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Sexual Harassment and Secrecy in the Workplace

PANEL EVENT

Following recent media attention on high-profile sexual harassment allegations both abroad and in Australia, the ever prevalent issue of workplace sexual harassment has been brought to the fore.

In a 'post-Weinstein', #metoo era, VWL's law reform committee invites you to a panel discussion about sexual harassment in the workplace, facilitated by Maurice Blackburn's Josh Bornstein.

The panel will explore and critically examine sexual harassment laws in Australia and consider how the law and practices surrounding it might be improved.

The panel will specifically consider the use of confidential settlements and non-disclosure agreements in settling sexual harassment claims.

DATE

28 May 2018

TIME

5:30pm: registration and light refreshments
6:00pm: panel commences

LOCATION

Maurice Blackburn Lawyers, 21/380 La Trobe St, Melbourne VIC 3000

REGISTRATION

www.vwl.asn.au/events

PANELLISTS:



SARAH BENDALL

Sarah is Head of Legal and Dispute Resolution at the Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission where she oversees the Commission's dispute resolution service as well as its legal work.

Prior to joining the Commission, Sarah was General Counsel at Victoria Legal Aid (VLA) and previously held senior leadership roles at the Telecommunications Industry Ombudsman (TIO), in the corporate and dispute resolution teams, including as the TIO's inaugural Legal Counsel.



JUDGE PATRIZIA MERCURI

Her Honour Judge Patrizia Mercuri was appointed as a Judge of the Federal Circuit Court of Australia in September 2017.

Prior to her judicial appointment, Her Honour was a distinguished discrimination and workplace relations lawyer, advising key clients, including governments and universities, on employment, discrimination and human rights matters. A former partner at two leading law firms, Her Honour also has experience in workplace mediation, investigations and review, and has been recognised in Best Lawyers (Australia) and Doyles' Guide.



LIBBY LYONS

Libby Lyons is the Director of the Workplace Gender Equality Agency. She oversees a statutory reporting process which gathers gender equality data which covers more than 4 million Australian employees.

Prior to joining WGEA, Libby had a distinguished career in corporate affairs and government relations, most recently heading BHP Billiton's Olympic Dam corporate affairs division. Before this, Libby held senior roles at Atlas Iron, CITIC Pacific Mining, Alcoa Australia, the Western Power Corporation and Telstra.



ZANA BYTHEWAY

Zana Bytheway is the Executive Director of JobWatch, an employment rights legal centre which assists Victorian workers.

Zana is a qualified mediator, former Chair and current member of the Law Institute's Discrimination Law Committee and the Workplace Relations Committee. She is a Board member of the Federation of Community Legal Centres and Committee member of the RMIT Legal Practice Program Advisory Committee.

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