

## Victorian Women Lawyers presents

# The Road Less Travelled: Women in Partnership

on Wednesday 7 September 2011 at Allens Arthur Robinson Level 34, 530 Collins Street, Melbourne

> Time: 12:30-2:00pm Lunch provided

A frank and fearless panel discussion aimed at junior practitioners about women progressing to partnership roles within firms (large and small), featuring practical, strategic advice and stories from the trenches.

Note: this is a FREE event for VWL members only.

## About the Panelists:

### **Nick Nichola**



## Mary-Jane lerodiaconou



**Alex Cuthbertson** 



## **National Managing Partner, Middletons**

Nick has been Middletons' national managing partner since January 2005 and is a proud advocate of the firm's straight talking philosophy. Prior to that, he was the practice group leader of the firm's corporate and commercial group and the chairman of partners. Nick has guided the firm through a period of massive change and growth, promoting the firm's strategy in areas as diverse as brand and client satisfaction, cultural change and lateral partner recruitment. Nick leads Middletons' proud support of Victorian Women Lawyers as a sponsor firm.

### Managing Partner, Justitia

Mary-Jane is a founding partner of Justitia, a niche law firm established in 2005. Prior to Justitia, she worked at a large national firm. Mary-Jane advises on workplace-related matters. She is an author, nationally accredited mediator and a highly experienced workplace investigator and litigator. Mary-Jane regularly conducts workplace training sessions. In 2010, Mary-Jane was elected to the Council of the Law Institute of Victoria. Mary-Jane is also an active member of Victorian Women Lawyers.

## Partner, Allens Arthur Robinson

Alex has been a partner at Allens Arthur Robinson since 2008. She specialised in commercial litigation and dispute resolution. Alex joined AAR as an articled clerk in 1996. She worked with Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer in London for four years before rejoining AAR in 2005. Alex has extensive experience across a practice areas including general commercial disputes, regulatory matters and coronial inquiries. Before joining the firm, Alex worked as a journalist with The Herald & Weekly Times, and has experience in defamation law and related media work and freedom of information issues. Alex is an active member of Victorian Women Lawyers.