

## FEMALE GOVERNMENT LAWYERS: FUTURE PUBLIC SECTOR LEADERS

AN INTERACTIVE DISCUSSION WITH SUCCESSFUL WOMEN  
WITH PROMINENT CAREERS IN PUBLIC SERVICE

You've finished your traineeship or government grad program, now what? You might be a few years post qualification and wondering where to go from there? When do you start becoming a 'specialist' in your field?

Join Victorian Women Lawyers and Green's List as we showcase a panel of prominent female government lawyers, whose careers are a shining example of the opportunities available to legally qualified women working in the public sector.

Moderated by barrister Anna Robertson, this panel discussion will feature three panellists of diverse backgrounds who will share their insights and experiences in pursuing leadership and management positions in government.

Join us for a networking evening with other public sector lawyers, and learn about various career pathways across a variety of areas of government law.

### DATE

Thursday 23 March 2017

### TIME

5.30 – 6.30pm: Registration & Networking drinks

6.30 – 7.30pm: Panel discussion and Q&A

### LOCATION

Monash Law Chambers  
555 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne

### COST

Free for VWL members  
\$15 for non-members

### REGISTRATION

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Register by Friday 17 March 2017

To help us tailor the seminar to your interests, please submit a question for our panel when you register.



### MARLO BARAGWANATH, VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT SOLICITOR

Marlo leads the VGSO, the primary source of legal services for the Victorian Government and independent statutory authorities. Marlo is the first woman to be officially appointed to the role of Victorian Government Solicitor in the office's 165 year history.

Prior to her appointment as VGS, Marlo worked for 15 years across the public sector as a lawyer and a leader, including as the Director of the CEO's Office at the Victorian Building Authority where she oversaw legal, governance and communications matters. Prior to this, Marlo spent 10 years at WorkSafe Victoria and was appointed General Counsel in 2006. Her role encompassed responsibility for legal, legislative and employer services. Marlo has also enjoyed stints in the Department of Justice and at Ombudsman Victoria. Marlo holds degrees from the London School of Economics and Monash University.

### JOANNE SMITH, OFFICE OF CHIEF EXAMINER



Joanne has a significant career in criminal law, coercive powers and safeguarding criminal, investigative and coercive powers. She is currently an Examiner under the *Major Crime (Investigative Powers) Act 2004 (Vic)*. As an Examiner, Joanne conducts examinations compelling witnesses to give evidence relevant to organised crime offences. Prior to her appointment as an Examiner, Joanne was one of the two first Deputy Public Interest Monitors appointed in Victoria. As a deputy PIM, Joanne reviewed and tested applications for coercive powers orders, telephone intercepts, listening devices, surveillance devices and counter-terrorism measures.

Before her appointment as a Deputy PIM, Joanne worked as a Regional Legal Manager at the Australian Crime Commission for 7 years, and as a solicitor at the OPP, where she practised in the Commercial Crime Group and the Corruption Prosecution Unit.

### HELEN FATOUROS, VICTORIAN LEGAL AID



Helen is Victoria Legal Aid's Executive Director, Criminal Law Services. Helen was appointed a Council Director of the Sentencing Advisory Council by the Victorian Attorney-General in 2013 and was appointed as a Commissioner to the Victorian Law Reform Commission in 2014. Helen's background includes employment with the Victorian Office of Public Prosecutions where she appeared on behalf of the DPP as a Legal Prosecution Specialist in complex indictable criminal matters. Helen has an extensive criminal law background, having also been the Directorate Manager of the Specialist Sex Offences Unit at the OPP.

Helen led the profession-wide implementation of the Sexual Offences Interactive Legal Education Program in 2012, earning her the LIV's 2012 President's Award, for Government Lawyer of the Year.