

# Flexibility and teams: making it work together

## EVENING PANEL DISCUSSION

Despite the many benefits to firms, clients and lawyers of working flexibly, women lawyers wanting this option can face a number of challenges to succeeding as flexible workers. These include team dynamics, client attitudes and unconscious bias. VWL presents a workshop for lawyers and managers on making flexible working work for their teams and themselves.

We have gathered a panel of accomplished women lawyers who have made flexibility work - as lawyers, managers and colleagues. These fantastic women are happy to share their experience with managers and team members alike.

Host and MC: Patrizia Mercuri,  
Partner at Lander & Rogers

**DATE**  
Thursday 15 September 2016

**TIME**  
6:15pm: registration  
6:30pm: panel presentations and discussion

7:30pm: drinks & refreshments

**LOCATION**  
Landers and Rogers Lawyers  
Level 12, 600 Bourke Street  
Melbourne

**COST**  
Members Free  
Non-members \$10

**REGISTRATION**  
[www.vwl.asn.au/events](http://www.vwl.asn.au/events)

### PANEL MEMBERS:



#### KATE MARSHALL

Kate is a Partner at K&L Gates, and has practiced IP and IT for over 20 years.

Kate's practice includes advising on privacy and data security and the issues associated with cloud computing. She negotiates and drafts technology contracts including systems integration and outsourcing arrangements and advises on procurement approaches, contracting models, tender processes and procurement strategy. She also advises in relation to the ongoing management of the vendor relationships and issues and disputes with technology projects.



#### CATHERINE BROOKS

Catherine is a Principal and Workgroup Leader of the Workplace Relations team at Moores. She is an LIV accredited specialist in workplace relations and represents employers across diverse industries, including the not-for-profit sector. Catherine advises in the areas of both industrial relations and employment law, and has published and presented widely on these topics. She takes an educative approach to her practice, focusing on training, early intervention and problem-solving.



#### PRISCILLA BRYANS

Priscilla is a partner in the Australian Head Office Advisory team at Herbert Smith Freehills.

Priscilla currently advises some of Australia's largest ASX-listed companies in industries including financial services, insurance, mining, energy and resources, retail, telecommunications and transport. Previously, Priscilla's main area of practice was mergers and acquisitions.

Priscilla has a wealth of experience to share in relation to flexible working arrangements as they apply to complicated matters.



#### PATRIZIA MERCURI

Patrizia has extensive experience in workplace relations law. Her practice has almost exclusively involved representing employers and, over the years, she has acted for clients in both the private and public sector. Patrizia has appeared for clients in State and Federal courts and tribunals.

Patrizia is listed in the 2012-2017 editions of Best Lawyers in Australia for her expertise in the area of Labour and Employment law.

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