

Jirsch Sutherland opens Wollongong CBD office

Jirsch Sutherland has opened its latest NSW regional office – located in the heart of Wollongong's CBD. The new office strengthens the firm's presence in the Illawarra region and is a natural next step.

"We have been providing local businesses and individuals in the Illawarra and South Coast regions with tailored solutions for more than a decade, so it made sense to have a dedicated office here," says Jirsch Sutherland Business Director [Rebecca Hindson](#), herself a Wollongong native.



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Jirsch Sutherland's new Wollongong CBD base is a natural complement to the firm's existing regional offices located around the country and will service an area stretching from Helensburgh to Gerroa.

Rebecca, who studied law before joining Jirsch Sutherland, will manage the office with the support of Jirsch Sutherland Partners [Amanda Young](#) and [Andrew Spring](#). As a former Wollongong business owner, Rebecca is in a unique position to understand the financial challenges involved in operating a business.

"I know first-hand the stresses and emotional impact that businesses experience when they are faced with financial difficulties," explains Rebecca.

"As well as an obvious need for caring, experienced professionals who are capable of guiding people through such a difficult time, there is also an important need to have somebody who's aware of and understands the local economy and challenges in a regional town."

Partner Amanda Young agrees local knowledge is an essential ingredient when providing the best insolvency advice.

"We conduct extensive research that enables us to intimately understand a local economy and the factors that have an impact on it," she says. "With regards to Wollongong, we know the Illawarra's economy and industry base have changed significantly over the years and we have a working understanding of how these changes affect businesses."

Rebecca and the Partners have worked with a range of local businesses across various sectors including property development, tourism and hospitality, bowling and other sports clubs. They've handled a wide range of matters, from helping save a small pizza restaurant to resolving matters where tax issues and director disputes led to companies entering insolvency.

"We also work with micro businesses where something like a small tax debt can result in a business owner losing their home," says Rebecca



One area experiencing an increase in the number of companies encountering financial difficulty is the region's mining sector. Amanda cites the Wongawilli mine near Wollongong, which temporarily closed, while Wollongong Coal Ltd was placed in a trading halt in June.

"We are focused on providing vital and unprecedented insolvency expertise to the region," Amanda says. "And when it comes to solving complex matters such as these, we're also able to draw on the knowledge and resources of our wider team in Sydney and around Australia. It really reinforces our local presence, national reach approach."

Our Illawarra team are hands on and provide a range of services including: - Corporate insolvency - Bankruptcy - Business recovery - Deeds of Company Arrangement - Voluntary administrations - Liquidations - Receiverships - Investigations The Wollongong office is located at Suite 10A, 65-67 Burelli Street. To contact the team, call (02) 4254 5371 or email admin@jirschsutherland.com.au.

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