

Managing Conflicts: Navigating committees, boards, volunteering and pro bono work while maintaining public sector neutrality

A SPECIAL PANEL DISCUSSION

Join us for an informative and inspiring discussion about public sector values, codes of conduct, and how to contribute to the community while avoiding conflicts and maintaining public sector neutrality.

Many lawyers are drawn to the public service out of a desire to utilise their legal skills to benefit the wider community. Many are also active volunteers: whether at community legal centres, on committees or boards, engaging in human rights advocacy or undertaking academic research. How do these other roles interact with our duties as public servants? What is the best way to ensure you are maintaining professionalism and upholding public confidence in government while pursuing your other passions?

VWL is excited to present a panel of women who will share their experiences, wisdom and advice with women lawyers who work in the service.

DATE

Thursday 10 September 2015

TIME

5:30 pm: Registration and refreshments
6.00 pm: Panel presentations & discussion

LOCATION

Level 27, 121 Exhibition Street, Melbourne
Please allow time to register with security

COST

Members: Free
Non-members: \$10

REGISTRATION

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PRESENTATIONS BY:



BELINDA CLARK

Belinda Clark is the inaugural Commissioner of the Victorian Public Sector Commission, established in April 2014. Belinda is a lawyer with over 30 years' public sector management experience in New Zealand. Prior to taking up the role of Victorian Public Sector Commissioner, she held a number of senior government roles in New Zealand. Belinda was also a senior associate with the law firm of Minter Ellison Rudd Watts for four years in banking and commercial practise. Belinda has a BA and LLB (Hons) from the University of Auckland and a LLM in International Law from New York University. She was made a Companion of the Queen's Service Order for services to the State in the New Zealand Honours Awards 2014.



JACKI TURFREY

Jacki is Palawa woman born in Tasmania. Currently the Director of the Koori Justice Unit at the Department of Justice and Regulation, Jacki has also been a director on the board of Aboriginal Housing Victoria for the last 10 years. Jacki's impressive career spans more than 10 years of public sector management, 16 years as a solicitor in private practice, senior roles in the banking and mining sectors, and various positions in Western Australia with the Kimberly Land Council and Yawuru Corporate Group including as CEO and lead negotiator in native title settlement negotiations. Jacki is a commercial barrister who regularly acts on a pro bono basis for Aboriginal people. She is deeply involved in the Victorian Bar Indigenous Lawyers Committee, the Judicial Officers Cultural Awareness Committee, the Law Institute of Victoria Indigenous Issues Committee and Tarwirri, the Indigenous Law Students and Lawyers Association.



SUSANNA RITCHIE

Susanna is a Senior Solicitor at the Department of Treasury and Finance. Prior to that, she worked in the Administrative Law team of the Victorian Government Solicitor's Office. She is a member of the Human Rights and Charter Committee of the Law Institute of Victoria (LIV) as well as a co-chair of the Administrative Review and Constitutional Law Committee of the LIV. Outside of business hours, Susanna plays a central role in the leadership of Amnesty International Australia (AIA) as a Company Director and the outgoing president of the Victorian branch. She also has a great deal of fun supporting start-up community projects as an Advisory Board Member of the philanthropic fund EastWeb, and working as the Impact Producer for the Human Rights Arts & Film Festival. She has previously worked as a volunteer lawyer at the St Kilda Legal Service Co-op and a pro bono lawyer at a national commercial/insurance firm.