APPOINTMENTS IN SUPERANNUATION TRUSTEE OFFICE AT EQUITY TRUSTEES

Australia's leading specialist trustee company Equity Trustees has boosted the Superannuation Trustee Office with four further appointments to ensure it meets the growing demand from a superannuation industry with increasingly sophisticated expectations of the role of trustee in safeguarding member interests.

"The Royal Commission into Misconduct in the Banking, Superannuation and Financial Services Industry which concluded early this year threw in to sharp focus the importance of a strong and operationally independent trustee office" said Mark Blair, Executive General Manager of the Superannuation Trustee Office.

The four newest appointments expand capability in the areas of claims, insurance and client liaison:

- Princess Navarro Head of Insurance: Princess was previously a Principal of Mercer and the Insurance, Policy and Governance Leader where she was responsible for developing insurance policy responses to industry and legislative change, strategically managing insurer relationships and meeting the governance requirements of insurance products within superannuation.
- Ian Donaldson Senior Client Account Manager: Ian was originally an Actuary who transitioned to business development and relationship management roles during his 20 years at Mercer and AXA before that.
- Pricillia Chand Trustee Officer (claims): Pricillia joins our Claims team and has significant experience in claims, including training and quality consulting, and has previously worked with ASIC, MLC and Colonial Life.
- Anthony Marasigan Fund Accountant: Anthony has more than a decade of experience as a fund accountant in New Zealand with Aon Hewitt and then Link Market Services.

Mr Blair said it was critical to ensure the highest-level professional skills in the team to enable the STO to comprehensively cover an ever more complex environment while remaining focussed on the primary objective of achieving best possible member outcomes

"Our superannuation clients receive the very best state of the art independent governance model for their funds and can have confidence that the people, systems and platforms used to support the trustee function come second to none in terms of experience, expertise – and service," Mr Blair said.

"Equity Trustees welcomes our newest appointments – they are an important part of our ongoing commitment to growing and strengthening our role as a leader in superannuation trusteeship," he concluded.

Previous senior appointments have included <u>David Warren</u> in client relationship management, and <u>Sue Everingham</u> to the Equity Trustees Superannuation Limited Board.

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