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## Media Release

### AMERICAN SAMOA FIRM JOINS PACIFIC LEGAL NETWORK

Rose Joneson Vargas (**'RJV Lawyers'**), an American Samoa law firm is the latest firm to join the Pacific Legal Network (**'PLN'**), the only network of independently owned and operated law firms operating throughout the Pacific region.

RJV Lawyers has been welcomed into PLN following the recent meeting of PLN member firms in Fiji. PLN now has member firms in Australia, Papua New Guinea, Vanuatu, Samoa, American Samoa, New Caledonia and Palau. It also has a strategic alliance with law firms located in Hawaii and across Guam and CNMI, and relationships with non member firms in other jurisdictions.

John Ridgway, the managing partner of PLN announces "We are delighted to be able to welcome the leading American Samoa law firm into PLN. The joining of forces with RJV Lawyers will provide all PLN member firms (and their clients and contacts) with access to cutting edge legal advice in that jurisdiction. Importantly, it will also provide marketing and joint venture opportunities for our PLN Samoa member, Latu Ey Lawyers."

Barry Rose, a partner of RJV Lawyers commented, "RJV Lawyers is very pleased to become part of PLN and to be affiliated with the very talented attorneys that make up PLN. This is the first time that a law firm in American Samoa will be able to provide its clients access to top quality legal representation throughout the region. RJV Lawyers is already working closely with PLN Samoa member Latu Ey Lawyers in representing American Samoa based Blue Sky Communications in its efforts to obtain a GSM cellular license in Samoa. This cellular license is expected to be awarded by tender later this year. "

John Ridgway again: "We are finding that the more we push, the greater the demand from our clients to secure into the network the best firms in each jurisdiction. We recognise we have a few jurisdictions not yet covered. The recent PLN gathering in Fiji has cemented our business plan for the next 18 months to continue the controlled expansion of the network."

PLN brings expertise in all legal service areas, including corporate and financial services, travel and tourism, infrastructure and development, insurance, mergers, acquisitions, IPOs, mining and petroleum, telecommunications, privatisations and agriculture.

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