



Next Gen Legal Leaders Summit 2024

Designed by lawyers, for lawyers looking to enhance their leadership skills, shape professional standards and forge sustainable long term careers.

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NEXT GEN LEGAL LEADERS SUMMIT 2024 AGENDA



9:00 WELCOME FROM THE MC

NAVIGATING YOUR CAREER

9:05 KEYNOTE

WHEN COURAGE
MAKES PARTNER



Jane Maconachie
Senior Key Account
Manager, Thomson Reuters



Kim Payne
Empowerment Coach

9:35 WORKSHOP

DESIGNING A THRIVING
LEGAL CAREER



Marija Dukadinovska
Senior Associate, Legalite

10:20 PANEL

NAVIGATING CAREER
PATHWAYS IN LAW:
BEYOND THE
CONVENTIONAL



James d'Apice
Principal Lawyer,
Gravamen



Rachael Lane
Co-lead, Women@TR ANZ
Key Account Manager,
Thomson Reuters



Tyrilly Csillag
Director of Legal
Transformation
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Stella Rieusset
Senior Manager, Legal
Operations Advisory
Herbert Smith Freehills

10:50 MORNING TEA BREAK

THE BUSINESS OF LAW

11:20 WORKSHOP

THE BUSINESS OF LAW



Sapphire Parsons
Senior Associate, MacPherson Kelley

12:05 KEYNOTE

THE T-SHAPED LEGAL
LEADER: HOW TO LEAD YOUR
FIRM OR DEPARTMENT IN A
NEW DIRECTION



Peter Connor
Founder & CEO, AlternativelyLegal

12:35 LUNCH BREAK

WELLNESS OF WORK

13:20 KEYNOTE

THE NEUROSCIENCE CASE FOR
CHOOSING YOUR WORDS
CAREFULLY



Clarissa Rayward
Director, Brisbane Family Law Centre
Presenter, Happy Lawyer Happy Life

14:05 KEYNOTE

LEARNING WISDOM!



Prof. Michael Legg
Director, Centre for the Future of the
Legal Profession, UNSW Law & Justice

14:35 PANEL

WELLNESS@WORK: CULTIVATING
A SAFE AND INCLUSIVE TEAM
ENVIRONMENT



Sapphire Parsons
Senior Associate,
MacPherson Kelley



Darshana Parekh
Senior Legal Council &
Inclusion Consultant
Canon Oceania



Elisabeth Flett
General Counsel &
Company Secretary
Cancer Council NSW



Mollie Tregillis
Legal Industry
Advisor

15:10 AFTERNOON TEA BREAK

SUCCEEDING IN THE FUTURE OF LAW

15:40 PANEL

THE HUMAN STACK: TOP SKILLS
AND TOOLS YOU NEED TO EXCEL IN
THE AI ERA



Michelle Boundy
Founder, She Inspires
Me Australia



Vicki McNamara
Senior Research Associate,
Centre for the Future of the
Legal Profession
UNSW Law & Justice



Stephanie Abbott
Director – Knowledge,
Learning & Research
(Global)
Herbert Smith Freehills



Annabel Biscotto
Immediate Past President,
Australian Law Students'
Association

16:20 KEYNOTE

BIG LEAPS FORWARD: A CALL
TO ACTION FOR NEXT GEN
LEGAL LEADERS



Mollie Tregillis
Legal Industry Advisor

17:00 EVENT CONCLUSION

Speakers



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Sessions

Keynote: When Courage Makes Partner

- Understand how courage is the root of change.
- Practical ways to tap into courage every day.
- Navigate how to harness fear as a partner for good.
- Discover the power of taking one courageous step.
- Ensure your life story inspires yourself and others.



Kim Payne

Rapid Workshop: Designing a thriving legal career

- Get crystal clear on what you want your legal career to look like (taking a holistic outside the box approach)
- Create your own blueprint for success
- Amplify your unique skills to make you a standout in your field
- Develop the mindset required to design you unique legal career
- Identify mentors to support you to design your career



Marija
Dukadinovska

Panel: Navigating career pathways in law: beyond the conventional

- How you can master negotiations based on your unique value
- Strategies for career advancement, including the when and why of job transitions.
- How to maximize your impact, whether by driving change within your organization or by founding your own legal-centric endeavors



Rachael Lane
Moderator



Stella Rieusset
Panellist



Tyrilly Csillag
Panellist



James d'Apice
Panellist

Sessions

Rapid Workshop: The Business of Law

- The business of law – what you're not taught in law school, and why mavericks succeed.
- How your firm thinks and how you should think.
- How to win your first 10 clients.



Sapphire
Parsons

Keynote: The T-Shaped Legal Leader: how to lead your firm or department in a new direction

- Understand Peter's vision of a T-Shaped Lawyer, Team and Firm.
- Learn what it means to do business work, not just legal work, for the benefit of your clients
- Appreciate that you can't decide what non-legal skills are necessary until you decide what work you plan to do now and in the future
- Discover systematic frameworks for individual professional development and for team transformation



Peter
Connor

Keynote: The Neuroscience case for choosing your words carefully

- A presentation about the power of language and style of communication in law
- Explore just what professional communication might look like in 2024
- Reimagine the power of words in shaping a human centric legal system



Clarissa
Rayward

Sessions

Keynote: Learning wisdom!

- What judgement is in the context of legal practice
- Guidance as to how to acquire good judgement from the start of legal practice.



Prof.
Michael Legg

Panel: Cultivating a safe and inclusive team environment

- Recognize psychosocial hazards: Strategies to identify and manage risk factors for non-compliance in the workplace.
- Prevent workplace bullying and harassment: key responsibilities and intervention techniques.
- Champion diversity and inclusion: Practices to create a secure and accepting team atmosphere.
- Accommodate invisible disabilities: How leaders can recognize and support team members with invisible disabilities.
- Address burnout: Approaches to mental health and well-being that promote self-care and cultivate a supportive work culture.



Darshana Parekh
Moderator



Sapphire Parsons
Panellist



Elisabeth Flett
Panellist



Mollie Tregillis
Panellist

Sessions

Keynote: Big leaps forward: A call to action for next gen legal leaders

- The major changes on the horizon for the legal industry and the systemic, historical and cultural factors that make this change feel hard
- The cultural and mindset changes needed in the legal industry to move away from a 'busy work epidemic' and create sustainable ways of working
- The exciting opportunities for future leaders to create major, impactful change for the future



**Mollie
Tregillis**

Panel: The human stack: top skills and tools you need to excel in the AI era

- The 'Human Stack': An in-depth look at the critical soft skills that AI cannot replicate and how to cultivate them.
- Practical AI: Everyday applications of AI that can streamline case management, legal research, and administrative tasks without losing the personal touch.
- Ethical AI: Identifying the pitfalls and ethical considerations of relying on AI, including bias, accountability, and data security.
- Navigating Leadership: Strategies for leading teams and driving change in an era where AI and human expertise must coexist harmoniously.



Michelle Boundy
Moderator



Vicki McNamara
Panellist



Stephanie Abbott
Panellist



Annabel Biscotto
Panellist



Testimonials

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The topics were interesting. it is important for me to continue learning and taking in new perspectives.

Katrina

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It sounded like an incredibly worthwhile conference (and it was!)

Kate

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Engaging, helpful, practical advice.

Celine

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