

Victorian Women Lawyers' Justice Committee

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Knowing Your Rights: Sexual Harassment in the Workplace A Discussion Forum

on Wednesday 14 September 2011 6pm - 7.30pm at Freehills, Level 42, 101 Collins Street Melbourne

This event is FREE for VWL members and \$10 for non-members. Drinks and light canapés will be served before the presentations.

Sexual harassment is currently a hot topic in the media and Australian workplaces. Recent research by the Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission shows that a third of young Victorian women have experienced workplace sexual harassment. Disappointingly, the same research reveals that women are more likely to resign from their job than make an official complaint.

Join our esteemed panel and learn more about your rights at work, and how the law can help you identify and deal with problem behaviour in the workplace.

Speakers



Kerin Leonard is the Manager of the Legal Unit at the Victorian Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission. The Commission has responsibilities under the *Equal Opportunity Act 2010*, the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities 2006*, and the *Racial and Religious Tolerance Act 2001*. Kerin was previously a Principal Legal Officer in the Federal Attorney-General's Department.



Commissioner Michelle Bissett was appointed as a Fair Work Australia Commissioner in January 2010. Prior to her appointment she was a Senior Industrial Officer at the ACTU for nine years, and had a long history of service in the Community and Public Sector Union. Commissioner Bissett completed a Masters degree in Employment and Industrial Relations at Monash University in 2007.



Sara Summerbell is a solicitor in the Employee Relations group at Freehills, with a focus on its Equal Opportunity and Diversity practice. Sara has national legal experience across various industries, having worked in both the Employee Relations team in Melbourne and, recently, on secondment to the Brisbane office. Sara is an experienced presenter and regularly delivers training programs on equal opportunity, sexual harassment, diversity and general employment matters for employees and management.

The event will be moderated by **Kate Jenkins**, a partner in the Freehills' Employee Relations group and the lead partner of the firm's national Equal Opportunity and Diversity practice.

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VWL members please RSVP via http://www.vwl.asn.au/events/index.html or email: VWLregister@liv.asn.au by **9 September 2011** (for catering purposes) with your name, the name of your organisation and any dietary requirements.

If you are a **non-VWL member**, please return this slip with details of your \$10 payment to Tracey Spiller, Administrator, Victorian Women Lawyers c/- Law Institute of Victoria, GPO Box 263C, Melbourne 3001 or via fax: 9607 9558 or via email: VWLregister@liv.asn.au

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