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Brockovich partners with Shine Lawyers



LEGAL CRUSADER Erin Brockovich has announced a partnership with Brisbane-based litigation law firm Shine Lawyers to help the firm tackle "tough cases" that help Australians.

Brockovich, who famously constructed a 1993 case against Pacific Gas and Electric Company in California without any legal training, will join Shine Lawyers as a consultant

She said she wanted to work with the firm as a means to answer the hundreds of calls and emails she has received from Australians wanting her help. "Together we will take on the tough cases and help right the wrongs for everyday Australians," she said in a statement.

Shine Lawyers executive director Stephen

Roche told *Lawyers Weekly* that the firm was excited to expand its relationship with Brockovich.

"We've known Erin Brockovich for about two or three years, she's spoken to our firm on a previous tour to Australia," he said. "Since that time we've fostered that relationship there [has been] a natural affinity between our firm and her, because we both believe in justice and fighting for justice and she's tenacious, dogged and determined – and that's what our firm is about."

When asked about the practicalities of working with the US-based lawyer, Roche said Brockovich's extensive travelling and commitment to mentoring meant she would have ongoing interaction with the firm.