



BBC Worldwide ANZ appoints new Head of Legal

BBC Worldwide Australia & New Zealand (ANZ) has announced its new Head of Legal, Emren Kara. His specialist background in digital media will be an asset to the company as it grows in the region.

Emren comes to BBC Worldwide with a wealth of experience from Mi9 – the digital arm of Nine Entertainment – where he managed all legal, compliance and regulatory work across the company’s businesses and assets, including ninemsn.com.au and msn.co.nz.

Emren will report to Fiona Lang, who held the role until May when she was promoted to BBC Worldwide’s Chief Operating Officer.

In this role he will oversee the day-to-day management and operations for BBC Worldwide’s legal functions, covering many areas of business and commercial activity, including television sales, digital distribution and channels operations.

Emren will also oversee editorial compliance in the region, and will manage local corporate governance for BBC Worldwide ANZ. COO Fiona Lang said that Emren’s appointment demonstrates how the company is growing strategically in a new media environment.

“Emren is a great addition to the BBC Worldwide ANZ business, bringing commercial pragmatism with outstanding legal ability.

“His experience in digital media and new business activity illustrates how BBC Worldwide is growing to accommodate the changing needs of its audience.”

Emren says: “I have nothing but admiration for the integrity, values and quality of the BBC and so it’s both an honour and a thrill to be joining the BBC Worldwide family.

“I’m looking forward to playing my part in growing the BBC Worldwide portfolio in Australia and New Zealand and all the opportunities and challenges that will inevitably bring.”

Emren starts on 4 August.

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Biography

Emren Kara is BBC Worldwide ANZ's new Head of Legal Affairs.

In this new role at BBC Worldwide, Emren will have primary responsibility for the day-to-day management and operation of the legal function in Australia and New Zealand. He will oversee local corporate governance, and will have responsibility over the application of the company's global corporate compliance in this region.

Emren has a strong history in digital media, including six years' experience at Mi9 -the digital arm of Nine Entertainment Co- where he held the role of General Counsel and Company Secretary.

Emren is the 2001 recipient of the Flinders University Medal and, in addition to his inhouse experience, has forged an impressive career working for a number of top-tier and specialist law firms, including Minter Ellison and Atanaskovic Hartnell and within the Entertainment, Communications and Technology Division of Tresscox Lawyers.

About BBC Worldwide Australia & New Zealand

Australia & New Zealand (ANZ) is a priority territory for BBC Worldwide, focusing on growth across all of its core business areas. Based in Macquarie Park, Sydney, BBC Worldwide ANZ wholly owns five channels: UKTV, BBC Knowledge and CBeebies in Australia; UKTV and BBC Knowledge in New Zealand; and is responsible for the distribution and promotion of BBC World News which transmits in both countries. In August 2014, it will launch a new premium channel BBC First, showcasing premiere drama and comedy on the Foxtel platform in Australia. BBC Worldwide ANZ distributes great British content from the BBC and other producers to all free-to-air and most subscription channels in Australia and New Zealand. It works with partners to bring BBC Worldwide DVDs, magazines, digital apps, innovative products, and live events to the local market, as well as offering advertising opportunities for the BBC's world renowned bbc.com news site.