**Template Press Release**

**<Solicitor Name> Retains Specialist Status for (number of years accredited> Year**

<Firm Name><Title> <First name> <Surname> has retained accredited specialist status with the Law Society of NSW in <area of law> for the <number of years accredited> year.

Specialist Accreditation is a structured peer to peer assessment process enabling legal practitioners to be recognised for their expertise. Each year the Law Society runs the accreditation program for a select number of areas of law. The program consists of meticulous assessments on both legal knowledge and its application in practice. For accreditation to be conferred the candidate must pass all assessments.

To retain their accreditation specialists must demonstrate their commitment to their accreditation through their work and by undertaking additional professional development in their area of accreditation.

Specialist Accreditation Chair, Richard Harvey, said:

“Specialist Accreditation is held by less than 6% of the profession here in New South Wales. We are proud that Specialists Accreditation is such a rigorous process and getting accredited is just the start. When a specialist retains their accreditation year on year their clients know the value of the advice they receive.”

<first name> said of the accreditation:

“I am proud to be retaining my Specialist Accreditation for the <number of years accredited> year Specialist Accreditation is a recognised mark of expertise for the public and the profession.”

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Notes for editor:

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