

NOT JUST JOBS FOR THE BOYS

A panel discussion about the importance of women
being represented in all areas of the law

We know too well that women are under-represented in senior positions in the law. Another significant issue – for the profession, and the community as a whole – is that there are some areas of the law in which women are under-represented at all levels. And unfortunately, some women lawyers are still told that certain types of work are not appropriate for women, or for flexible workers.

VWL invites you to a panel discussion about the contribution and experiences of women working in areas of the law that have traditionally been dominated by men. We will consider the importance of female involvement and role models in all areas of the law, discuss the challenges and positive experiences of our panellists, and question what practitioners and employers can do to improve the participation and advancement of women.

DATE

Tuesday 27 October 2015

TIME

Registration from 5:30pm
Panel discussion starts at 5.45pm

LOCATION

King & Wood Mallesons
Level 50, Bourke Place
600 Bourke Street, Melbourne

COST

Free for members
\$10 non-members

REGISTRATION

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INTRODUCED BY THE HON JUSTICE CHRIS MAXWELL AC

The Honourable Justice Maxwell AC has been President of the Court of Appeal since 2005.

Justice Maxwell is a vocal supporter of gender equality in the law and elsewhere. Before being appointed to the Bench, Justice Maxwell was a prominent barrister, President of Liberty Victoria, and a member of the Legal Aid Commission of Victoria.



FACILITATED BY THE HON ASSOCIATE JUSTICE MARY-JANE IERODIACONOU

The Honourable Associate Justice Mary-Jane Ierodiaconou is an Associate Judge of the Supreme Court of Victoria.

She previously worked as a litigator, workplace investigator and nationally accredited mediator, and was a founder and Managing Partner of the award winning employment law firm, Justitia.

Associate Justice Ierodiaconou has been a member of the Law Institute of Victoria Council and was a Convenor of its Diversity Taskforce. She is a longstanding member of Victorian Women Lawyers.

PANELLISTS:

ZOE MAUD

Zoe is a barrister, practising in commercial law and public law. Zoe has appeared led and unled in the Full Federal Court, Federal Court and the Supreme Court of Victoria in a range of commercial and administrative law matters.

MARY POLIS

Mary Polis is the Chief Executive Officer of the Royal Commission into Family Violence.

Mary practised as a commercial litigation lawyer before moving into law reform and legal policy. She was team leader at the Victorian Law Reform Commission where she oversaw references on Civil Justice and Assisted Reproductive Technology & Adoption, Principal Legal Adviser to the Victorian Deputy Premier and Attorney-General between 2008-2010, Senior Policy Adviser in the Department of Justice, and Manager of Policy & Research at the Centre for Innovative Justice at RMIT University.

RUTH SHANN

Ruth is a barrister specialising in criminal law. She has appeared as counsel for the defence in matters including murder trials in the Supreme Court and conviction and sentence appeals in the Court of Appeal. She has also appeared as junior counsel in murder, police corruption, sexual offences, and drug matters in the High Court, Supreme Court and County Court.