**EMPLOYMENT & PARTNERSHIP BOUTIQUE FOX & PARTNERS APPOINTS TWO LAWYERS BOOSTING INVESTIGATIONS EXPERIENCE AND LITIGATION CAPABILITY**

**Legal Director Jackie Thomas and Associate Maree Cassaidy join Fox & Partners’ top-ranked team**

LONDON, 28 October 2023: Specialist partnership and employment law firm Fox & Partners has announced the appointment of two lawyers: Legal Director Jackie Thomas and Associate Maree Cassaidy. Their skills and experience will support the firm’s continued growth.

Jackie Thomas joins Fox & Partners from Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner’s Employment and Labor Group where she advised on a wide range of contentious and non-contentious matters. She has particular expertise in high value- employment litigation in the court and tribunal and undertaking sensitive investigations (both as investigator and trusted adviser to clients).

Recent matters include successfully representing an employer in an employment status and race discrimination claim and advising an employer in relation to injunction proceedings issued against newly recruited employees. She also has broad experience of working on international transactions and on cross-border advisory projects.

Maree Cassaidy is a New Zealand qualified solicitor who joins Fox & Partners following five years' experience in employment law at top New Zealand commercial law firm, Buddle Findlay, where she worked on a wide range of contentious and non-contentious matters, including restructuring projects, grievances and transactional support.

Partner Caroline Field comments: “We are delighted to welcome Jackie and Maree to the team.

We are seeing strong demand for support in corporate and firm investigations, and Jackie’s background in this area will be hugely valuable. Both lawyers will play an important role in supporting the growing demand for our expertise in employee competition and advisory work. Fox & Partners’ strength in High Court litigation, in particular, has been a strong differentiator for us in the employment law market and we are confident Jackie and Maree will bolster our reputation in this area.”

Jackie Thomas said: “I am excited to join Fox & Partners’ top-ranked employment and partnership practice. My background in advising international employer clients on complex and high value contentious employment law issues will fit well with Fox & Partners’ growing reputation in this work. I look forward to working collaboratively with the team, which is well-known for its fantastic client service."

**About Fox & Partners**

Fox & Partners is acknowledged in the independent guides to the legal profession, with all the firm’s partners recognised as key individuals. Legal Director Shoshana Bacall and Senior Associate, Shiv Raja, together with new joiner, Jackie Thomas are also recognised. Clients say Fox & Partners is the “leading partnership practice in the country”, “a small but perfectly formed boutique” and credit the team as “extremely personable and supportive but with clear, structured and thought through advice”. Based in the heart of the City the team has a strong reputation for resolving highly complex and contentious partnership and employment law matters quickly and quietly. Where this is not possible, they fight hard in the tribunals, courts or in ADR to achieve their clients’ objectives.

-Ends-