

## Lasting client relationships

Garland Hawthorn Brahe has enjoyed long-term relationships with many of its clients. These clients include national and multi-national businesses, government authorities as well as small to medium-sized businesses.

Clients operate in a diverse range of industries including banking and finance, commercial property, health care, insurance, manufacturing and transport.

*The service provided by the team at Garland Hawthorn Brahe was always of the highest level of competence and professionalism.*

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*Garland Hawthorn Brahe is a rock solid firm of exceptionally good lawyers. The firm's great depth of experience is illustrated by their ability to quickly grasp complex issues, navigate their way through them and give us excellent advice. We receive a high level of attention from very senior people in dealing with urgent issues, which are always handled in the most professional and competent manner.*

Elias Jreissati  
Executive Chairman  
Bensons Property Group Pty Ltd

We thank you, our clients, for your support over the past 150 years and look forward to working with you in the future.

## Partners since 1856

Luciano Bini  
Arthur Alexander Brahe  
Arthur Augustus Brahe  
William Alexander Brahe  
(founding partner)  
David Brahe  
(current)  
Kenneth Fraser  
Geoffrey Gair  
Mackay Gair  
Louis Gross  
John Hassett  
Ron Lane  
(current)  
John Macgregor  
(founding partner)  
Euan McBain  
Bruce McNab  
Robert McNab  
Ian Percy  
John Price  
(current)  
Robert Ramsay  
(founding partner)  
Geoffrey Ripper  
Ian Sheen  
Andrew Sutherland  
George Szlawski  
(current)  
Walter Webb

GARLAND HAWTHORN BRAHE  
LAWYERS

150  
YEARS  
of client service

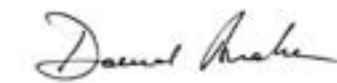
## From the managing partner

I welcome this opportunity to thank the people who have been integral to Garland Hawthorn Brahe's success – our clients, my partners and our staff – past and present.

It's a notable achievement, for a legal firm to provide continuous client service for 150 years, and to have a direct link to the founding partners.

This booklet outlines some of the most significant events and the people who have contributed to the success of Garland Hawthorn Brahe over the past 150 years.

This is an exciting year for us. Thank you for celebrating it with us.



David Brahe  
Managing Partner



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## Founding partners

In addition to their legal work the founding partners had other significant responsibilities.



**John Macgregor** was born on the Isle of Skye in Scotland in 1828 and came to Victoria in 1840. He was a Member of the Legislative Assembly from 1862 to 1874.

During this period he was Minister for Mines, Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works, a Commissioner for Railways and Roads and a member of the Royal Commissions for Inter-colonial Legislation and the Federal Union.

In 1870, on the defeat of the Macpherson Ministry, he was asked by the Governor of Victoria to form a government but declined and recommended sending for Sir James McCulloch.

**Robert Ramsay** was born in Scotland in 1842 and came to Victoria at the age of five. He was admitted as a solicitor to the Supreme Court of Victoria in 1864.



He became a member of the Legislative Assembly in 1870 and remained in politics until his death in 1882. During this time he was Postmaster General for Victoria, Minister

for Public Instruction, Chief Secretary and Minister for Education. He was Chief Secretary during the times of the notorious Kelly Gang and sent the special train which greatly assisted in the capture of the bushrangers.



**William Alexander Brahe** was born in Westphalia Prussia, and arrived in Victoria in 1849.

The Supreme Court Attorneys Act permitted a practising conveyancer who had also been an articled clerk for a year to be admitted as a

solicitor. William Brahe took this opportunity and joined John Macgregor in 1865.

Mr Brahe was appointed Consul for Prussia in 1868 and Consul for the North German Confederation in 1869. On the re-establishment of the German Empire in 1870 he was appointed Consul for the German Empire; a position he held for twenty-five years.



### Arthur Augustus Brahe

The longest serving partner was Arthur Augustus Brahe who was admitted as a solicitor in 1898. He practised continuously



for a period of sixty-one years which included the start of Federation and the two World Wars. He died in 1967 at the age of ninety-one.

### Arthur Alexander Brahe

joined the firm in 1931 and retired in 1963. An ardent golfer, he was president of the Victorian Golf Association for many years.



There has been a Brahe in the firm since its earliest days.



The present member of that family, Managing Partner David Brahe is the fourth generation; the great, great nephew of William Alexander Brahe.

Each generation has been succeeded by a nephew of the following generation.

## Gair & Brahe

**Mackay John Scobie Gair** was the firm's manager for many years before being admitted to practice as a solicitor in 1886.



He then became a partner of the firm in that year. During the years 1893 to 1895 he was a member of the Council of the Law Institute of Victoria. He was Mayor of the City of Brighton in the 1920s.

## Current partners

**David Brahe** has practised in all aspects of property law, in particular in relation to the law relating to valuation, compulsory land acquisition and compensation. His expertise in these areas is well recognised.



**George Szlawski** has more than twenty five years experience in all aspects of employment and workplace relations law. His practice involves providing strategic advice and litigation on employment issues. George is a past President of the Polish Community Services.

**Ron Lane** has practiced in commercial litigation and dispute resolution for more than twenty years. He has a special interest in insurance litigation, insolvency and occupational health and safety.

**John Price** has twenty-five years experience in commercial and general litigation. He has combined his work with business and strategic planning for the firm's major clients. John has been a director of Basketball Stadiums Victoria since 1991.

1856 John Macgregor commenced practice as an attorney, solicitor and proctor. The name of the firm was John Macgregor.

1856 William Alexander Brahe was admitted as a certificated conveyancer being one of only 10 in Victoria.

1862 John Macgregor was elected to the Victorian Legislative Assembly and held his seat until retiring in 1874.

1864 William Alexander Brahe was articled to John Macgregor.

1865 Robert Ramsay and William Alexander Brahe became partners with John Macgregor. The firm became Macgregor, Ramsay and Brahe.

1870 Robert Ramsay was elected to the Victorian Legislative Assembly.

1874 John Macgregor was elected President of the Law Institute of Victoria.

1886 Mackay John Scobie Gair became a partner. The firm's name was changed to Brahe & Gair.

1907 Arthur Augustus Brahe became a partner.

1911 William Alexander Brahe retired. The firm was continued by Mackay John Scobie Gair and Arthur Augustus Brahe. The firm's name became Gair & Brahe.

1923 Mackay Gair retired. His son Geoffrey Hugh Gair entered into partnership with Arthur Augustus Brahe.

1947 Geoffrey Hugh Gair retired. Arthur Augustus Brahe and Arthur Alexander Brahe continued as partners.

1952 Arthur Alexander Brahe became a partner.

1952 Kenneth William Fraser became a partner.

1959 Arthur Augustus Brahe retired. Arthur Alexander Brahe and Kenneth Fraser continued as partners of the firm.

1960 Ian Thomas Dalziel Sheen became a partner.

1963 Arthur Alexander Brahe retired and David Brahe joined the firm.

1976 Andrew Sutherland became a partner. He was Chairman from 1990 to 2002 when he retired from the partnership.

1984 John Price became a partner.

1990 Garland Hawthorn Brahe merged with Vail and McBain.

1991 The firm changed its name from Gair & Brahe to Garland Hawthorn Brahe.

1997 Ron Lane became a partner.

2002 George Szlawski became a partner.

1835



Melbourne founded

1856



Victorian Parliament

1859



Law Institute of Victoria

1880



Flinders Street Station

1890



Collins Street

1901



Corporation Arch, Princess Bridge

1911



City Courts

1914



Troops embarking

1920



St Paul's Cathedral

1952



Kenneth Fraser

1953



Elizabeth II crowned

1956



Melbourne Olympics

1960



Ian Sheen

1968



NGV moves to St Kilda Road

1976



Andrew Sutherland

1983



Firm moves to Queen Street

2006



City skyline