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## John Date reaches 50 years' service with Cornwall Stodart

We would like to congratulate John Date on reaching 50 years' service with the firm.

A fantastic achievement!

Many of you will recall that in 2007 John was awarded an Order of Australia Medal (**OAM**) for his service to the community through providing assistance and support for the programs of a range of Catholic religious orders, spanning nearly 40 years.

In 2008, at 73 years of age, John was awarded a Master of Laws Degree at the University of Melbourne, with a thesis entitled 'Implications of Canon Law for Church Organisations Operating in Australia'. He is well versed in this topic, having studied canon law and represented clients in the Vatican Courts on several occasions.

John is a long-standing employee and former partner of Cornwall Stodart. He commenced at Cornwall Stodart in 1959 and was appointed partner in 1960. He served as managing partner for 20 years, before retiring in 1989. Retirement was short-lived and he returned to work only a couple of

months later. He continues to be sought by clients and is actively involved in their endeavours.

*"John has played a significant role in the success of Cornwall Stodart," said Michelle McLean, Chief Executive Officer of Cornwall Stodart. "His leadership style and business acumen made him one of the most respected managing partners in the history of the firm. He has been a valuable contributor for over 50 years."*

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