



## Women in the Law with Diverse Abilities

### *Online Panel Discussion*

COVID-19 has changed the way the legal profession approaches flexible working.

However, there are some who have had to navigate the barriers and hurdles of the “traditional workplace” for much longer. This event will include a panel of diverse women in the legal profession, who identify as having a ‘diverse ability’.

They will share their personal experiences in law and provide practical advice and tips about implementing best practices in flexible and remote working in the current landscape; and how best to ensure continuity of this in the future of legal practice.

This event will be the first of a two part series, focusing on both physical and invisible illnesses or disabilities. Part 1 will be moderated by Shivani Pillai, barrister and presenter who sits on the VWL Diversity and Inclusion Committee.

**DATE:** Tuesday 12 October 2021

**TIME:** 5.30pm to 6.30pm

**REGISTER FOR FREE ONLINE**

<https://vwvl.asn.au/events-3/>

**FORMAT:** Digital webinar - registered attendees will receive a link via email

**This webinar will have an Auslan interpreter present**

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#### **ELLA ALEXANDER**

Ella is a Special Counsel at Makinson d'Apice Lawyers and is responsible for managing the firm's pro bono practice. Prior to joining Makinson d'Apice, Ella worked as a commercial litigator at Clayton Utz and as an academic researching and lecturing on various topics in human rights. In 2020, Ella won the Pro Bono Lawyer of the Year award at the Lawyers Weekly Women in Law Awards. In 2019 she won the 30 Under 30 award for Pro Bono and was a Rising Star finalist at the Australian Law Awards. Ella has an acquired brain injury and has worked flexible part-time hours throughout her career. Earlier this year, Ella co-founded the Disabled Australian Lawyers Association which aims to increase the representation and inclusion of disabled people in the legal profession.



#### **KATE LUNN**

Kate is an Associate at Johnson Winter & Slattery, where she advises clients on a broad range of corporate matters, including mergers and acquisitions, capital raisings and corporate governance. Prior to moving to Adelaide last year, Kate worked at a top tier commercial firm in New Zealand. Kate is autistic and has attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD). Since moving to Australia, Kate has established a peer support group and is, along with her team at JWS, advising the Disabled Australian Lawyers Association on its incorporation.



#### **GEORGIA MORT**

Georgia is a third year family law solicitor at AFL Kordos Lawyers which is a recent merger of two leading specialist family law firms in Australia. From birth, Georgia was diagnosed with a genetic disorder known as cystic fibrosis which is a life-threatening disorder affecting the respiratory and digestive system. Being told at birth that her life expectancy was uncertain, Georgia has defied the odds and ensured that she was not defined by such illness. Notwithstanding her condition, Georgia works on a full-time flexible basis, has recently joined the LIV Junior Family Lawyers Working Group, participates in the Family Law Section General Meetings and she is also a qualified yoga teacher where she teaches on the weekends.

***Held in partnership with the Disabled Australian Lawyers Association***