



**VICTORIAN  
WOMEN  
LAWYERS**

# CAREER PROGRESSION FOR WOMEN IN THE LEGAL INDUSTRY

## PANEL DISCUSSION

Please join us for an invigorating discussion about career development and motivation with a panel of successful women from the legal industry.

Navigating the career progression maze is the ultimate challenge for women who seek to have it all. But where to start and how to ensure you don't get lost on the way or go around in circles? Or worse, end up at a dead end?

This year, VWL's Networking Committee is excited to present a panel of women who have successfully navigated the maze – or are in the throes of working their way through it – and are willing to share their experience, wisdom and advice with fellow women in the legal industry.

### DATE

Tuesday 26 May 2015

### TIME

6:00pm: Registration and light refreshments  
6.30pm: Panel discussion

### LOCATION

Ashurst  
Level 26, 181 William Street  
Melbourne 3000

### COST

Members FREE  
Non-members \$10

### REGISTRATION

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### PRESENTATIONS BY:

#### JENNIFER BATROUNEY QC



Jennifer is a highly respected and sought after taxation advocate and advisor. She also has a substantial practice in the not-for-profit sector, assisting numerous not-for-profit entities to obtain or retain their tax concession charity status. She holds positions with various organisations, including President of the Tax Bar Association, member of the Melbourne Law School Advisory Council and Director of the Law Council of Australia, the Law Council of Australia's Tax Committee and the Law Council on the Federal Court Users' Committee. Jennifer coaches for the Australian Bar Association Appellant Advocacy Program and this year won the Law Institute Mentor of the Year Award.

#### MELANIE WILKINSON



Melanie is the co-owner and director of Fenton Communications. She specialises in public relations, brand and reputation management, stakeholder engagement and integrated social marketing campaigns. Melanie works with clients in areas including aged care, healthcare, scientific research and professional services. Over the past 10 years Melanie has been awarded more than a dozen PRIA awards for excellence and has also won a prestigious International Association of Business Communicator's Gold Quill Merit Award.

#### BRONWYN KIRKWOOD



Bronwyn is a senior associate in the taxation group at Ashurst. She specialises in direct tax, with an emphasis on financial services and general corporate tax issues. Bronwyn has been with the firm for over 12 years. Using her taxation expertise, she regularly contributes to the firm's pro bono program, advising philanthropic entities and not-for-profit organisations on taxation issues. Bronwyn is also an active member of the Ashurst Women's Mentoring Committee and acts as a mentor to junior lawyers in regular small group mentoring sessions.

#### JACKIE GILLIES



Jackie is a leading specialist legal recruiter, with almost seven years' experience facilitating the career moves of lawyers from junior to equity partner level. She advises across the legal sector, from in-house teams to local and international firms with a focus on the Sydney and Melbourne marketplaces. Following stints at Minter Ellison and King & Wood Mallesons, Jackie undertook graduate training in-house at AXA Australia. Before moving into recruitment, she held a senior role at the Financial Ombudsman Service. Jackie is an executive member and sponsorship officer of Victorian Women Lawyers.

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