

Career Interrupted: How 14 Successful Women Navigate Career Breaks

BOOK LAUNCH and BREAKFAST PANEL DISCUSSION

with author NORAH BREEKVELDT

How do women defy the odds and get their careers back on track after a break? Is there a motherhood penalty? Can women really have a rewarding family life AND a successful career? Does overseas experience actually accelerate your career in Australia? How do you recreate your career after a setback?

VWL is thrilled to present a panel of women who will share their experiences, wisdom and advice with women working in the legal industry.

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DATE

Wednesday 21 October 2015

TIME

7.15 am: Registration and refreshments
7.30 am-9.00 am: Presentations and panel

LOCATION

Mr Mason - Shop 10, 530 Collins Street, Melbourne

COST

Members: Free
Non-members: \$20

REGISTRATION

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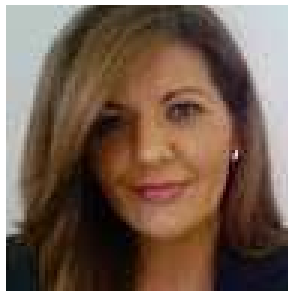
PRESENTATIONS BY:

LISA CROXFORD



Lisa is Capability Development Manager at international law firm Herbert Smith Freehills. She has a passion for positive psychology and how it can be applied within organisations to improve our experience of work. She designs and facilitates programs for HSF's lawyers and staff, conducts business coaching and devises on organisational development initiatives. Prior to this role, Lisa spent 15 years in legal practice, most recently as special counsel and national leader of the Equal Opportunity and Training practice at HSF. Her legal practice also included several years working at Simmons & Simmons in Hong Kong, and secondments to organisations including Telstra and Goldman Sachs.

SAMONE MCCURDY



Samone teaches at Monash University in the Department of Social Work. Presently concluding her doctorate research, Samone is part of the Gender, Leadership and Social Sustainability Research Unit and sits on the steering committee for the Social Inclusion and Social Sustainability Research Unit. Her PhD builds on her interest in gender justice, policy and the workplace, examining the barriers to caregiving for working dads and its relationships with women's wider gender equality. Her large sample survey is one of the first in Australia to explore parental leave and primary care of preschool children through the eyes of contemporary breadwinning fathers. Samone has over 15 years' experience in employee engagement, industrial relations and workplace diversity, providing strategic HR and gender diversity advice within large-scale private enterprise and public sector organisations.

NORAH BREEKVELDT (AUTHOR)



Norah is Director of Breekthrough Strategies, a leadership coaching and HR consulting firm. Norah supports business leaders to advance gender equity and diversity in their workplaces, and empowers women to create successful careers. Norah commenced her career in the public sector, before progressing into senior industry executive roles. As one of the few women on senior executive teams, she understands the dynamics of creating lasting change in complex, traditional organisations. She draws on this experience when providing insights to individuals, teams and organisations on embedding a culture of diversity and inclusion in workplaces and in managing individual careers. Norah is the author of *Sideways To The Top – 10 Stories of Successful Women That Will Change Your Thinking About Careers Forever* (Melbourne Books, 2013).